

# Festival will showcase community creatives

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**THE NEW 'Creative Friends' scheme was officially launched at the Destination Zone in Bromsgrove High Street last week.**

It came as the Creative Arts Showcase (CAS) Arts Festival continues its activities into the autumn with Showcase 24, as well as Creative Friends sessions.

The Showcase will take place at Bromsgrove School on October 26 and 27, with a mash-up of artists, artisans, and performers with the inclusion of health and local community focused activities.

Billed as 'one of the events of the year', the free Wellness Zone has been inspired by Sara Jones and her team from Zenergy of Bromsgrove. People can visit [zenergywellness.co.uk](http://zenergywellness.co.uk) to pre-book free taster sessions or download the Zenergy Health and Fitness app.

The 'Capturing Creativity' Art Exhibition attracted a diverse range of art - the artisan applications also look fantastic with hand-crafted, unique offerings. More artists can submit their



Among those at the Creative Friends launch were project manager Annmarie Hulley, COUN Sam Ammar, COUN Shirley Webb and town crier Kevin Ward. s

works if they wish - the deadline is this Sunday, September 15.

Performance and art groups can also have stalls at the event if they want to promote what they do. Artists and groups should email Dee Hirst at [dee.hirst@creativeartshowcase.org](mailto:dee.hirst@creativeartshowcase.org) for more.

The launch of Creative Friends - a two-year lottery-funded project - was attended by Bromsgrove District

Council chairman, COUN Sam Ammar, Jonathon Cochrane from Bromsgrove and Redditch councils, town crier Kevin Ward and others.

This followed on from free community workshops held in the spring, funded by ReNew (part of the Government's Levelling Up Fund).

Email Annmarie Hulley at [annmarie.hulley@creativeartshowcase.org](mailto:annmarie.hulley@creativeartshowcase.org) for more on this new fun, hands on, art

and health-based project which is aimed at promoting mindfulness, gaining new skills and making friends.

COUN Shirley Webb, one of many guests at the launch event, said: "This initiative from CAS and the National Lottery to bring us more art and creativity, directly supporting health therapies whilst growing friendships and community spirit, is just what we need in Bromsgrove.

"That it is available free to those that most need it is absolutely right."

Support Creatives' community work will continue with fundraising Christmas wreath-making workshops in late November and early December.

Visit [ticketsource.co.uk/creative-art-showcase](http://ticketsource.co.uk/creative-art-showcase) to book tickets for the Showcase and for more on CAS' forthcoming events.