

WAREHAM TOWN POUND



Wareham District Development Trust have agreed with the Rempstone Estate to rejuvenate the Town Pound by installing artworks to be produced by nine Year 10 students from The Purbeck School. It is hoped that the artwork will help people notice this site and make it into an interesting 'attraction' on the Wareham Walls Walk.

Wareham based illustrator/graphic designer Maria Burns has been brought in to work with the Year 10 Purbeck School students along side their art teacher Fleur Bugg.

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Maria Burns returned to The Purbeck School on 3rd May to meet with art teacher Fleur Bugg and the pupils to see what progress had been made on the project. The pupils have been sketching animals silhouettes and thinking about the shapes of farm animals that would have been kept in the town pound during its use. They have also been studying the works of artist Joseph Cornell who is famous for creating 3D collages from found objects often framed in a box. The concept is that the pupils use their animal silhouettes as a border which is shaded and decorated with collages put together from photos and sketches associated with Wareham as it is now and through history. The animal shapes will be seen at first glance but as the viewer looks closer the detail will unfold.

The students have been looking at Wareham Museum and different locations around the town for inspiration and much of their research and photographs will be incorporated in their final works of art.

They will begin their final designs in June and the final artwork will be completed before 25th July. This will be taken by Maria to be scanned and prepared for printing onto aluminium in full colour and cut to the animal shapes. They will be mounted on metal poles within the pound at different levels to make a visually exciting display. There will be nine artworks in total and costings are being sought for this final production stage.

Here are some photographs of the pupil's sketches and research completed for the project so far

