

Textile Alchemy showcased in Andover Exhibition

The Alchemist's Needle, a new Andover Textile Art Group, is exhibiting for the first time in the run up to Christmas.

Passionate about all things textile, the eight local artists, based in Hampshire and Wiltshire, are planning to delight visitors to the Andover Museum gallery from early November right through to the New Year.

With a little Alchemy – the power to change something in a mysterious or impressive way – they transform simple threads and fabric into stunning artworks using mixed media, machine and hand embroidery, print, quilting and felt.

The friends decided to form The Alchemist's Needle back in 2020 with the simple aim of encouraging each other and furthering their skill base through regular meetings and workshops. Sadly, when Covid struck they were forced to meet virtually like many groups, continuing to 'Talk Textile' via zoom throughout Lockdown and later when meetings were permitted they were determined to plan their first exhibition.

Three of the group work full time as artists and tutors and every single member brings different levels of experience, techniques and approaches to their work. To that end The Alchemist's Needle Exhibition will feature both individual works and group projects, many of which will be for sale.

The Exhibition runs from 2nd November 2022 through to 8th January 2023 at the Andover Museum and Museum of the Iron Age.

The Alchemist's Needle are – Alison Hulme, Anne Hellyer, Sarah Davis, Alison Young, Dee McElligot, Mandy Dunning, Janice Ballard and Sarah Maddison.

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Admission to the Exhibition and Andover Museum and the Museum of the Iron Age is free, Donations welcome to Hampshire Cultural Trust. Items sold in the exhibition will can be collected when the exhibition has finished.

Museum, Exhibition, café and gift shop opening times are 10.00-16.00 Wednesday to Sunday .