

# Celebrate the Arts in West Lancashire

West Lancashire Arts Directory  
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If you are a group or organisation who would like to submit details for the website Art Directory,  
Please contact Chapel Gallery to request an application form.

## Information on Arts Development

West Lancashire Arts Development Services provides information to groups/organisation on grant funding, project development. They also work with a number of key organisations to develop and improve access to the arts within the district.

If you are looking to start a new group or have a project you wish to develop and want some advice contact: -

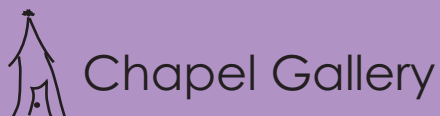
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“Welcome to our first ever West Lancashire Arts Directory, which is packed full of useful information on arts groups and organisations within the district. In West Lancashire we recognise that we have an abundance of organisations that can offer so many different services, which is why we have decided to produce the directory so that residents have this information at their fingertips. It's great if you're thinking about trying out a new creative activity or if you are looking for experienced professionals to help you develop projects and arts activities? So whether it's dance, music, visual arts, or performing arts, the directory will have just what you're looking for – enjoy!”

**Cllr Rob Bailey**  
Portfolio Holder for Leisure

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**Chapel Gallery**

- Exhibitions
- Contemporary Craft & Gift Shop
- Café
- Art Club
- Holiday Activities

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10.00am - 4.30pm.

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Organisation: **Red Rose Music**  
 Main Contact: **Kevin Barga**  
**24 St Annes Road Formby Merseyside L37 7AT**  
 Tel: **01704 831198**  
 Email: **kevin.barga@tesco.net**



A group of musicians, singers, dancers and speakers who promote traditional music throughout Lancashire. Barn dances, Ceilidhs, folk events and talks. Always pleased to welcome new members

Organisation: **Swing Shift Big Band**  
 Main Contact: **Rachael Cotter (Group secretary)**  
**45 Bath Springs Court, Ormskirk, Lancashire**  
 Tel: **01695 576371**

A globe saxophone quartet playing a range of music from classical to jazz. The quartet consists of soprano, alto, tenor and baritone saxophones. All members of the group live in West Lancashire.

Organisation: **Ormskirk Music Society**  
 Main Contact: **Margaret Sackville**  
**7 Rutland Crescent Ormskirk Lancashire L39 1LP**  
 Tel: **01695 575808**  
 Email: **andrew.sackville@btinternet.com**  
 Website: **<http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/cantilena/orms/>**  
 Venue: **Ormskirk School Wigan Road Ormskirk**

General Secretary – Margarwet Sackville – 01695 575808

Choir secretary – Jan Burnett – 01942 223 382

Orchestra Secretary – Jenny Mc Gowan – 01695 573787

Ormskirk Music Society is an amateur music society, which aims to promote music for the enjoyment of the performers and audience in the local community. It includes both a choir and an orchestra, which rehearse separately but come together for concerts four times each year – Autumn, Christmas, Spring and Summer.

The repertoire includes a very wide range of classical and popular music. The orchestra meets on Thursday evening and the choir on Friday evening. Both rehearsals start at 7.30pm.

We welcome new members in both sections – choir and orchestra. There are no auditions for the choir, but the ability to sight-read would be helpful.

The orchestra welcomes experienced players who have achieved at least Grade 5 on their instrument.

Organisation: **Douglas Music Parbold**  
 Main Contact: **Joan Hunt**  
**21 Tan House Lane, Parbold Lancashire**  
 Tel: **01257 462649** Box Office: **01257 421526**  
 Email: **jandj@tweed21.fsnet.co.uk**

Douglas Music, Parbold, is a registered charity that has presented an annual programme of public live music events for 34 years. Douglas Music offers a variety of music from brass bands, jazz, string quartets and solo artists of the very highest quality. Their events programme includes an annual family Christmas event with musicians from the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra. Douglas Music has appeared as a Viennese café ensemble, as a Celtic band, a string quartet and as a chamber orchestra.

Linked with these events are a music workshop for all –comers and ages, and an Irish dance workshop; the performances from these will appear in the actual evening's events. The evenings take place in a welcoming atmosphere that is enjoyed by audiences and artists alike.

Organisation: **Abacus Music**  
 Main Contact: **Jill Fielding**  
**2 Belvedere Park Town Green Aughton Lancashire L39 6TT**  
 Tel: **01695 424209**  
 Mobile: **07712 892 999**  
 Email: **jillpfielding@yahoo.co.uk**

Jill Fielding band plays pure folk, folk rock, Irish Americana and 50's and 60's music. Completely self-contained insured, CRB checked and all equipment PAT tested.

All live band 3 part harmony for clubs, indoor/ outdoor corporate events, weddings birthdays and special occasions, christenings, prisons, schools and children's workshops.

Abacus Music Agency supplies musicians for all occasions including care homes.



Organisation: **Ormskirk Writers+ Literary Society (OWLS)**  
 Main Contact: **Ishbel Kargar (Secretary)**  
**62 Greenby Hill Ormskirk L392DT**  
 Tel: **01695 571748**  
 Email: **ikargar@fiscali.co.uk**

OWLS is a group of people who enjoy writing for pleasure, meeting from 7:30 to 10:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at Art & Community Centre, St Helens Road, Ormskirk. Our meeting welcome people of all ages and we include a wide variety of topics and stimulus for example workshops, guest speakers and spontaneous writing.

Organisation: **Skelmersdale Writers Group**  
 Main Contact: **Judy Ingham**  
 Tel: **01695 423141**  
 Email: **judy.ingman@gmail.com**  
 Venue: **Quarry Bank Community Club, Skelmersdale**

Skelmersdale Writers Group provides a forum for writers to share their work and provide mutual support. We have a programme of activities including readings, workshops and visits to poetry events, theatre etc. We are also working to publish an anthology of our work. The group meets fortnightly.



Organisation: **Newburgh Morris - Ladies Traditional Morris Team**  
 Main Contact: **Barbara Barclay**  
**Badgers Rake Vale Lane Lathom Lancs L406JM**  
 Tel: **01695 723100**  
 Venue: **Hilldale Community Centre. meet Tuesday 7:30-9:00pm**

Organisation: **McDonald School of Dancing**  
 Main Contact: **Maureen McDonald**  
**19 Burnside, Parbold, Lancs WN87PD**  
 Tel: **01257 464285**  
 Email: **maureen.park2@btopenworld.com**



I teach ballroom dancing to children and adults. Please phone for class details.

Organisation: **The Jacqueline Davies School Of Dance**  
 Main Contact: **Jacqueline Davies**  
**202 Eskbank, Skelmersdale, Lancs, WN8 6EF**  
 Tel: **07872 021805**



This school has been established for 15 years. We teach various aspects of dance including ballet, tap, street dance etc with the age of pupils ranging from 2 years old upwards. We hold 2 shows annually in the Phoenix Theatre in Skelmersdale.

Organisation: **Sequence Dancing Club**  
 Main Contact: **Mrs J E Park**  
**1 Three Oaks Close Lathom Ormskirk**  
 Tel: **01704 892346**  
 Venue: **Scarisbrick Village Hall and St George's URC Church Hall in Maghull.**

Sequence dances held on the first Monday of each month 8pm – 10.45pm. All new dances taught.

Organisation: **Ormskirk and District Scottish Society**  
 Main Contact: **Mrs. W Houghton (Hon. Secretary)**  
**24 Ryburn Road Ormskirk Lancashire L39 4SD**  
 Tel: **01695 578283**  
 Venue: **Guide Headquarters Moorgate Ormskirk.**

Meets on Tuesdays from September to the end of April and 3 times during the summer months (June July August) for Scottish Country Dancing.



Organisation: **Ormskirk Folk Dance Club**  
 Main Contact: **Mrs Margaret Mc Farlane**  
**4 Ledson Grove Aughton Ormskirk Lancashire L39 6TB**  
 Tel: **01695 423882**  
 Email: **mcfarlane39@waitrose.com**  
 Venue: **Emmanuel Church Hall, Derby Street Ormskirk (opposite the railway station / Methodist /URC)**

Ormskirk Folk Dance Club is affiliated to 'The English Folk Dance and Song Society' since 1950. The Club is also affiliated to Lancashire Folk

Venue

Ormskirk FDC meets: Monday evenings:8.15 pm to 10.15pm  
 September to June breaks for Christmas and Easter

The Monday night class welcomes newcomers of all ages, with or without a partner. The caller will explain the dances and call the instructions along with the music.The dances are chosen from a wide variety of dances dating from the 17th Century to modern times and with different styles and music.

The Club organises 6 Saturday Evening Dances with visiting caller and band.

Organisation: **Ormskirk Theatre Company**  
 Main Contact: **June Clarke**  
**115 Wigan Road Ormskirk L39 2AS**  
 Tel: **01695 572611**  
 Email: **june\_clarke@fiscali.co.uk**  
 Venue: **Ormskirk Civic Hall**

An amateur drama group regularly presenting a variety of productions ranging from serious drams through musicals, comedies, murder mysteries and pantomime. Members of all ages and talents, on and off stage, welcome. Friendly and informal- we don't bite! Mondays and Thursdays are our rehearsal nights. Get in touch!

Organisation: **S.C.A.T Skelmersdale Community Arts & Theatre**  
 Main Contact: **Caroline Barnes**  
**6 Teversham Skelmersdale Lancashire**  
 Tel: **01695 733245**  
 Email: **caznw@fsmail.net**  
 Venue: **Skelmersdale Ecumenical Centre** 😊

We are a drama club for children aged 8 – 18 (younger children may join but must have a responsible person of 16 years and over with them at all times) We meet every Sunday afternoon 2pm – 4.30pm subs are £2.50 per week for single membership and £2 per week for more than one family member from the same family.

We aim to stage at least 2 major productions at Ormskirk Civic Hall each year. All children regardless of their ability are welcome and will play an active role in each production. Our motto is confidence through performance!

Organisation: **Mawdesley Amateur Dramatic Society**  
 Main Contact: **Mrs Margaret Tittle (secretary)**  
**40 Tarnbeck Drive Mawdesley Lancashire L40 2RU**  
 Tel: **01704 822 496**  
 Email: **k.tittle@btinternet.com**  
 Venue: **Mawdesley village Hall**

MADS has been established for over 30 years presenting a varied programme of plays and pantomimes. We welcome all those interested in live theatre, acting and backstage. We meet Wednesdays at 8pm in the. Further details can be obtained from the secretary.



Organisation: **Mini Roundabout Theatre Company**  
 Main Contact: **Janey Koehorst**  
**22 Rowan Lane Skelmersdale Lancashire**  
 Tel: **01695 556750 or mobile: 07904 736113**  
 Email: **kjaney@hotmail.com** 😊

The Mini-Roundabouts were formed in 2002 by Janey Koehorst and Paula Cross. The company has since performed many varied productions to excellent reviews. It has also twice won the Lady Leverhulme Youth Drama Festival in Liverpool. The group meets every Sunday morning and is open to all children aged 8 – 16. We aim to provide the children Of Skelmersdale with a solid foundation in quality drama, whilst having great fun. We never talk down to our kids!!

Organisation: **Within Reach Performing Arts Company**  
 Main Contact: **Janice Mussman**  
**40 Calder Avenue, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L39 4SF**  
 Tel: **01695 570187**  
 Email: **Lmemac04@aol.com**



We offer a range of workshops in dance, drama and physical theatre. These workshops are available to schools, people who have disabilities and the elderly.

Our aims are: To encourage people to enjoy and take part in the Arts, promote personal development and achievement and develop creativity. We hold all the appropriate levels of insurance and have CRB clearance.

Organisation: **West Lancs Performing Arts**  
 Main Contact: **Sharn Alexander**  
**C/o 15 Cedar Grove Crosby L222AE**  
 Tel: **07870675872**  
 Email: **wlpa@blueyonder.co.uk**



WLPA is an independent Stage School involving dance, drama and singing. The School meets every Saturday during term time @ Edge Hill University. Age range is from 4 to 18 years.

Organisation: **Outside In**  
 Main Contact: **Shelly Atton and Karen Mc Lead**  
 Tel: **07930 812551 or 0 7736 684337**  
 email: **shelly\_atton@hotmail.com**



Outside In are an arts company providing theatre workshops to schools and community groups. The company is led by two multidisciplinary theatre practitioners, who are trained and experienced in performance, theatre in education, theatre design and live art.

Organisation: **The Plastersine Group**  
 Main contact: **Mark Ashton**  
**41 Thurston Skelmersdale Lancashire WN8 8QU**  
 Tel: **07761639155**  
 Email: **markjamesashton@hotmail.co.uk**  
 Venue: **Community Centres, Skelmesdale**



Shaping the future of performing arts. Working with young people from the age of seven, providing quality teaching in all disciplines. Working towards producing at least 2 shows per year Wednesdays 5.30 – 7.30pm and Sundays 5.00 – 7.00 other venues to be announced soon.

Organisation: **Rose Theatre**  
**Edge Hill University St Helen's Road Ormskirk Lancashire**  
 Tel: **01695 584480**  
 Email: **rose@edgehill.ac.uk**

In addition to a popular and eclectic professional programme of live theatre, including dance, music, comedy and theatre for families and children, the Rose Theatre also provides for young people participating in performing arts. Increasingly local community groups use the Rose Theatre for their own productions.

Affiliated to the Rose Theatre is, the Short Cuts Film Society membership has a healthy community membership. Films are screened weekly in the Studio Theatre.

If you would like to know more about the Theatre programme, would like a brochure or be included on our mailing list please contact us on the above details.



Organisation: **Open Arts**  
 Main Contact: **Penny Spencer**  
**Woodley Park Centre, Skelmersdale WN8 6UQ**  
 Tel: **01695 50367**  
 Email: **info@openarts.org.uk**



Open Arts is a community-based organisation dedicated to providing high quality, low cost, creative workshops and arts events in Skelmersdale.

Organisation: **Hillside Community Association Art Club**  
 Main Contact: **Mrs CA Miller**  
**26 Egerton, Tanhouse Skelmersdale WN8 6AD**  
 Tel: **01695 558425**  
 Email: **cindymiller@fiscali.co.uk**  
 Venue: **Tanhouse Community Centre**



We meet Friday 4pm till 6pm at mainly for 8–15 year olds but younger children are welcome if accompanied by a responsible adult. Our aim is to teach young people arts and crafts in as many varied ways as possible, eg clay, photography, papier-mache, traditional crafts for example, Dream Catchers

Organisation: **Chapel Gallery Art Club**  
 Main Contact: **Jenni Ashcroft / Joanne Nicholson**  
 Tel: **01695 571328**  
 Email: **chapel.gallery@westlancsdc.gov.uk**  
 Venue: **Chapel Gallery, St Helens Road Ormskirk Lancashire L39 4QR**



Chapel Gallery Art Club is open to young people aged 8–16 years old. Professional artists facilitate the sessions ensuring a fun and educational experience.

There is also an opportunity for young people with a keen interest to peruse it further and develop their skills by undertaking an Arts Award. For young people between the ages of 11 and 25 we run the Arts Award Scheme, which is an accredited course backed by the Arts Council England.

There is also the opportunity to book workshops taking place during the school holidays, these are facilitated by professional artists. For further information please contact the Gallery.

Organisation: **Tunley Art Group**  
 Main Contact: **Mr A J Ashurst**  
**Rivington View Wood Lane, Wrightington WN6 9SQ**  
 Tel: **01257 451580**  
 Email: **Waiting email address**  
 Venue: **Tunley United Reform Church Hall Mossy Lea Road Wrightington**

Tunley Art Group meet every Thursday 1.30 / 4.30pm throughout the year our primary purpose is to enjoy and develop our pastime in the company of like minded people.

Organisation: **Glenburn Arts Club**  
 Main Contact: **Alan Tennant**  
**70 Rivers Street, Orrel Wigan WN5 8NJ**  
 Tel: **01942 211004**  
 Venue: **Glenburn Sports Development Centre Yewdale, Community Rooms Skelmersdale**

Glenburn Arts Club runs Monday evenings 7pm–9pm

Organisation: **Little Digmoor Craft & Skills Swap Club**  
 Main Contact: **Barry**  
 Tel: **01695 72882**  
 Email: **Barry: BAZZAMPS@talktalk.net or Stephen**  
 Tel: **01695 559771**  
 Venue: **Little Digmoor Schoo, The Fold Centre Abbeystead Little Digmoor Skelmersdale**



We meet twice a week on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.30am till 2.00pm

Members work together on various arts and crafts such as card making, Knitting, quilting, toy making, painting etc It also gives an opportunity to swap their skills and experiences.

All ages welcome.





Organisation: **MAP (Meet, Appreciate & Participate) – Artists Network**  
 Main Contact: **Belinda de Nyeurt**  
 Tel: **01257 463 433**  
 Email: **belinda\_de\_nyeurt@yahoo.co.uk**

Meet 7pm on the second Thursday of each month  
 Map is a group of West Lancashire Artists who meet once a month, between them the group covers a wide range of artistic practice.  
 Organised trips are planned to other galleries, helping us stay in touch with the wider art scene. Guest speakers are also an integral part of the activity programme and discussions on art related subjects, with every third month being a social night at one of Ormskirk's hostelrys! All artists are welcome.

Organisation: **Article**  
 Main Contact: **Sharon and Andy Shaw**  
**The Windmill Studios Mill Lane Parbold, Lancashire**  
 Tel: **01257 400048** 😊

Article provides opportunities for all people to work creatively with professional artists. We facilitate art workshops for community events through sculpture, painting, printing etc. Article believes in "Art for All"

Organisation: **The Mill House Gallery**  
**1 Mill Lane, Parbold, Lancashire**  
 Main Contact: **James Bartholomew**  
 Tel: **01257 462333**  
 Website: **www.mill-house-gallery.co.uk**

The gallery is situated in Parbold's Historic 18th century windmill. The exhibition space includes three floors of paintings.



Organisation: **West Lancashire Youth Brass Band**  
 Main Contact: **Georgina Roberts**  
 Venue: **The Bandroom Hutton Road Skelmersdale WN8 8HS**  
 Tel: **01942 223394 or 01695 722556**  
 Email: **georgina.stephen@virgin.net**  
 Venue: **Skelmersdale Prize Band Bandroom** 😊

WLYB meet every Monday evening 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
 Our aims: To perform termly concerts and become involved with the local community, to set up an informal band, to meet new people make friends and to have fun.

Organisation: **Tree Frog Music Workshops (Dead Frog Studios)**  
 Main Contact: **Paul Draper**  
**46 Barrow Nook Lane Bickerstaffe, Lancashire L39 0ET**  
 Tel: **01695 727722 or 07808 398 827**  
 Email: **deadfrogstudio@fiscali.co.uk** 😊

Tree Frog Music Workshops are available for schools, community projects and outreach / bridge programmes. Tree Frog delivers music technology, song writing, percussion, jazz, choral, D.J and recording workshops from a 2 hour session to longer term projects. Tree Frog has access to Dead Frog Studios mobile studio and all tutors are CRB cleared.

Organisation: **Engine Rooms**  
 Main Contact: **James Furnell**  
**14 –16 Westgate Skelmersdale Lancashire**  
 Tel: **01695 731016**  
 Email: **info@engine-rooms.co.uk**

Arts Centre with music rehearsal rooms and recording studio, art studio and coffee shop. Open 7 days a week at Westgate, Old Skelmersdale. Everyone welcome.

**Music Festival**

Organisation: **Bickerstock Organisation**  
 Main Contact: **Paul Draper**  
**46 Barrow Nook Lane Bickerstaffe, Lancashire L39 0ET**  
 Tel: **01695 727722 or 07808 398 827**  
 Web site: **www.bickerstock.org**

Bickerstock is a non-profit making organisation with a committee and volunteers who deliver an annual music festival in Bickerstaffe. Bickerstock encourages new memberships and volunteers in order to unite the rural community of Bickerstaffe and surrounding areas. Bickerstock supports local musicians, charities, traders and other organisations.

Organisation: **Arts Council England – Northwest,  
Manchester House, 22 Bridge Street, Manchester M3 3AB**  
 Phone: **0845 300 6200**  
 Fax: **0161 834 6969**  
 Textphone: **0161 834 9131**  
 Web: **www.artscouncil.org.uk**  
 Web : **www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/index.php** (funding)  
 Web: **www.artscouncil.org.uk/aboutus/artpolicies.php** (arts policies):

Organisation: **Awards for All, 2 St James' Gate, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 4BE**  
 Telephone: **0845 600 20 40**  
 Textphone: **0845 755 66 56**  
 Email: **general.enquiries@awardsforall.org.uk**  
 Web: **www.awardsforall.org.uk**

Organisation: **The Artists Information Company,  
First Floor, 7 - 15 Pink Lane, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 5D**  
 Telephone: **0191 241 8000**  
 Email: **info@a-n.co.uk**  
 Web: **www.a-n.co.uk**

Organisation: **Axis**  
**Round Foundry Media Centre Foundry Street, Leeds, LS11 5QP**  
 Telephone: **0870 443 0701**  
 Email: **nfo@axisweb.org**  
 Web: **www.axisweb.org**

Organisation: **Creative Lancashire. Gemma Coupe**  
**Creative Industries Development Officer for Preston, Wyre and West Lancs**  
 Telephone: **01772 551 888**  
 Email: **gc@creativelancashire.org**  
 Web: **www.creativelancashire.org**

Organisation: **Nesta. Dr Mo O'Toole**  
**England Partnerships Development Manager, NESTA, Centre for Life, Times Square, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 4EP**  
 Telephone: **Switchboard on +44 (0)20 7438 2500**  
 Web: **www.nesta.org.uk**

Organisation: **BBC - Lancashire**  
**www.bbc.co.uk/lancashire/entertainment/local\_artists**  
**www.bbc.co.uk/lancashire/content/articles/2005/12/05/artists\_how\_to\_submit\_feature.shtml**

Organisation: **Chapel Gallery – West Lancashire District Council Arts Services**  
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 Web site: **www.chapelgallery.org.uk**

**Education Service** - the education programme is planned in connection with the exhibitions programme and tailored to meet the national curriculum. We have developed close links with schools within the district and our workshop programme provides a high quality experience.

**Contemporary exhibitions** - include touring exhibitions from the Haywood Gallery in London and Ruthin Craft Centre, they are planned to cater for a wide range of audiences, 8 – 10 take place annually. The exhibitions cover a range of media and include local, regional and national artists. Artist and Gallery talks are also provided, contact the gallery for further details.

Programmes also feature annually, the West Lancashire Open Exhibition, the Youth Open Exhibition and Christmas Fine Art & Contemporary Craft Event. Any artists or makers wishing to submit work to be considered for inclusion in these events should contact the Gallery.



**Contemporary Craft Shop** - the Chapel Gallery offers a wide range of luxury items including handcrafted ceramics, glassware and jewellery, available through the Arts Council England's 'Own Art' scheme. Any artists or makers wishing to submit work to be considered for sale should contact the Gallery.

**West Lancashire Artist Network** - This group meets three times a year to provide a networking opportunity for local artists and makers to disseminate information, receive professional guidance and specific advice in such areas as how to apply for grant funding.