

Burnham - Village Project- Information and Sign-Up form



Thank you for your interest in the Village project.

Please read the information below and complete the sign-up form overleaf or click on QR code and complete an online form.

The photo shoot day is scheduled for:

Sunday 22nd September, 2pm- 4pm followed by a gather in Burnham Park Hall

If you are taking part in the photo as a group, the group leader only should complete the form.

We are delighted that you are interested in taking part in Village in Burnham. You may have attended a community meeting in July or heard about the project by email or in community newsletters.

Summary

On 22nd September 2024, we plan to gather people who live, work or visit Burnham to create a photographic snapshot of 21st century village life. The picture will capture the wonderful diversity of Burnham, people of different ages and from all different backgrounds, an opportunity to come together and celebrate the community and the village itself. We also plan writing workshops with the community.

More about Village

Village, is a large-scale photographic project taking place across Buckinghamshire this September that draws on the beloved works of 16th-century Flemish artist, Pieter Bruegel the Elder.

Photographer Camilla Greenwell and choreographer Theo Clinkard have devised a celebratory photo project that uses this historic reference point to create a panoramic portrait of the village in 2024. We are inviting 100+ local residents to come together for a choreographed group photo that borrows from Bruegel's compositions, but contrasts them with contemporary clothing and current narratives.

“Born approximately 500 years ago, Bruegel was radical for rejecting the fashion for portraits of the courtly and the aristocratic and instead turned his attention to the everyday and the local, offering us a unique window into history. His epic scenes depict the full spectrum of village life and are filled with carefully composed gestures and behaviours, suggesting each character has a specific role to play and portraying community as a complex and diverse ecology. I’m incredibly excited to bounce off these paintings that so brilliantly capture the wonderfully odd amongst the totally ordinary. I can’t wait to tell new stories with Burnham people who are up for the challenge of making a huge artwork together, one that captures both the physical fact of this place and this moment in time, but also the collective imagination of those people that live here” Theo Clinkard

Alongside the photographic project, Buckinghamshire Culture have commissioned a guest writer Claire Fuller to run a series of writing workshops with groups. There will also be an open workshop which anyone can attend. Please indicate below if you would like to take part and we will contact you when the details have been confirmed.

Village is part of a pilot season of events and activities called STORIES, created by Buckinghamshire Culture working in partnership with communities. Village will take place in 2 other Buckinghamshire locations. The project is supported with funding from Arts Council England, Rothschild Foundation, Buckinghamshire Council and our Village partners.

What do you need to do now?

- Complete the sign-up form below and make sure you have the date of the photoshoot in your calendar. Await pre-event instructions from Theo Clinkard, who will let you know what to expect on the day.
- Gather on the day of the photo shoot in Burnham high street where Theo will direct the photo shoot. We will send you exact instructions of the location and exact times nearer the time.
- In the lead up to the photo shoot you will be invited to attend an optional open writing workshop with award winning author Claire Fuller.
- You will be invited to attend a gathering following the photo shoot at Burnham Park Hall.
- The photographs will be exhibited, and we hope to have writing about Burnham available online and in print.

Village Sign- Up Form Burnham - Please complete the details below

Name * :

Email * :

Mobile Number * :

Group Name (If you are coming with a group of people):

Please tell us about your connection with Burnham. E.G. the sorts of activities you are involved in, what you are passionate about, what job you do.

I confirm that I or my group are available to be part of the Village photographic shoot on Sunday 22nd September in the afternoon.

I would be interested in taking part in a short form writing workshop with Claire Fuller, inspired by photographs of Burnham. (In the lead up to the photoshoot)

Please circle Yes or No

If signing up as a group, please estimate how many people in your group would take part in the photoshoot.

Please write a sentence or two about Burnham.

If you need more information before signing up, please get in touch with Ursula White (Engagement Producer, Buckinghamshire Culture).

Please email: Ursula@buckinghamshireculture.org



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