

# Colchester Art Society

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# Ipswich Art Society

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## **“Borders”, a joint project between Colchester & Ipswich Art Societies**

Dear Art Society Member,

We hope that you are all managing to stay well and safe from the coronavirus.

In a recent video conference call with Stuart Tulloch from Firstsite and your representatives from CAS and IAS, it was decided to continue with the preparations for the *Borders* exhibition. It is still unclear what services and institutions will be permitted to open by the Government but Firstsite are optimistic that museums and galleries will be able to open during the summer.

Clearly it will not be business as usual. There may be no Private View and social distancing will have to be observed. Measures will be put in place when submitting work and during the hanging to keep people safe. In the event that Firstsite cannot reopen soon, the exhibition may be postponed until later in the year.

**The deadline for submissions is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020.**

A submission form is also attached to the email that you must complete.

**The form should be saved to your device, completed and returned as an attachment to; [exhibitionborders@gmail.com](mailto:exhibitionborders@gmail.com), together with a good quality image of your work. Pictures of your 2D work should be cropped at the edges, evenly lit, square to the surface and not taken behind glass. 3D work should be taken in a well lit area against a plain background.**

We are aware that a number of artists have not yet started on their work, possibly expecting to be able to work directly from the subject. If you are experiencing any problems in meeting the deadline please contact Bryan at [bryanwhiteley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bryanwhiteley@hotmail.co.uk). As far as possible you should still complete the form and send as directed so that we know that you still wish to participate.

As mentioned above, a Private View may not take place but if the circumstances permit it may well be possible to hold an event at the end of the exhibition. Arrangements are being made to have the film and booklet available at the time of the Ipswich exhibition sometime in 2021.

If the exhibition has to be postponed from the expected opening date of 18<sup>th</sup> July you will be notified by email and the new dates provided.

Best wishes,

*Simon, Jude, Bryan & Stephen*

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