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Amount of donation awarded and date of meeting:	£1,260
Please outline how the money was spent: (please use a continuation sheet if needed)	Cultural and project management fees: £800 Access costs for d/deaf disabled visitors: BSL & 'Easy Read' documents £460

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Evaluation:

The 2021 Prison Residency programme was well-received and was featured on BBC Spotlight News Somerset, BBC Spotlight News Devon, BBC online, BBC Radio Somerset and ITV West News. Below is a link to all press and media features

<https://prisonresidencies.wixsite.com/shepton/about-3-14>

Visitors

The project welcome approx. 700 visitors over 16 days.

Below are just a few of the wonderful comments we received over the course of the Prison Residencies:

"I've appreciated the ways in which the artists are engaging with the space and inviting visitors to do so also"

"Fascinating place to learn the history of the building. Thank you to the artists for welcoming us to share their work"

"Fascinating and unnerving – will be back. Thank you"

"Very Interesting and thought-provoking"

"Wonderful to see a residency in such an interesting space and to see so much work from female artists all together".

"Wonderfully thought provoking and inspiring"

"Amazing Collaboration of artists – very powerful."

"Educational, interesting insight into the history of the prison and had a fascinating meeting with one of the artists in residence, who'd produced some good, thought-provoking work."

"Inspirational, thrilling!!"

"Fabulous venue for such inspiring work. Loved everything particularly Carrie Mason and Victoria Bone -Thank you for sharing your practice with me – LOVED IT!"

"Fascinating collection, really insightful"

“Thoughtful, insightful, political”

“Thoughtful, respectful, inspiring and dynamic – Well done all.”

Project Legacy

The project attracted interest from artists and audiences national and internationally. We have received requests from artists in Europe and the US to take part in future projects in Shepton Prison. We have also adapted the Prison Residency into a 4 week online programme that will run in April 2022. This remote residency enables artists with disabilities to access the history of Shepton Prison and its place within the wider context of Shepton Mallet’s history.

More info about the project and the work created can be found on the project website:

<https://prisonresidencies.wixsite.com/shepton>

And a full evaluation report via this link:

<https://www.sheptonmalletprison.com/uncategorised/prison-residencies-2021-evaluation-report/>