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Craft Month Full of Hidden Treasure

Makers and craft organisations across Farnham - which was designated as England's Craft Town in 2013 - are getting set for a month of craft festivities. Each October, Farnham hosts a celebration of craft with hundreds of opportunities to get involved with events featuring countless makers, pieces, organisations and venues, throughout the town. This is your chance to see makers in action; take a craft walk; get making and buy work from local designer makers.

Farnham Craft Month celebrations have been growing steadily each year and for 2019 the initiative has the backing of Arts Council England which has helped fund some new activities including a Clay Feast and proposals for a new sculpture in the town centre to celebrate Farnham and its craft heritage. As well as showcasing new talent and local craft businesses at various venues across the town, Craft Month also offers the opportunity to join in networking opportunities and discussions at conferences, symposiums and workshops, and the chance to see and take part in various craft activities that are usually kept behind closed workshop doors.

This year's ambitious programme of events includes a unique 'treasure trail' in and around Farnham, an innovation from metalwork and jewellery artist and UCA Alumnae Rosie Wesley. Throughout October, Rosie will be hiding small artworks and jewellery around the town for the public to find and keep. Clues for each location will be revealed over on her Instagram page @explorecreaterosie so be sure to follow her there for more information and the chance to find some treasure for yourself!

Rebecca Skeels - local maker, senior lecturer and member of the Craft Town Steering Group - who led the bid to the Arts Council commented:

'This year's programme is a real reflection of Farnham's rich and diverse cultural heritage. From international symposia, proposals for a new sculpture in the town and a showcase from the Artists in Residence at the University through to miniature exhibitions in shops throughout the town, our Farmers' Market and a myriad of half term workshops there really is something for everyone. With the opportunity to find treasure on our doorsteps this year's Craft Month is full of promise!'

For more information about Farnham Craft Town and this year's programme of events you can visit: www.crafttownengland.org or follow Craft Town on social media.