

The Pendle Sculpture Trail at Letcliffe Park Barnoldswick

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The Pendle Sculpture Trail has grown!

In 2012 the Pendle Sculpture Trail was launched in Aitken Wood, Barley to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the trial of the Pendle Witches in 1612.

This trail is available on www.visitpendle.com in the Things to Do section. And to find out more about the Pendle Witches whose true story has inspired sculptures at both locations go to www.visitpendle.com/witches

In 2019 some new artwork was added to this lovely woodland site which proved so popular that Pendle Council sought to grow the trail beyond its original site.

Letcliffe Park in Barnoldswick, which offers breathtaking panoramic views of the Lancashire and Yorkshire countryside, was chosen for the expansion of this popular attraction.

The park is run by Barnoldswick Town Council which is keen to enhance the park. You can easily visit both sites in the same day and we've included a map to show you how.

The artists and their new sculptures are:

Tilly Dagnall and Thompson Dagnall

A father and daughter sculpting duo from Preston.

Tilly has created Frogspell. Influenced by stories of witchcraft in the area, Tilly chose frogs as they are associated with spells.

And Thompson has carved Stolen Sheep. Thompson was inspired by an event in the true story of the Pendle Witches, where 13 year old James Device stole a sheep which was roasted at Malkin Tower during the notorious Good Friday Gathering.

In the 17th century the punishment for stealing a sheep was hanging, not matter what the age or size of the animal. Thompson was influenced by the saying you might as well be hanged for a sheep as for a lamb when he created his sculptor.

The Good Friday gathering was the fateful event where villagers plotted to blow up Lancaster Castle and kill the gaoler to free the women awaiting trial for witchcraft.

Seen as a witches' Sabbath, it led to five more people from Pendle being found guilty of witchcraft including James Device who was hanged alongside his mother and sister and other so called Pendle Witches at Lancaster in 1612.

Stathis Dimitriadis

Greek sculptor Stathis is a classically trained ceramic sculptor now living in Leeds and is a member of the Royal Society of Sculptors.

Dendrite is what's called an articulated sculpture - made in sections. It is both eye-catching and thought-provoking.

Stathis said: "The name comes from the Greek word Dendron meaning tree.

"The Dendrites were hermits at the time of early Christianity.

"With my sculpture I hope to bring together the different types of appeal that nature has to us; sometimes inviting us to open up and engage and sometimes being a refuge for contemplation.

"Dendrite calls for embracing these contradictions," he said.

Sally Barker

Sally is from Hebden Bridge in West Yorkshire has created two artworks both involving the natural environment of the park.

Her first piece, Tree Letters, is situated to the rear of the playground and aims to involve families in finding golden cones that spell out the names of some of the trees which can be found in the park.

There are a number of letters which can be made into tree names. How many can you spot?

Here are some trees with the letters removed can you fill in the gaps? You will find the missing letters on the wall to the rear of the playground.

O _ K, H _ _ _ Y, P _ _ E ,
S _ _ _ _ _ E, A _ H,
E _ M, L _ _ _ H.

The answers to this quiz and those on the trail at Barley can be found here:

www.visitpendle.com/information/sculptures

Her other piece is Cones in the Sky. Sally has created a shimmering vision of nature with over a hundred golden pine cones suspended through the treetops above.

Mary Conroy

Mary is a well-known artist from Limerick, Ireland. She has designed and made a number of ceramic icosahedrons that dangle from the trees in the park.

The name is from the Greek meaning twenty seats or faces. These intriguing shapes have been adorned with symbols connected to area's associations with witchcraft dating back to the Pendle Witches of 1612.

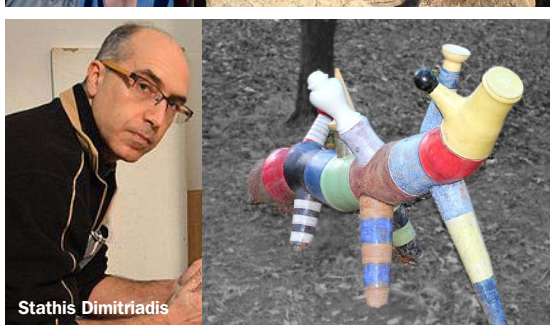
Jack Boutet

Jack is originally from France originally, but now calls North Wales his home.

Jack has used his adopted homeland's most natural material, slate, as well as stone, to make an elegant tower structure which sprouts out of one of the pretty flowerbeds in the park.

More to do

Letcliffe Park is also the starting point for the Stream and Steam Trail which encompasses Barnoldswick town centre and has some amazing heritage sites along its route, including one of the last working steam-driven mills in Lancashire, Bancroft Mill. You can get the trail from www.visitpendle.com



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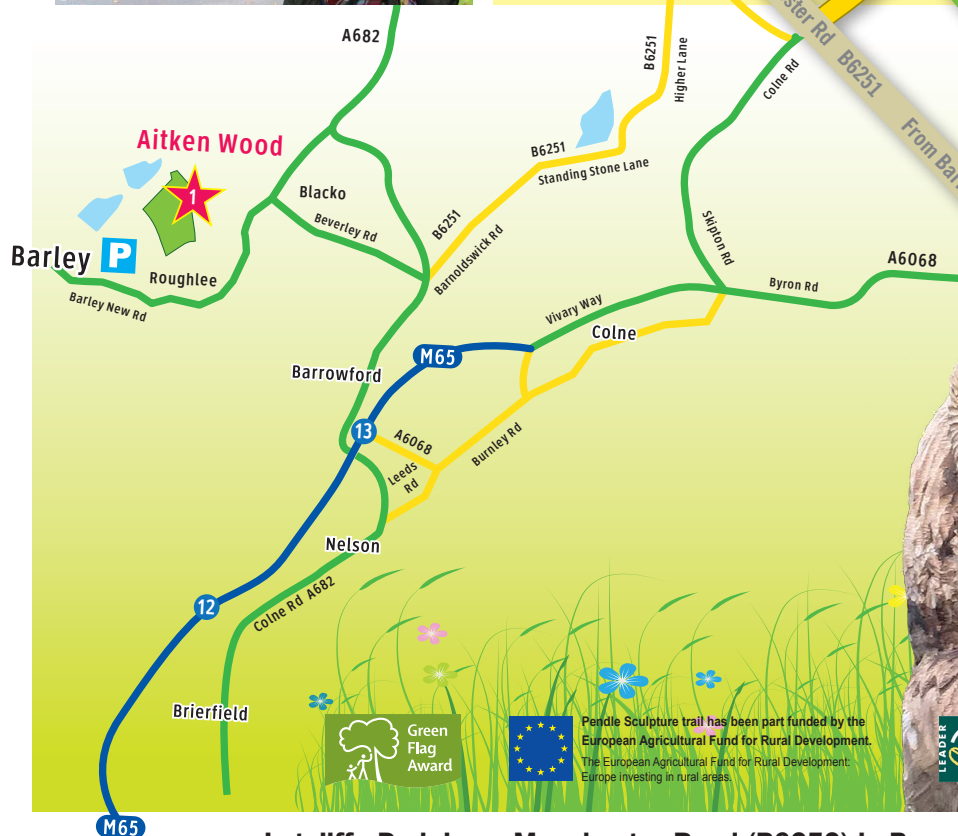


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Sculptures

1. Cones in the sky
by Sally Barker
2. Frogspell
by Tilly Dagnell
3. Dendrite
by Stathis Dimitriadis
4. Tree-Letters
by Sally Barker
5. Stolen Mutton
by Thompson Dagnall
6. Tower of Barlick
by Jack Boutet
7. Alchemies
by Mary Conroy



Thompson Dagnall



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Letcliffe Park is on Manchester Road (B6252) in Barnoldswick BB18 5HE