

# En Plein Air – Wokingham 2026

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To be held on Sunday 14th June, 2026 in and around Wokingham town centre and the nearby California Country Park.

In its inaugural year, En Plein Air - Wokingham is an open-air painting event and competition open to both amateur and professional artists and artists' groups.

In collaboration with Wokingham Town Council, permission has been granted to allow the competition to be staged throughout all picturesque locations of the town. This is a unique experience not to be missed and an opportunity to soak up the magnificent architecture and culture of a historic market town whilst painting.

Up to 122 Artists are invited to create their own masterpiece over a six-and-a-half-hour period in 49 locations, carefully selected to offer picture postcard views within and around the town, including Market Place, Rose Street, Peach Street, Denmark Street, Broad Street, The Terrace, St Paul's Church, All Saints Church and California Country Park and other scenic locations. There are a limited number of artists allowed in each location.

The day culminates with a pop-up style two hour outdoor public Art Exhibition where all Artist's completed artwork are displayed on their own easels in historic Market Place, overshadowed by the beautiful Town Hall. During this time, the artwork will be scrutinised by both the judges for the main prizes, and the public for the People's Choice award. The public may also purchase artwork for collection following judging. The day then culminates with an Award Ceremony for all prizes.

The registration fee is £60.00 inc. VAT.

## **What to Expect**

This special experience offers Artists a wonderful painting opportunity in one of the region's most picturesque, historic and cultural towns. You will be setting up your easel and spending the day in your chosen location. You should expect a professionally organised event, culminating in an outdoor pop-up exhibition where you can sell your artwork, and a competition with cash prizes. You should plan for a busy day of painting with plenty of visitor interaction (depending on your selected location), the opportunity to discuss potential commissions and promote your artwork with the public, also an opportunity to network with fellow artists. It may be a little tiring, but it will be a thoroughly enjoyable and unforgettable experience not to be missed.

## **How to Enrol**

Please read the terms and conditions below, the Participation Pack, review the available locations with photographs of the associated views and purchase a ticket for the location of your choice in the Event Page <https://www.enpleinairadventures.com/wokingham>. Artists not familiar with Wokingham are encouraged to visit their preferred location beforehand if possible. Artists places are very limited in certain locations, so book early to avoid disappointment. Bring either a print out or your digital ticket with you on the day during registration in the R Young Art Gallery. Enrolment closes Friday 14th June at 6pm.

## **Judging and Prizes**

First prize: £1,000

Second prize: £500

Third Prize: £250

People's Choice: £250

## **What's Included**

- The opportunity to be part of a fantastic day of painting in a historic market town
- A public exhibition and opportunity to sell your work, for which all sales will be managed by the Organiser with their credit card machine
- A Certificate of Participation and Award Certificates for the winners
- A lanyard, name label for attaching to the easel and bottle of drinking water
- Substantial cash prizes
- Discounted food/drink vouchers to local participating cafés and restaurants
- Substantial marketing throughout the day on social media, radio and TV

## **Event Details – Terms & Conditions**

- Artists are requested to be courteous to the Organiser, Wardens, fellow Artists and the public
- Each Artist may bring one helper over the age of 16, if required, for support and to assist with carrying equipment and materials, etc
- Lanyards are provided to identify Artists to the Organiser and it's Wardens as being an authorised participant and having a valid ticket for a particular location
- Each Artist may paint or draw within pre-selected locations during the event on Sunday 14th June 2026 only
- The maximum size of each artwork is 100cm x 100cm and Artists should be mindful that it may be a windy day and the artwork and easel arrangement must be stable for safety reasons

- All artwork must be completed en plein air during this event
- All media (canvases, board and paper, etc.) must be stamped during registration by the Organiser prior to any work being undertaken and the Organiser will allow a pre-wash or totally plain covering such as metal leaf to cover the blank media as a base
- More than one media can be stamped, but only one can be entered into the competition
- All mediums are permitted, to include oil, acrylic, gouache, watercolour, pastel, charcoal, chalk, collage, mixed media, etc., though the Organiser recommends Artists to use only a medium that will be dry to the touch in time for the exhibition
- Artists are reminded that although June is generally the driest month of the year, UK weather is unpredictable at best and they should monitor the weather in the run up to the event and be prepared for rain, windy or hot sun as necessary
- Gazebos, tents and other large structures are not permitted as many spaces are quite restricted due to the need to facilitate pedestrian traffic at all times
- Artists are responsible for bringing appropriate shade/wet weather cover plus sufficient refreshments for the day. Sun screen is also recommended even if cloudy or overcast
- Artists must supply all their own materials, easel, chair, etc and a lightweight folding garden trolley is recommended to transport everything to and from their selected location
- Organiser's staff and Wardens will be present throughout the day, to direct Artists to their assigned location and answer any questions
- Artists must be present within the Gallery between 8am and 9am on Sunday 14th June 2026 to register.

### **Cancellation Policy**

Artists wishing to change their selected location to an alternative available location after purchasing a ticket, or wishing to transfer their ticket to another Artist, may do so without charge and must inform the Organiser in writing to do this.

Artists wishing to cancel must do so in writing:

- If such notice is received at least 14 full days before the date of the event, they will be refunded 80% of the ticket price
- If such notice is received between 7 and 13 days before the date of the event, they will be refunded 50% of the ticket price
- If such notice is received less than 7 days before the date of event, no refund will be possible.

All questions should be addressed to [info@enpleinairadventures.com](mailto:info@enpleinairadventures.com)