



Local artist Martyn Lucas, who has been co-ordinating *Our Art Neighbourhood* from the beginning, has worked with children from Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School to make 'bollard art'. These vinyl wraps have been inspired by looking at archive photographs of the area, local buildings and trees. They are making a colourful and informative addition to our streets. Have a look for them on Walmesley Road, Windermere Road, Eyet Street, Grasmere Street, Leigh Road and Railway Road.

Children from Sacred Heart and Leigh St Mary's CE primary schools and young people from GK Training have now contributed wonderful drawings for our *Wall of Fame*. Further sites are being investigated and local people will be involved in designing more art works, in the near future.

Our Art Neighbourhood is an ongoing part of Leigh Neighbours' activities which aims to engage local people in art, build community spirit and make visible improvements to our streets. Our first project took place during the summer of 2014 and employed local professional artists to inspire children, young people and adults through digital art, urban art, yarn bombing and billboards.

Hundreds of people took part in workshops and thousands were able to see the results. Our streets were transformed for several weeks as they became our art gallery, populated by colours, textures and designs which celebrated local creativity and presented a positive image of the area to a wider audience.

After the success of the first *Our Art Neighbourhood* event, which was supported by Arts Council funding, there was a desire by local residents to see more permanent art works in the area, as a way of improving the visual landscape and street scene. Over the past couple of years, we have done just that. We have looked to make improvements to neglected spaces including street corners and verges, and engaged artists who are good at working with people to achieve small scale but beautiful public art works, such as the recent 'Butterflies' by Gecko.

Inspired by the 'Incredible Edible' movement, a planter sculpture was commissioned from artist Mark Mennell which is now sited on the corner of Windermere Road and Glebe Street. Children from Leigh Central Primary School contributed to the design and it really brightens up the street corner. We are growing edible plants and herbs in it which are free for residents to use.



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