

# An Artist in the Meadow



A collection of workshops and events arranged by Connecting Threads' artist-in-residence Jules Bradbury. Each activity will offer ways to look closely and engage creatively with our immediate environment. In her role as 'artist as pollinator,' Jules will also introduce workshops featuring other makers and artists from along the Tweed.

Booking essential. Please visit Eventbrite: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/connecting-threads-33003954731](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/connecting-threads-33003954731) or contact Connecting Threads: [emily@sup.org.uk](mailto:emily@sup.org.uk), 07502 905 581

## **Experimental Drawing with Charcoal** **Exploring a sustainable art material**

*Thursday 2nd September*  
*6-8.30pm Drumelzier Village Hall*  
**Free**

An evening drawing workshop with visual artist Jules Bradbury, aiming to introduce you to the versatility of charcoal - a completely natural, sustainable and easily accessible drawing material. We will look at the provenance of the material itself, explore a range of mark making techniques and take a look at the work of artists who use charcoal.

Age 18+. Suitable for all abilities, even beginners.  
All materials provided and tea and cake provided.



## **Wandering Words** **A walk to gather natural sounds, smells, textures and tastes & put them into words**

*Saturday 4th September*  
*10.30-1pm Drumelzier Village Hall*  
**Free**

A walk to gather natural sounds, smells, textures and tastes and put them into words. Artist Jules Bradbury will guide a short walk, stopping along the way to map sounds and attune our senses to what is around us. We will have a go at assembling our own poems with the help of some playful exercises and the inspiration of poets such as Jen Hadfield and Ted Hughes.

Age 18+. No writing experience necessary.  
Tea and cake provided.





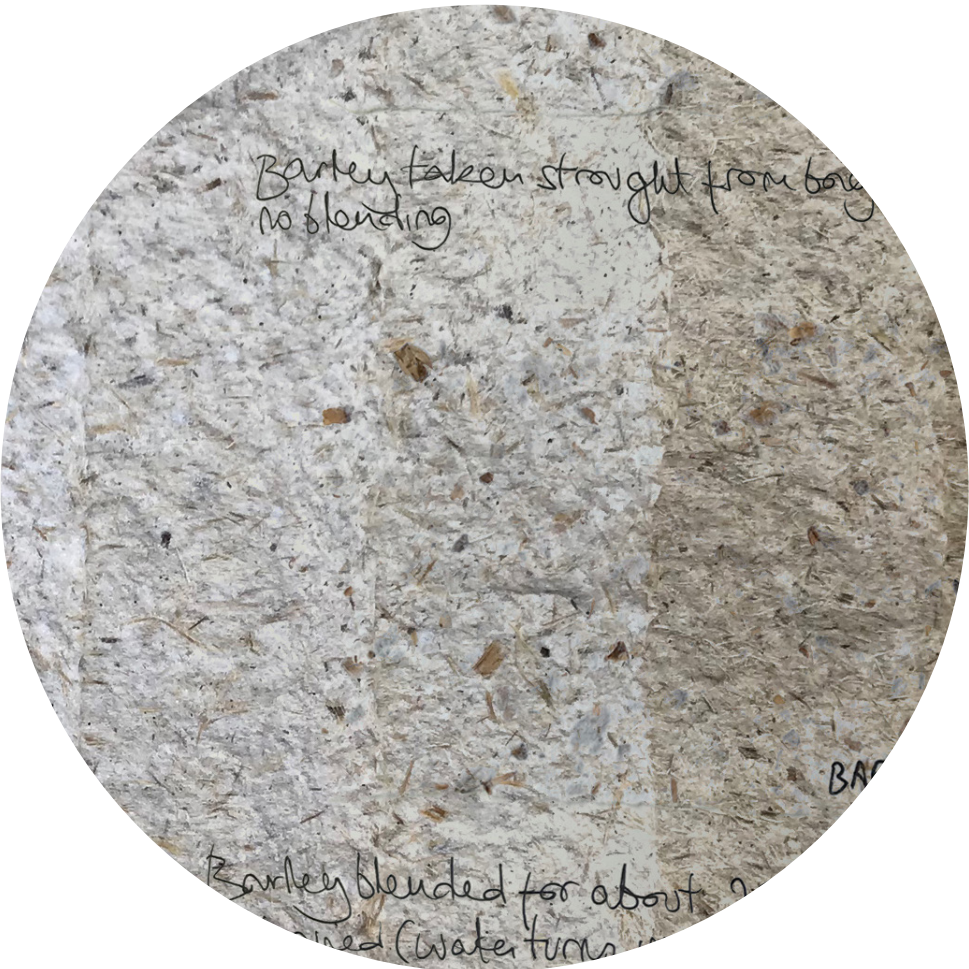
# Gathering Together

## An afternoon to celebrate the cutting of a traditionally-managed hay meadow

Saturday 11th September  
Merlindale Meadow  
Free, no booking required

An outdoor event for all of the community. Collect and take home seeds from the meadow, have a go at scything, take part in a sensory drawing workshop and see the work-in-progress of artist-in-residence Jules Bradbury. Plus, join invertebrate conservation charity Buglife to learn about the value of a meadow as both a home and food source for plants, insects and birds.

All ages welcome. Refreshments will be served. Are you skilled with a scythe? Please get in touch.



## Papermaking with Plant Fibres with Lucy Baxandall

Sunday 29th August  
2-5pm Drumelzier Village Hall  
£30 / £5 per person

Using small-scale, gentle methods, we will learn to make our own paper by hand, using grass fibres from the meadow. With a base of recycled paper, artist and papermaker Lucy Baxandall will demonstrate how to make your own sheets of paper, incorporating your choice of fibres gathered on the day.

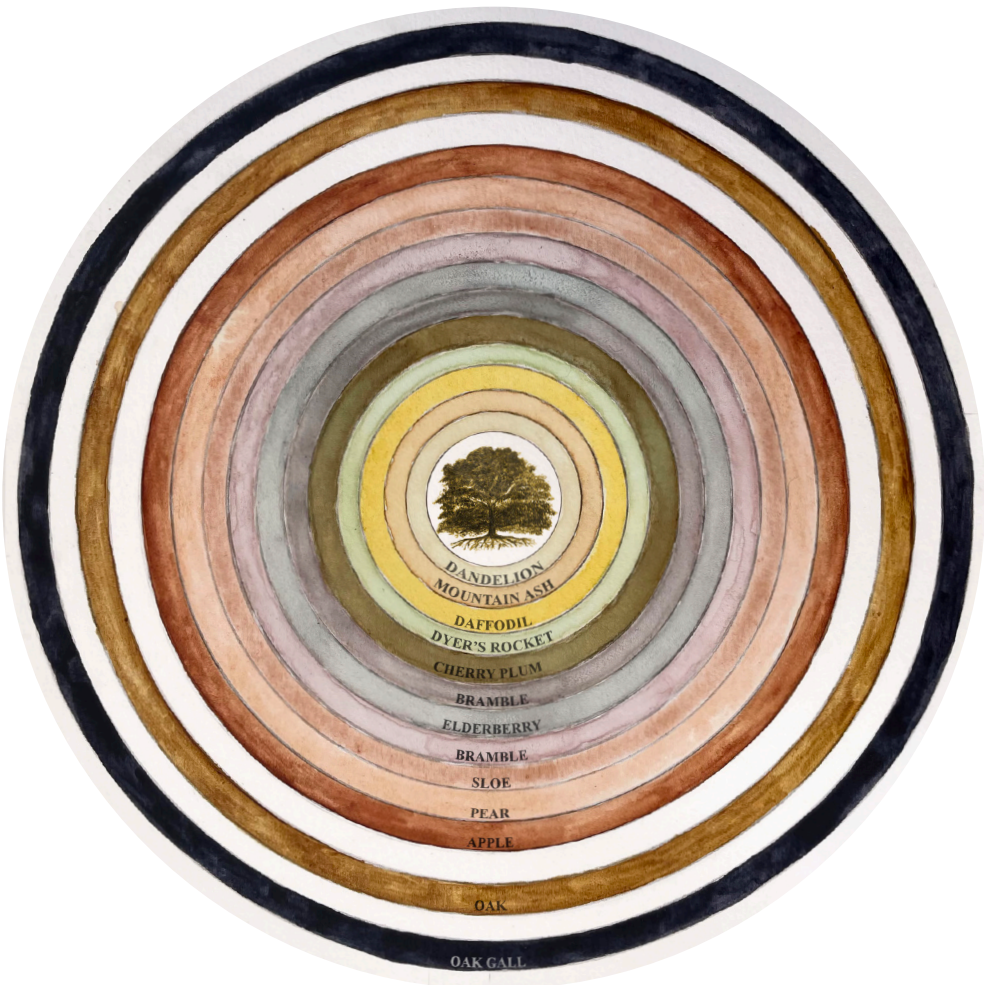
Age 18+. No previous experience necessary. All materials and tea and cake provided.

## Foraging for Colour Making Botanical Inks with Marissa Stoffer

Saturday 18th September  
1-5pm Drumelzier Village Hall  
£30 / £5 per person

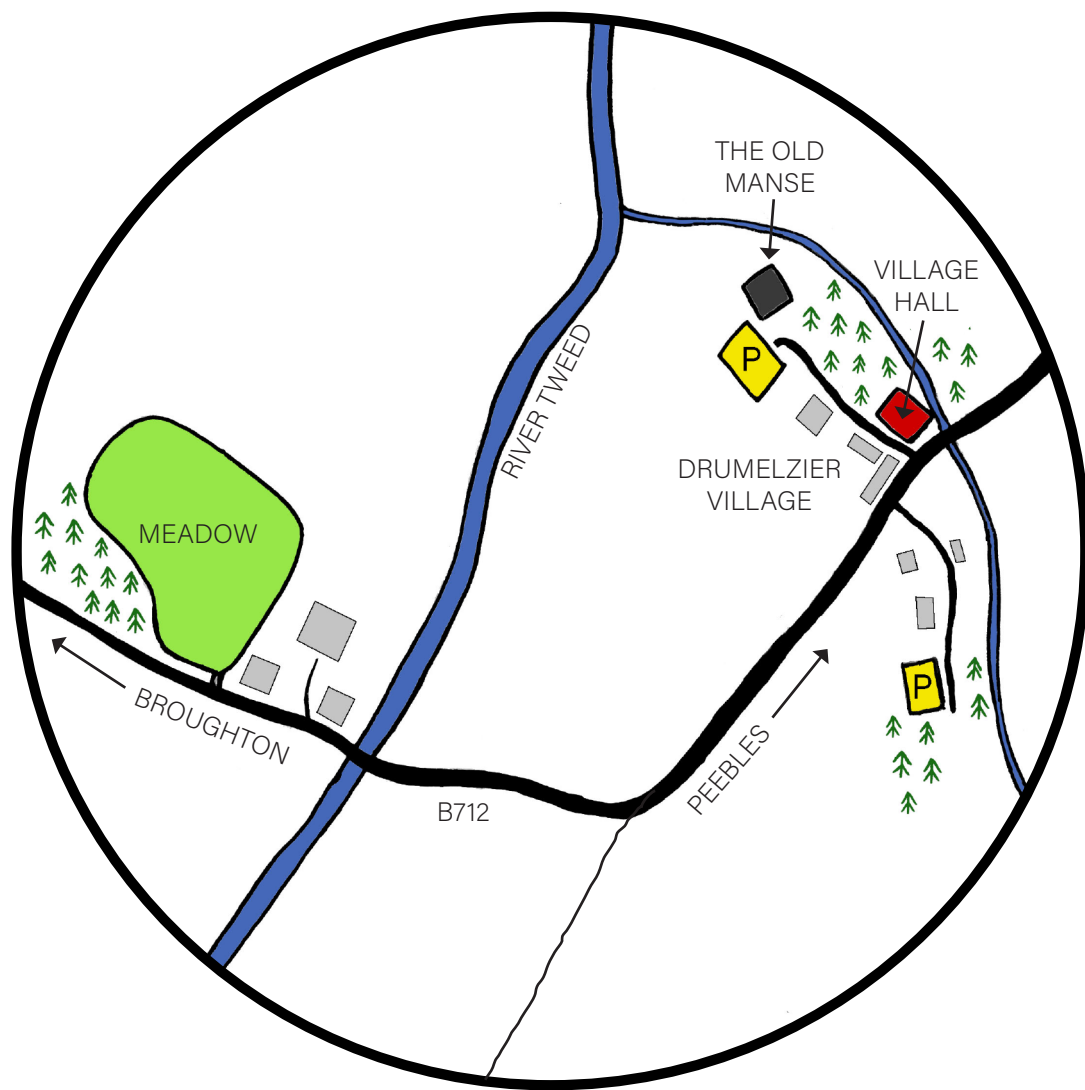
This creative workshop making botanical inks will connect us to our locality and ecology through the sharing of stories and history of often overlooked native plants. Led by botanical artist Marissa Stoffer we will forage for plants, taking time to slow down and observe what's around us. Back in the village hall Marissa will teach us how to extract the colour from the plants to make you own ink to take home.

Age 18+. No previous experience necessary. All materials and plant-based snacks provided.





# Useful Information



## Getting here

Borders Buses number 91 travels between Peebles, Drumelzier and Broughton. A timetable can be found here: [www.bordersbuses.co.uk/services/BORD/91](http://www.bordersbuses.co.uk/services/BORD/91)

If travelling by car from Broughton, take the A701 south and turn left onto the B712. Drumelzier village is 1.5 miles up the road from the turning.

If travelling by car from Peebles, take the A72 west out of the town before turning left onto the B712, signposted to Broughton. You will pass through the villages of Stobo and Dawyck before reaching Drumelzier, 6 miles on from the turning.

## Parking

There is no parking available at the meadow. There is a small public parking area in Drumelzier, accessed by turning left off the main road when approaching from Peebles. Additional parking for the events is kindly being provided behind the Old Manse and will be signposted.

Space is limited and we would encourage anyone travelling to an event to car-share where it is safe to do so. Please do not park on the main road through the village, or on the side roads as this could block access for farm vehicles.

The meadow is a short 10 minute walk from the village along the B712. This is a relatively quiet road, however care should be taken as vehicles can pass at speed.

If dropping visitors off at the meadow, please take care when pulling back out onto the main B712 road.

## Accessibility and Facilities

Workshops taking place in Drumelzier village hall will have access to toilets and drinking water. The hall is accessed via steps and a ramp and is therefore regrettably not suitable for wheelchair users.

There are no toilet or drinking water facilities available at the meadow. There are no surfaced paths in the meadow, however it would be possible to move about the meadow in an all-terrain wheelchair.

