



## **Call for Artists: Nature-Inspired Stone/Metal/Wooden Sculpture at Penleigh Park, Westbury**

### **Commission Overview**

Westbury Town Council in partnership with Wiltshire Councils Public Art programme, invites proposals from professional artists and artist collectives for the creation of a **nature-inspired sculpture of stone, metal and/or wood that supports social connection**. The commissioned artwork will form the centrepiece of a new **community, wildlife and wellbeing space** within Penleigh Park, one of Westbury's key recreational green spaces.

### **Project Context**

Penleigh Park is being developed into a dedicated area that promotes **biodiversity, wellbeing, and community engagement**. Alongside new pathways, planting schemes, and habitat creation, the sculpture will serve as a focal point, celebrating the relationship between people and nature.

### **Artistic Brief**

- The artwork must be **nature-inspired**, reflecting themes of ecology, biodiversity, wellbeing and social connection.
- It must be **made from stone, metal and/or wood** and designed to withstand outdoor conditions, including extreme weather, with a minimum of 15 years durability and using sustainably sourced materials.
- The piece should be **site-specific**, harmonizing with the natural environment of Penleigh Park.
- Artists are required to deliver an element of **community engagement** in their delivery of the initiative, ensuring resonance with local residents.
- The work should be accessible and meaningful to a wide audience, including families, schools, and visitors.

### **Budget**

- Up to **£8000** is available for the art commission.

- This budget must cover all artist fees, materials, fabrication, transport, delivery to site, installation, and VAT (if applicable). Westbury Town Councils external services team may be available to support the installation following a discussion to clarify requirements.

## Eligibility

- Open to **regionally-based professional artists and artist collectives** with experience in public art commissions, local artists favoured preferably
- Artists must demonstrate the ability to deliver a high-quality, durable work within budget and timescale.
- Public liability insurance will be required with a minimum limit of £2m.

## Submission Requirements

Artists are invited to submit:

1. **Proposal document** including concept, sketches, and description of the artwork.
2. **Budget breakdown** detailing costs for materials, fabrication, transport, and installation (potential support from Westbury Town Council for installation subject to requirements).
3. **Timeline** for design, fabrication, and installation.
4. **Proof of artistic experience**

## Selection Process

- Proposals will be reviewed by the commissioning group, consisting of:
  - Penleigh residents
  - Westbury Town Councils Engagement officer
  - Westbury Town Councils Team Ranger
  - Wiltshire Council Community Conversations lead
  - Wiltshire Council Public Art officer
- Selection criteria include artistic quality, relevance to the brief, feasibility, durability, and community impact.
- Artist/s will be assessed by the commissioning group in respect of their ability to deliver a scheme of this scale and form, in partnership with local community.

The assessment will be looked at against the following scoring:

### Score 1 to 5

1 – Brief not been answered or the answer raises serious doubts.

2 - Partially answered but reservations remain about the clarity / robustness of the answer.

3 - Acceptable – answered to a satisfactory standard.

4 - Good - answered fully.

5 - Excellent – fully answered and exceeds satisfactory standards.

- Each shortlisted artist will be offered £200 to develop their proposal further and invited to present it to the commissioning group before the final decision.
- Timeline:
  - Tender opens late March 2026
  - Closes end of April 2026
  - Shortlisted invitations to present final proposal early May 2026
  - Project installed between end of July and first week of August 2026
  - Public Launch Event late August 2026



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