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Young People Inspired by Heritage Crafts

Young people have been seeking inspiration in an exhibition of local ceramics on display at Somerset Rural Life Museum in Glastonbury. The work they have produced as a result will go on display alongside 400 years of local pottery and contemporary works by an artist in residence.

On Wednesday 17 July, students from Axbridge Church of England School visited the museum to work alongside artist Andrea Oke. The pupils were inspired by the historic pottery on display to create their own stories and characters using shadow puppets. These will feed into an animated film to be created by Andrea and shown at the museum.

On Thursday 11 July, students from Heathfield Community School took part in a workshop with contemporary ceramicist Emilie Taylor. The students explored the history of slipware ceramics and their connection to Somerset. They then produced dishes which are being fired and glazed ready to go on display alongside Emilie's work.

This summer, the museum welcomed Emilie as its Artist in Residence. She is responding to the museum's important ceramic collections to produce an installation which will be displayed in the Abbey Barn for Somerset Art Week, opening on Saturday 21 September.

The project is being produced in partnership with Somerset Art Works and supported through Department of Education funding administered by Arts Council England.

The exhibition of historic Somerset slipware ceramics 'The Art of the Potter' is on now until 9 November.

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Notes to editors

1. The South West Heritage Trust

The South West Heritage Trust is an independent charity committed to protecting and celebrating Somerset and Devon's rich heritage. As well as the widely-praised Museum of Somerset and the redeveloped Somerset Rural Life Museum, in Glastonbury, the Trust manages state-of-the-art facilities in Taunton and Exeter to care for the extraordinary archive collections of the two counties. The Trust also provides essential advice about the historic environment and manages historic sites. Individuals and businesses are invited to support the charity through its Supporters' scheme. Visit swheritage.org.uk #SWHTdiscovery

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