

PRESS RELEASE

Charitable status for group that runs the Gallery Upstairs

Charitable status has been granted to Poole & East Dorset Art Society (PEDAS), the art group who manage the Gallery Upstairs.

The gallery is located above the tearooms in the delightful Upton Country Park. It belongs to the Borough of Poole but for a number of years has been run voluntarily by a hard working group of individuals from PEDAS. This is a not for profit venture, and there are very few galleries around that offer such good exhibition space to local artists and community groups. Therefore it is seen as a much needed benefit to the community.

When recently, the time came for PEDAS to renew its contract with the borough, the society's membership decided it would be wise to apply for charity status. With the objective of promoting Art within the community, the Charity Commission is satisfied that POOLE AND EAST DORSET ART SOCIETY is a charity and it has been entered onto the Register of Charities with the Registered Number 1184632.

Spokesperson for the Gallery Upstairs, Liz Magee, commented: "We are delighted by the news that we have been granted charitable status. This will enable us to move forward in our mission to bring art to the community and enable local artists and craftsmen to share their work in an attractive and well-managed gallery".

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