



**colony of artists**  
tenth anniversary exhibition  
2015

*September 12th-13th 12-5pm*

# community & ethos



The Abbeyhill Colony of Artists is a community organisation run by volunteers which provides a platform for exhibition to artists in any medium who live in, or have a connection to, the Abbeyhill Colonies. Our aims are to promote artists' work, bring the local residents together, nurture the community ethos and care for the long artistic heritage of the area.

# tenth anniversary

As we celebrate our tenth year we showcase the past and present of this vibrant community in the heart of the capital with exhibitions, talks and live music charting the cultural heritage of the Abbeyhill Colonies and the area.'

"One of the city's fastest-growing community arts events"  
The Scotsman

"Fueled by community spirit rather than public funding,  
the Colony of Artists exhibition is art at its most intimate"  
The Guardian

[www.colony-of-artists.com](http://www.colony-of-artists.com)



Kate Burwell  
40 Maryfield  
Contemporary Crafts



Lorna A Brown  
44 Maryfield  
Life in Black & White, Ink & Charcoal



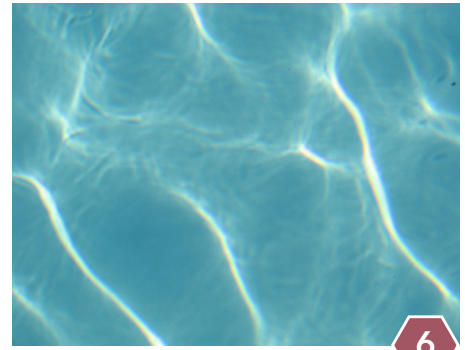
D Barrington, K Bell & F Scroggie  
11 Maryfield Place  
Etching, painting, sculpture & video



P Isaacs, C Finn & J Elisabeth Sutton  
43 Alva Place  
Watercolour, ceramics & mixed media



Richard Butler  
36 Alva Place  
Pen & Ink, Photoshop



Jackie Finlayson & Friends  
19 Alva Place  
Watercolour, photography & mixed media



WE  
SHOULD  
LOVE



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A Czerwinska, J Eadie & A Heyman Pollard  
43 Lady Menzies Place  
Ink drawings plus tea & cake



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Sally Richardson & Tom Ewing  
36 Lady Menzies Place  
Printmaking, Collage & Pastels & Oils



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Nic & Millie Souter  
35 Lady Menzies Place  
Landscape oil paintings & ceramics



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Tamsin Thomson  
30 Lady Menzies Place  
Acrylic painting on board



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Jill M Boualaxai  
12 Lady Menzies Place  
Painting, printing, found objects



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Lami Mulvey  
33 Regent Place  
Wood engravings, prints, & artists books

## history



As we mark the tenth anniversary of the Colony of Artists, we also celebrate the social history of the Abbeyhill area which has inspired many successful exhibitions over the years.

The Colonies themselves were built in the 19th Century to house the Abbeyhill railway workers after a working hours dispute saw them locked out of their site. During the three month dispute in 1861, local tradesmen formed The Edinburgh Co-operative Building Company and by 1911 built over 2,000 homes on 11 sites in the city.

Today that spirit of co-operation lives on and gives the area a unique sense of community in the city centre through the annual Colony of Artists festival.

### The Singing Street (1950)

The Singing Street, is a short film made in 1950 in Edinburgh. Made by a group of teachers from Norton Park School, who filmed their pupils playing street games, accompanied by traditional children's songs, at various locations in the city. Documenting an oral tradition which has all but vanished in the half century since it was made.

This film will be screened as part of our Local History Exhibit in the upstairs lounge of The Artisan Bar.

### Photographs from the Archive

See historic images of the area some reproduced with the kind permission of The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland.



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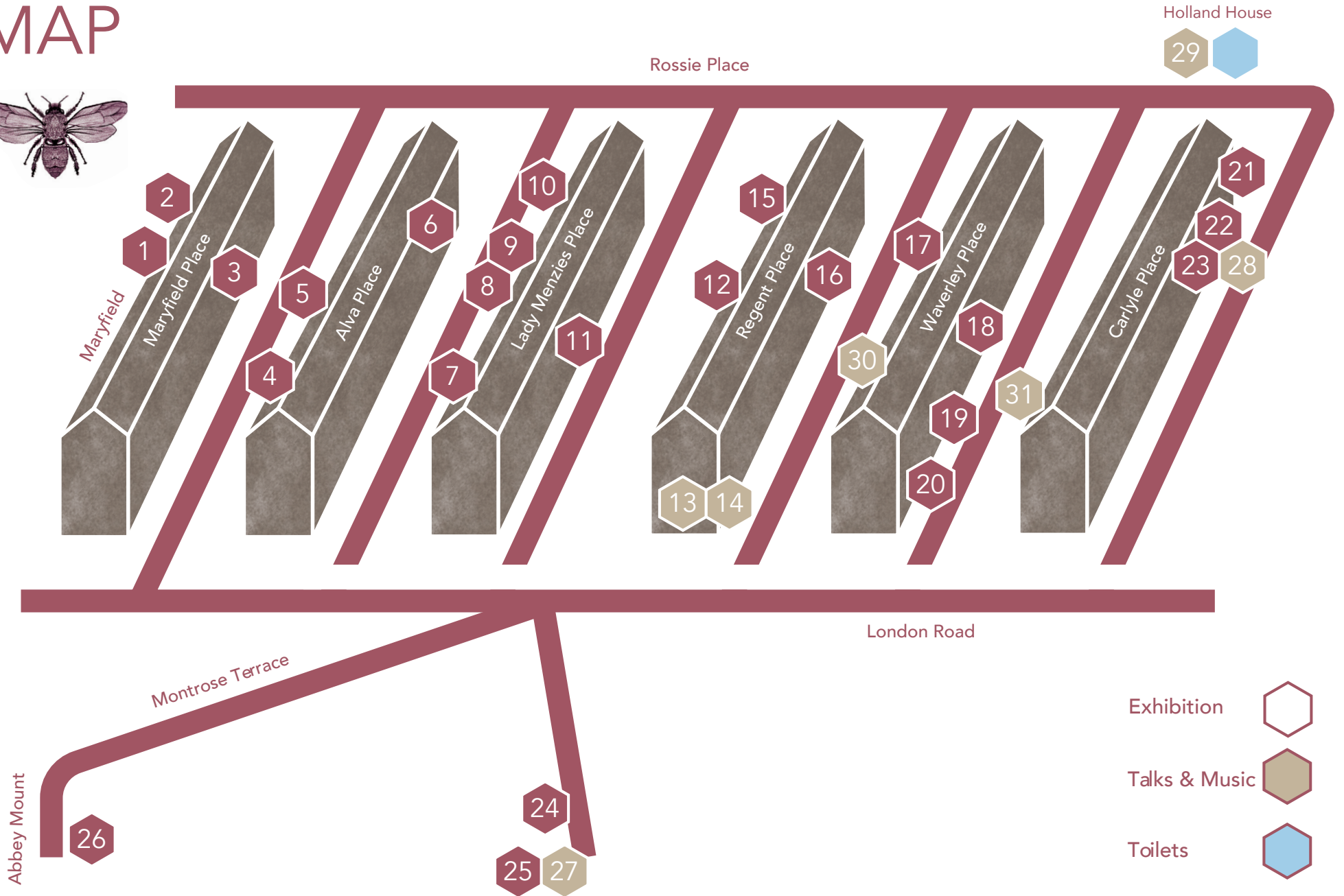
Hilary Burwell, Jo Hanley & RCAHMS  
Upstairs at The Artisan Bar, London Road  
Portraits, voices and historic views of Abbeyhill



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Katherine Chisholm  
Upstairs at The Artisan Bar, London Road  
Personal memories & photos of life in Abbeyhill

# MAP

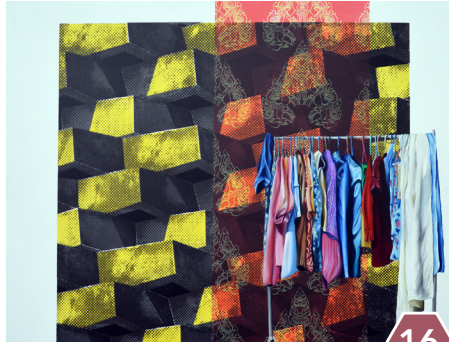






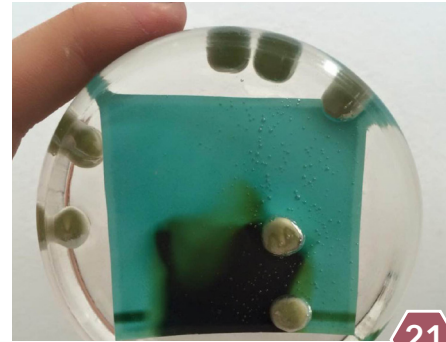
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Sylvie McGowan  
28 Regent Place  
Hand-made screen printed kites & scarves



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Abi Baikie  
15 Regent Place  
Screenprint & oil painting



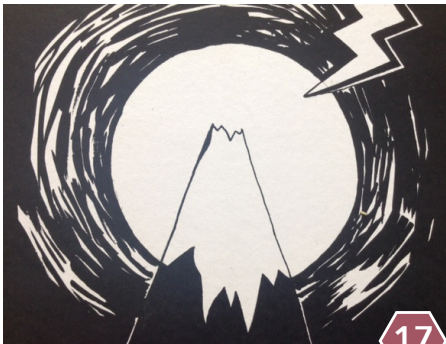
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Courtney Russell-Hall  
22 Carlyle Place  
Multimedia exploration of human behaviour



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William Mazur  
16 Carlyle Place  
Acrylic painting on canvas



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Eugenia Dupré & Lewanna Stewart  
31 Waverley Place  
Illustrations, pen & ink, graphic novels



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Graeme Clark  
12 Waverley Place  
Hand drawn illustrations



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Clare McCrory, Claire Carroll  
15 Carlyle Place  
Heraldry, Calligraphy and Digital Paintings



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Jolanta Dolewska  
5 Abbey Street, Flat Gf2  
Photography/Silver Gelatine Prints



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R O'Donnell, L Balfour & B O'Donnell  
5 Waverley Place  
Photography, Basketry & Sculpture



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Gill Smith  
3 Waverley Place  
Original watercolours, prints, cards, mugs



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Abbeyhill Primary School/ I Nedkova  
Abbey Street  
Works by pupils and artists-in-residence



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The Alma Project  
Abbey Mount Centre 2-4 Abbey Mount  
Installation: Transformed shoe boxes

## events & live music



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The Foundation & Significance of Edinburgh's Colonies.  
Richard Rodger  
Abbeyhill Primary School, Abbey Street  
Sunday 12.00  
Limited Spaces.

The talk will consider the character of 19th Century housing in Edinburgh and the efforts made by Edinburgh's first Medical Officer of Health to improve living conditions.



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Aileen Paterson  
15 Carlyle Place  
2:30 Daily

The author of the beloved Maisie of Morningside will be giving readings of her acclaimed series.



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Live Music

Holland House, at the foot of Carlyle & Waverley Place  
The honeybees will be dancing to the melody of the Colonies at Holland House. featuring local talent, including pupils of music teacher, Betty Pottinger.  
Full line up will be displayed outside the venue.



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String Quartet

40 Waverley Place  
Coffee, cake & a string quartet, hosted by Annabell Wolfe & David Lugar.



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Anne Marie's Tea & Baking

37 Carlyle Place  
Drop in for a cuppa and home made cakes, with all proceeds to Oxfam.

## we are here

The Abbeyhill Colonies are situated at the junction of Easter Road & London Road, in the east of the capital. We recommend you arrive by bus or foot.



Lothian Bus Services 1,4,5,15,19,26,34,35 & 44 all stop at the colonies

## beer



Colony Beer

Bees make honey, we make beer.

Try our Special Edition Colony of Artist beer brewed especially for The Colony of Artists Festival. Available in selected local pubs and Cornelius Beers & Wine, 18-20 Easter Road.







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who lent their support.

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