

## **Blossom Festival, Kingston Lacy**

I have been in contact with staff at Kingston Lacy to discuss submitting work to their Blossom Festival, more info given below. The essence of this is that if you would like to submit an artwork which could be printed on small cards (85 x 55 mm) to put into their travelling vending machine, please email me [lizziemagee4@gmail.com](mailto:lizziemagee4@gmail.com) to express your interest.

The work would be a celebration of blossom influenced by some poetry which has been specially written by Simon Armitage. The deadline for submission is 11th March, and work would be selected for inclusion by National Trust representatives.

Quote

"Our Blossom Festival this year is in collaboration with Simon Armitage, who has written a collection of poems called Blossomise and is also releasing a music video celebrating blossom. Here at Kingston Lacy, we'll be celebrating blossom, poetry, music and art where people are (and in our Japanese blossom garden).

### **Our big pink vending machine: Sharing tiny poems and artworks from our travelling vending machine**

We'll be filling our blossom vending machine with tiny poems and works of art that inspire people to connect with the blossom where they are. The machine will travel around Dorset to local libraries, museums, schools and universities, as well as spending some time at Kingston Lacy.

We won't be charging anyone to use the machine. There'll be free tokens available so anyone can take part.

### **The brief**

We have a series of wonderful poems and a music video that have been created for us this year by Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage. I'm hoping to find local artists, poets and creatives who can take inspiration from blossom and these poems to create miniature treasures for the public to find as they head out to enjoy Spring emerging.

Each card is 85x55mm. There will be space on the back to share details on where to find more of your work, or information about your group."

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