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**Handmade Oxford | The International Contemporary Craft Festival returns for its 5th Edition. Advanced and VIP tickets available now**



Get ready to mark your calendars, because from Thursday 12 June to Saturday 14 June, Handmade Oxford returns to beautiful Waterperry Gardens. Now in its fifth year, this much-loved craft festival has become a highlight of the Oxfordshire summer, celebrating creativity, inspiration, and the finest handmade treasures from across the UK.

Located in Waterperry Gardens – venue for the BBC series *Make it at Market, seasons 2 and 3* – this annual festival of crafts will showcase ceramics, jewellery, sculpture, fashion, furniture, homewares, art and textiles. The three-day show will also include a full roster of craft demonstrations, learning workshops and live music alongside artisan food from local producers.

“In only four years, Handmade Oxford has grown into a key fixture in both the Oxfordshire, and national, craft calendars. The fifth

annual Handmade Oxford will be bigger than ever, while staying true to its core mission to celebrate the very finest in UK craft and design.”

**Piyush Suri, Founder of Handmade Oxford**

Renowned for its shows and its [online gallery](#), Handmade in Britain has been at the forefront of the craft industry for nearly two decades, championing the best in making talent and bringing it to the most discerning of customers.

## A Celebration of Craftsmanship

Handmade Oxford showcases the incredible talent of over 175 makers, each a master of their craft. From stunning jewellery and contemporary furniture to intricate ceramics, glasswork, and textiles, every piece tells a unique story of passion and craftsmanship. This is a rare opportunity to meet makers, hear their stories, and discover one-of-a-kind treasures you won't find anywhere else.



## Hands-On Experiences

Craft isn't just for admiring—it's for experiencing! Visitors can take part in interactive workshops and live demonstrations led by the artisans themselves. Whether it's weaving, block printing, or the art of French beading, guests can immerse themselves in the craft-making process and develop new skills.

## A Picture-Perfect Day Out

Set in the stunning surroundings of Waterperry Gardens, Handmade Oxford offers more than just a craft fair—it's a destination experience. Stroll through the gardens, soak in the creative atmosphere, and enjoy delicious food and drink as you explore.



*"I spent today at Handmade Oxford and had a glorious time.*

*It is a special start to summer for me!*

**Rosalind, visitor, Handmade Oxford 2024**

## **An organisation with international provenance**

Handmade in Britain is an organisation with international provenance, underpinned by a dedicated team with nearly a century of combined experience supporting the UK's vibrant craft industry. Its Founder, Piyush Suri, is a designer, entrepreneur and a UK craft figurehead. He is not only the originator of Handmade in Britain and its nearly twenty years of hugely successful shows in Chelsea, Oxford, Kew and Edinburgh, he has also built a dedicated [online gallery](#), is a seasoned expert on BBC TV's *Make it at Market* and an instrumental force behind the establishment of the inaugural *Design Mumbai* in 2024.

## **Tickets On Sale Now!**

Advance tickets are available now at [www.handmadeinbritain.co.uk](http://www.handmadeinbritain.co.uk), including an exclusive VIP option with perks such as priority entry, reserved parking, and a complimentary drink. Prices start at £27 for a VIP ticket or £20 for standard entry. Entry also includes entrance to Waterperry Gardens\*. (\*Event tickets can be purchased without garden entry.)

Join Handmade Oxford 2025 this June for a celebration of creativity, craftsmanship, and community. Don't miss out on this unforgettable event!

## **Event Partners:**

Waterperry Gardens, Ashmolean Museum, London Potters, Oxfordshire Craft Guild, The New Ashgate Gallery, The Society of Designer Craftsmen

## **Festival Awards 2025**

- Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, Award – One exhibitor's work will be sold in the museum shop.
- Two New Awards in partnership with The Society of Designer Craftsmen.

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## **Key Notes for the Editors**

- **Key Dates and Information**
- Venue: Waterperry Gardens, Waterperry, Oxford, OX33 1LA
- FESTIVAL HOURS Thurs 12 - Sat 14 June 2025 VIP 9:30am - 5.00pm / General 10am - 5pm
- ADVANCE TICKETS (for preferential rates) Festival only Standard Adult £11 / VIP £18 Garden & Festival Standard Adult £20 / VIP £27 . Entrance tickets can be purchased at the show at a higher rate
- Concession tickets for students (18+) with ID and seniors (60+)
- Free entry for children under 14 and carers
- Assistance animals and well-behaved dogs welcome
- Most areas wheelchair accessible (no wheelchair hire)
- Free car parking
- Follow the buzz on social media: [@handmadebritain](#) #handmadeoxford
- Handmade in Britain has an online marketplace featuring over 200 UK-based contemporary makers [handmadeinbritain.co.uk](http://handmadeinbritain.co.uk)

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## ABOUT HANDMADE IN BRITAIN

Since 2007, **Handmade in Britain** has been dedicated to promoting the finest design and craft practitioners in the UK through **fairs, events, and pop-ups**. In 2019, this commitment expanded with the launch of a **dedicated online marketplace**, providing a platform for makers to connect with a wider audience.

With **over 30 shows held across 18 years**, Handmade in Britain has established a strong reputation in the contemporary craft sector. Events in **London, Oxford, and Edinburgh**, in collaboration with prestigious venues such as **RBG Kew Gardens, Waterperry Gardens, and the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh**, have further cemented its standing.

Sustainability remains at the core of Handmade in Britain's ethos. The organisation takes pride in supporting artists who prioritize **eco-friendly materials and ethical production**. Every piece showcased reflects the passion, skill, and dedication of its maker—designed to be cherished for years to come, standing in contrast to today's throwaway culture.