

Local Business Feature

The Old Gallery is situated in Westbury, Sherborne (opposite the Britannia Inn), being part of the premises of the former Sherborne Gallery – hence its current name. Keith Cole, the proprietor, has lived in the nearby Ceme Valley for some 30 years now and is a consultant coastal engineer with a wealth of stunning photographs of coast and country landscapes.

The gallery opened a year ago, at that time displaying some of Keith's framed photographic prints and cards on the ground floor, while Keith and his associates worked on the consultancy business on the first floor. Initially, the gallery opened only on specific days, but due to the gallery attracting interest from Dorset artists, crafters and potters (who also exhibit for sale their locally made items), the gallery is now open most days.

As Keith explains, "I am always pleased to be approached by local people to display their work and find that many of them produce items to a very high standard. To keep the gallery staffing costs down, we open the gallery when we are also in attendance in the upstairs office. Obviously, as consulting engineers, one or more of us may be out of the office working on coastal matters, but the arrangement is proving to work quite well, as we are able to open most days now and, by keeping overheads at a minimum in the gallery, items are able to be displayed for sale at very reasonable prices."

Items currently on display in the gallery include, original oils and watercolours, watercolour and photographic prints, botanical prints and cards, bespoke greeting cards, wood turned bowls and plates, pyrographic artistry items, ceramic pots, vases, bowls etc. All items are by local artists, crafters and potters, and many of the items and exhibitors details, can be viewed on The Old Gallery's own website at www.coastandcountryprojects.co.uk

Keith says "We realise that the gallery is just off the main shopping area and that it will take some time for locals to become aware that we are here but, if you are passing The Old Gallery, please do come in and have a look around. You'll be most welcome and (hopefully) pleasantly surprised!"

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