

Class, Covid & Cumbria

**22 October —
27 February 2022**

Featuring —

**Grayson Perry
Rosie Galloway-Smith
Joseph Hardman
Juliet Klottrup
MEND**

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Map of Cumbria 2021



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Currell Collection

Welcome to Blackwell – The Arts and Crafts House, as we reflect on the historic events of the past two years in Cumbria. In partnership with the Currell Collection, *Class, Covid & Cumbria* delves into the realities of life during lockdown.

Through a series of displays, commissions and community work, the exhibition highlights personal stories of the pandemic from across the county.

Main Exhibition Gallery **The Importance of Place**

Featuring Grayson Perry's thought-provoking tapestry, *The Annunciation of the Virgin Deal*, *The Importance of Place* explores how location and class shape our life experiences.

Dressing Room Gallery **Life in Focus**

A display of images by renowned local photographer Joseph Hardman and the award-winning young photographer Juliet Klottrup, reflecting on personal experiences of lockdown in Cumbria.

Blackwell Guild **MEND**

Featuring works created with community groups during the Lakeland Arts MEND project, this display highlights personal experiences of the pandemic through made and mended objects.

House and Grounds **Rosie Galloway-Smith**

From the 19 November 2021, an exciting commission by Cumbrian multimedia artist Rosie Galloway-Smith can be found throughout principal rooms and on the South Lawn.



The Importance of Place

The places we are from and the areas in which we live often play an important role in shaping who we become.

Inspired by Grayson Perry's intricate tapestry, *The Annunciation of the Virgin Deal*, on loan from the Currell Collection, this display looks at the impact that place and social class have on our lives.

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Detail of Grayson Perry, *The Annunciation of the Virgin Deal*, 2012, printed and woven tapestry, on loan from the Currell Collection 2021

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Life in Focus

The coronavirus lockdowns and the restrictions that accompanied them had a significant impact on people's lives, affecting everything from daily routines and working arrangements, to socialising with friends and family.

This display explores personal stories of Cumbrians during the lockdown through their own words, accompanied by a series of images by renowned local photographer Joseph Hardman (1893-1972) and award winning young photographer Juliet Klottrup.

Joseph Hardman (1893-1972), *Top of Orton Scar*, c.1940, glass plate negative, from the Lakeland Arts Collection



MEND logo cross-stitch,
created by a MEND maker, 2021

MEND

In March 2021, Lakeland Arts launched the MEND project, a community-led programme that sought to support isolated communities in Cumbria during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Through MEND, we brought Cumbrians together to make art, mend objects, and share experiences and stories during this difficult time. This display features some of the artworks created during the project. Each piece showcases a different perspective of the pandemic and highlights how important creativity and human connection can be to our mental health.

MEND was funded through the Art Fund's Respond and Reimagine Grant, set up to aid museums and galleries continue connecting with communities during the pandemic.



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Rosie Galloway-Smith at Blackwell

Rosie Galloway-Smith Commission

(From 19 November 2021)

For *Class, Covid & Cumbria*, Lakeland Arts commissioned Cumbrian artist Rosie Galloway-Smith to create new work inspired by local people's experiences of the pandemic.

Created through interviews carried out with the community, Galloway-Smith's textile installation delves into the realities of lockdown in Cumbria. From fears and financial hardships to hopes for the future, the work addresses both the positives and negatives of the pandemic.

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