





# LEGENDARY ESSEX FOLKLORE ART PROJECT



Art Project collecting Essex Folklore ancient & modern through collaborative storytelling & art making with Essex residents of all ages.

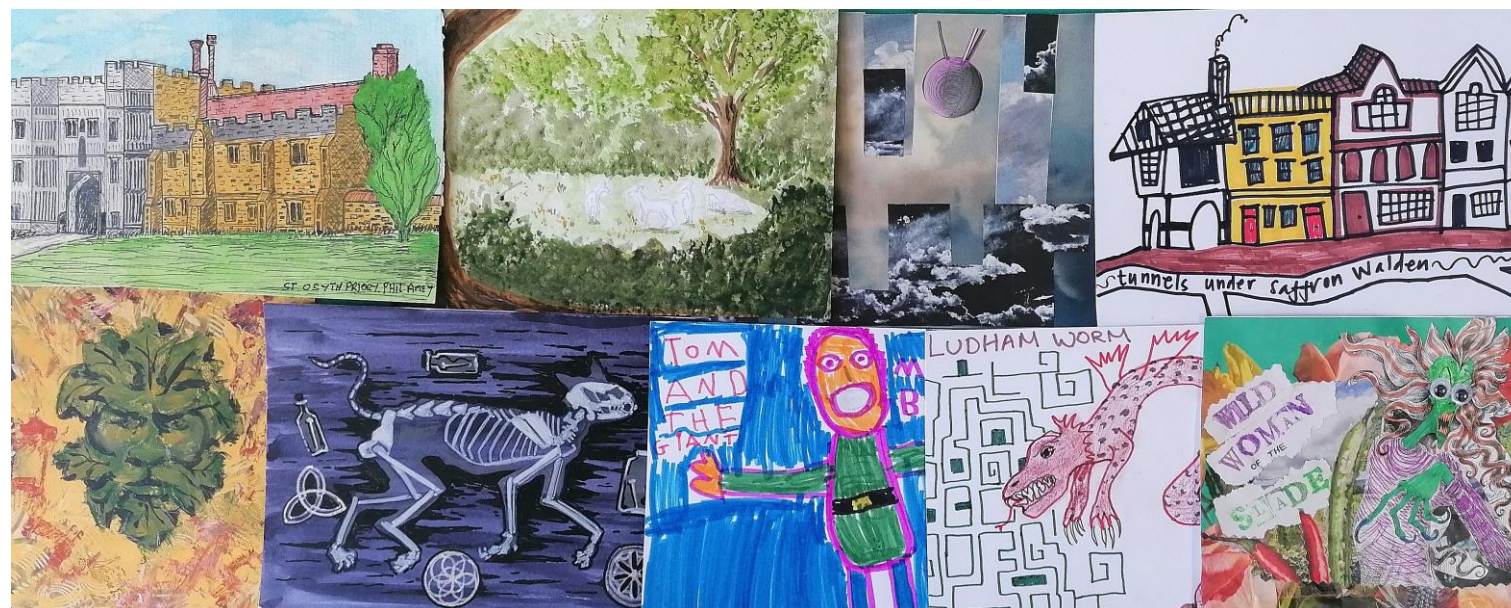
FREE workshops | Create postcard sized artwork | Materials provided.

'LEGENDARY ESSEX' FOLKLORE ART EXHIBITION of all work  
11-20 September - Old Sun Inn, Saffron Walden

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Postal and online submissions are also welcome  
[www.LegendaryEssex.co.uk](http://www.LegendaryEssex.co.uk) @legendaryessex







Folk culture is everywhere in Britain. You just have to look for it



# Folk Revival

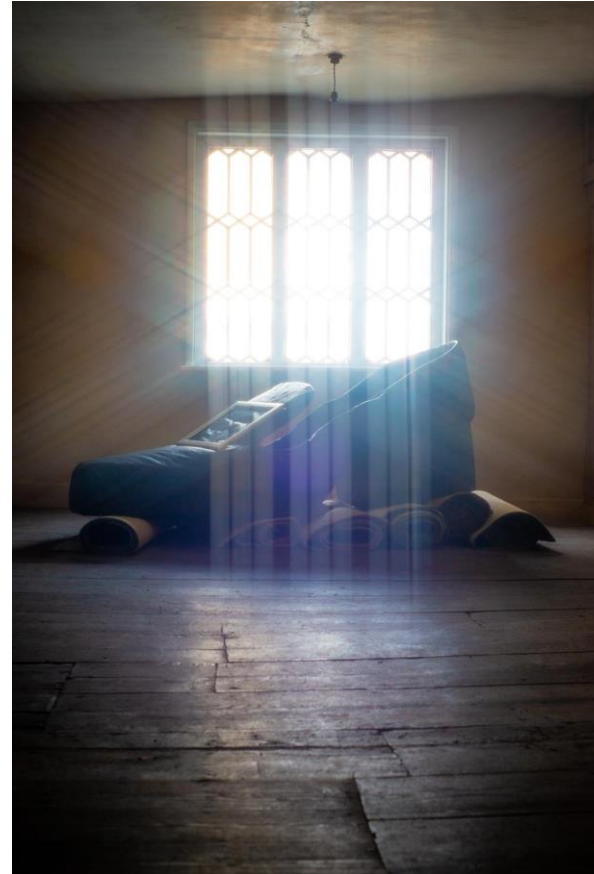


## ***There Be Giants, Old Sun Inn – 2024***

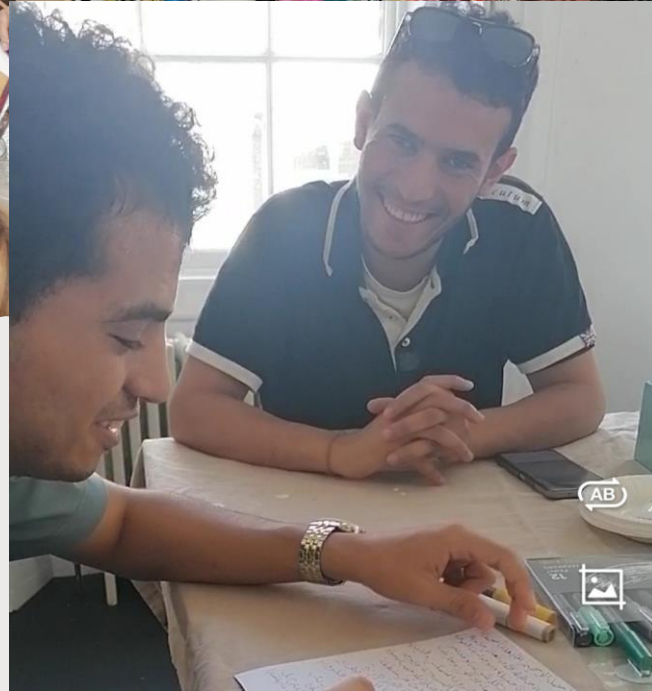
Installations inspired by Folklore & Local Legends

*Maypole Hoop, Green Goddess, Shoe &*

*Time* : a medieval room stacked with weeds collected in local ditches



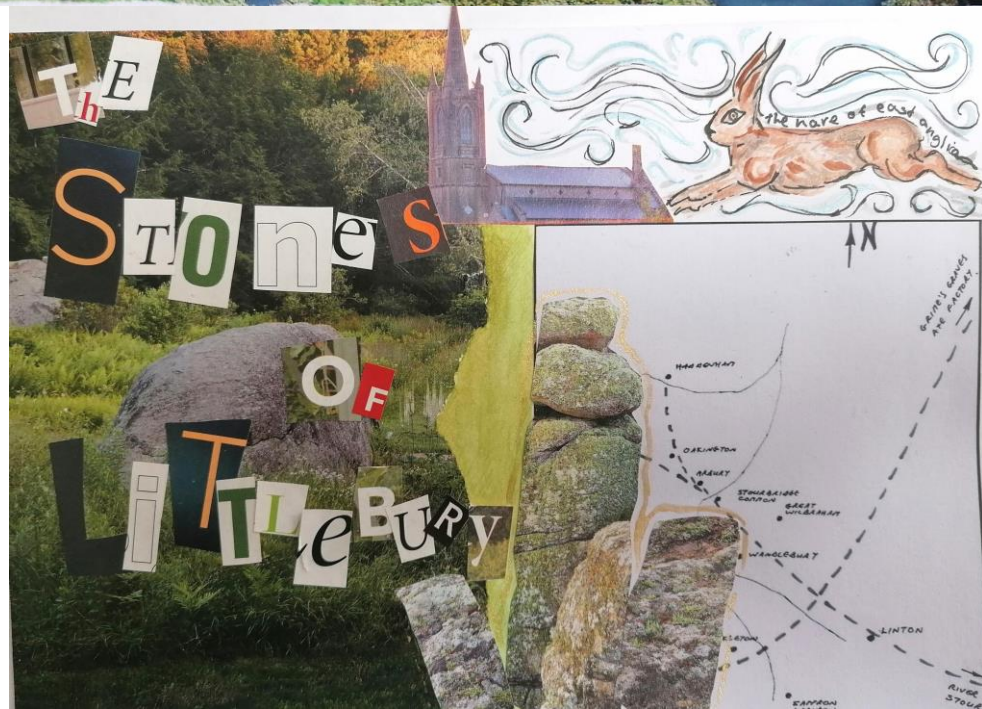
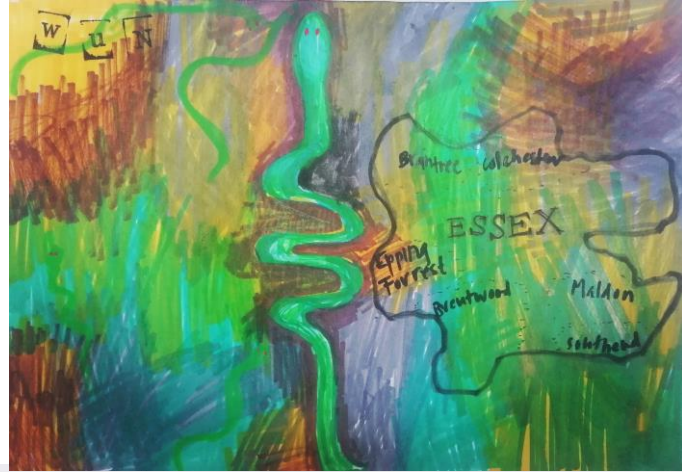




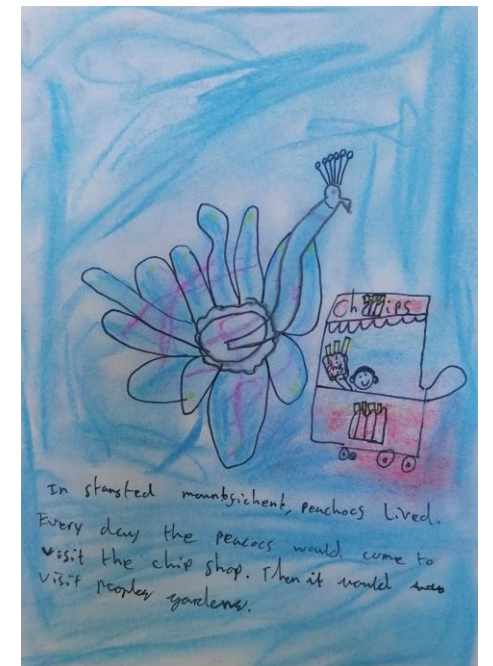
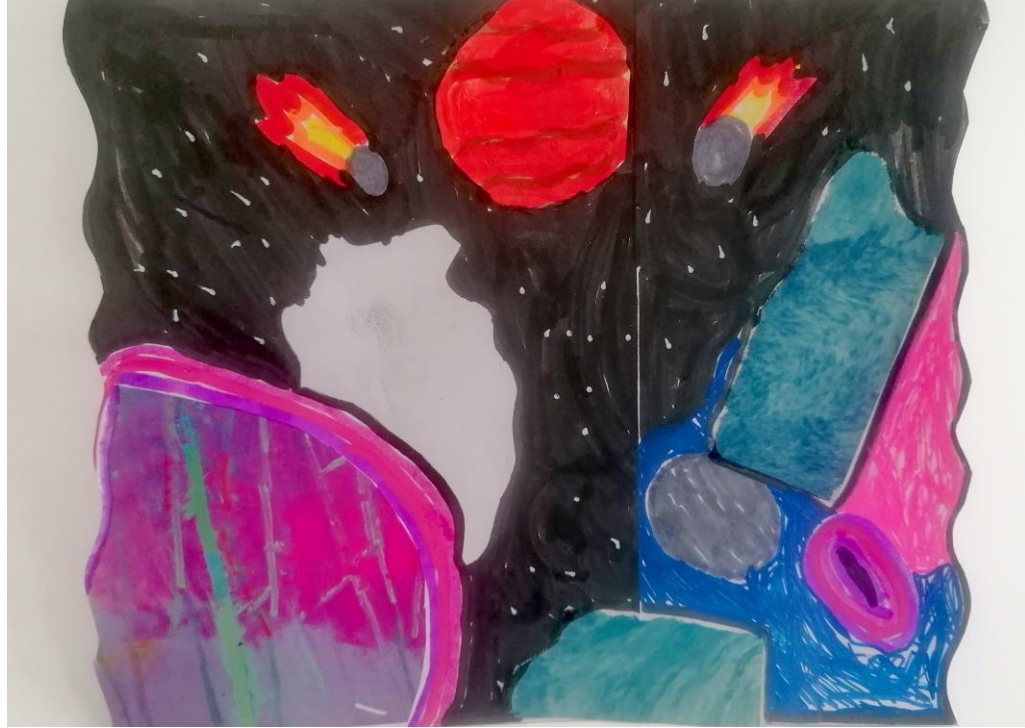
## Some of the **Legendary Essex Workshops Summer 2025**

Jaywick Martello Tower, Saffron Walden, Walton on the Naze, Stansted Mountfitchet Care Home, Anglia Folklore Centre Colchester.













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Folk is full of stories, and ballet loves stories. Ward hopes that, by bringing ballet and folk traditions together, she might remove some of the cultural and personal barriers that may stand in the way of people enjoying performances of ballet and folk music alike.

David Mead, Seeing Dance

# BalletFolk

Dance and Visual Arts  
Collaboration Proposal  
2026

*The Solar Wheel* is a large-scale community and professional dance project staged across Essex in 2026. Conceived by artist **Jessica Pearce** and choreographer **Deborah Ward**, it celebrates the agricultural year and solar calendar through an inclusive four-part folk ballet performed in outdoor spaces in **Harlow (Parndon Mill)** and **Saffron Walden**

- Drawing inspiration from ancient rituals, folkloric dances, and local customs, *The Solar Wheel* connects audiences to land, heritage, and seasonal rhythms while creating new opportunities for participation, art-making, and collective celebration.



**‘Lore of the Land’ Workshops in collaboration with Anna Taylor of ‘Anna’s Flower Farm’ , Audley End, Saffron Walden.**  
Herbal Folklore  
‘Apocolypse Gardening’  
‘Foraging’  
‘Wellness Walks’

Essex Wildlife mask making

