

ARTIST BRIEF

NEWNHAM ON SEVERN TREE-STUMP SCULPTURE COMMISSION

Summary

Thanks to the very generous response from local people and businesses, the Tree Stump fundraising campaign led by members of the Newnham Community hit the target. We are delighted to say we now have a budget of £1,500 to pay an artist to transform the lopped tree stump in the children's playpark into something wonderful.

The sum of £1,500 is a fixed fee, including VAT, and needs to cover all design, production, and completion, including scaffolding, equipment, and safety certifications. As the playground is adjacent to St. Peters School, we also require that the appointed artist run at least one half-day workshop with children and involved them in some way. We are not asking the artist to employ drawings created by the children in the final design, but to listen to their ideas to ensure they feel involved. The artist may like to run a workshop that relates to their own design practice, details will be discussed.

The Artwork

We are open to ideas from artists interested in transforming the stump. We would love it to be place-specific if possible – something that reflects Newnham on Severn in some way. How that is done is open to interpretation by the artist.

The Artist

It is likely you will be a sculptor or woodcarver. You must have experience of creating work for the public realm and understand the complex health and safety requirements for doing so.

Selection Criteria

- Compliance with contractual requirements (see below)
- Original, strong design idea, relevant to place
- Design must be suitable for a school playground and not be offensive in any way
- The work must be of a professional standard

There will be a selection team created by the initiators of the project, including representation from the Newnham on Severn Parish Council.

Contract

The contract and maintenance agreement for the work will be held by Newnham on Severn Parish Council. Once completed and approved as complete by all concerned, the work will be transferred to Parish Council ownership.

The contract requires that you:

- Agree to a maintenance contract
- Be self-employed for tax purposes
- Hold public liability insurance to cover you during creation and install of the work
- Have necessary safety certification for use of specialist tools e.g. chainsaw
- Provide all safety equipment needed for both production and installation of the work
- If you have a DBS certificate to work with children, great. If not, we will need to discuss availability of school staff to accompany you in the school.

How to Apply

We are not asking you to submit a final design at this stage. Your EOI (expression of interest) application should include:

- A letter outlining your interest in this opportunity. Tell us about your creative practice and include images of work you have made in the public realm. Website if you have one. If you already have an idea, mention it, but it is not a requirement at this stage.
- A CV
- Email to carolyndevos@gmail.com by 31st October

Key dates:

- **Deadline for submitting EOI outlined above 31st October**
- Shortlist of applicants by 15th November
- End November contract awarded