

Pinsley Meadow Mosaic: Community Art Project

The Pinsley Meadow Mosaic Project involves creating a mosaic that reflects life in our community. The mosaic itself will form part of a bench that will be located in Pinsley Meadow. Hanborough residents of all ages can be involved in the design of the mosaic.

BACKGROUND: Mosaic is a decorative art form created with small ceramic and glass tiles that has durability and longevity. And we have an excellent example of this nearby with the mosaic floor of the North Leigh Roman Villa, which dates to the 4th century.

OBJECTIVE: to create a design for the mosaic with input from our community reflecting what Hanborough means to us, thinking about:

- what we love about living here
- what we are proud of
- What we want to be remembered for future generations.

We are looking for photographs, drawings, written word, objects that can be incorporated into the mosaic design by artist Becky Paton.

Please send ideas by **14th March** direct to Becky: becky@beckymosaics.co.uk

GENERATING IDEAS: Here are some suggestions to inspire creativity.

1 About the community Here is a list of some of places and activities around Long Hanborough and Church Hanborough that people may love and enjoy, or that have special meaning:

Nature: Pinsley Wood, Daggars Hill, Abel Wood, Mill Wood, River Evenlode and valley, Blenheim Park, Blenheim Community Path, local wildlife

Buildings: Oxford Bus Museum, Mini Garage, Hanborough Station, Blenheim Palace, the Methodist Church, the Pavilion and playing fields, Hanborough Manor School, the War Memorial, the Co-op, Christ Church, the Recreation Hall, Suzuki Garage, Combe Mill, St Peter and Paul Church, shops and pubs

Activities: skate park, tennis, football, cricket, bowls, playground, MUGA, Hanborough Show, Party at the Pav, Hanborough Fireworks, social clubs and events

History: the Malthouse, the Civil War, opening of the railway 1853, Churchill's birth and funeral, the Long House, quarrying, glove-making, apple growing, North Leigh Roman Villa

2 Scenarios Here are some scenarios to find out what you value most about Hanborough:

Aliens: imagine that friendly aliens arrive in Hanborough. What impression would you want them to take back to their world? Think about what you would show them, where you would take them, what object you would give them as a memory of their visit.

Time Capsule: for a time capsule that will be opened in 100 years' time, what object would you put in it? This could be an object, a photograph or written word.

Moving House: imagine you are moving away to a new home. What would you take with you to remind you of Hanborough life? This could be an object, a photograph, an activity, a sound scape, or a plant.