

LFWI SHOWCASE 2024

A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN – HEATHER WILLIAMS

Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the LFWI Art and Craft Showcase at Chorley Town Hall on Saturday 14th September. This was a wonderful celebration of our members many talents in this area and was enjoyed by all who visited.

Thank you also to the Showcase team, who worked so hard to deliver this event in a new venue. Well done to all.

The Showcase was a new venture for us, having held a Show at the Garstang Hotel for several years previously. It was widely communicated at the end of last year that the Show in its previous format was not sustainable and could not continue.

Although the Showcase was well supported by some WIs and enjoyed by visitors, it's clear that this type of event doesn't engage a wide proportion of our membership.

The Board of Trustees is currently exploring several new initiatives, and we feel that our new WI Cluster Groups will grow and evolve to the benefit of our members. For the next twelve months, we will be concentrating our efforts on ensuring the cluster groups are successful. Accordingly, there will not be a Showcase event in 2025 and this will continue to be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

We hope to have a new team in place in January called the 'Make and Create Team' which will encompass a wide variety of arts, crafts, gardening events, and workshops, so please continue to explore your interests in these areas.