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Handmade Oxford returns to Waterperry Gardens for sixth edition

The leading UK craft festival presents over 175 contemporary makers from 12–14 June 2026



Following the continued success of its previous editions, Handmade Oxford returns to the spectacular Waterperry Gardens from Thursday 12 June to Saturday 14 June for its sixth edition. Established as one of the most respected craft fairs in the UK, Handmade Oxford continues to champion exceptional contemporary craft and design, bringing together leading designer-makers and discerning collectors in an inspiring garden setting.



The Register of Professional Turners

Presented by Handmade in Britain, the three-day event takes place at Waterperry Gardens, the Oxfordshire venue featured in the BBC series *Make it to Market* (seasons two and three). The show will present a highly curated selection of over 175 established and emerging makers working across ceramics, jewellery, furniture, sculpture, fashion, textiles, glass, art and homewares.

Handmade Oxford offers visitors an immersive experience that extends beyond the exhibition stands. The 2026 programme includes live craft demonstrations, hands-on workshops led by makers, and live music, alongside a carefully selected line-up of artisan food and drink producers from the region.



Pulp Paper Heaven Notebooks

June Dobson Ceramics

“This sixth edition of Handmade Oxford will be our most ambitious to date, bringing together an outstanding selection of handpicked designer-makers and celebrating excellence in contemporary craft and design,” said Piyush Suri, Founder of Handmade in Britain.

Renowned for its live events and online marketplace, Handmade in Britain has spent nearly two decades supporting and promoting making talent across the UK, connecting craftspeople with collectors, retailers and design-led audiences.

In this vein, the show will once again partner with the world-renowned Ashmolean Museum, Oxford who will present a prize to an exhibitor offering the opportunity to sell in the museum shop, and we will also continue our relationship with UK's oldest Craft organisation, The Society of Designer Craftsmen, and The House Directory, who will both award prizes at the show.

Set within the historic and picturesque Waterperry Gardens, Handmade Oxford offers a destination experience combining high-quality craft with culture, food and beautiful gardens. Visitors are encouraged to explore the gardens while engaging directly with makers and discovering unique, limited-edition work not found on the high street.



Andrea Pena – TelaCuento



Amy Mead Jewellery



Wee Bothy Art

Early Bird tickets for Handmade Oxford are now on sale until 15 April via handmadeinbritain.co.uk. VIP tickets offer priority entry, reserved parking and a complimentary drink on arrival. Garden & Festival tickets include access to Waterperry Gardens, or select Festival-Only options to purchase event-only tickets.

Further announcements on exhibitors, workshops and live programming will be released in the coming months.

Event partners

Waterperry Gardens
Ashmolean Museum, Oxford

Tickets

Early Bird ticket prices start from £10 for standard 'Festival-Only' entry, rising to £27 for VIP + 'Garden & Festival' tickets.

Tickets available at: <https://www.handmadeinbritain.co.uk/product/handmade-oxford-2026/>

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Key Notes for the Editors

- **Key Dates and Information**

- Venue: Waterperry Gardens, Waterperry, Oxford, OX33 1LA
- FESTIVAL HOURS Fri 12 - Sun 14 June 2026
 - VIP 9:30am - 5.00pm
 - General 10am - 5pm
- ADVANCE TICKETS (Online preferential rates, after 15th April):
 - 'Festival-Only' / Standard Adult: £12 - VIP: £20
 - 'Garden & Festival' / Standard Adult: £20 - VIP: £28
- Entrance tickets can be purchased at the show at a higher rate.
- Concession tickets for students (18+) with ID and seniors (65+)
- Complimentary carer/companion ticket provided at reception on arrival.
- Free entry for children under 16 when accompanied by an adult
- Assistance animals and well-behaved dogs on leads 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 directory and marketplace featuring UK-based contemporary makers 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 32 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.