

# Brierley Hill Pony Trail

## 24th July to September 2010

Brierley Hill will be visited by 30+ pit ponies over this summer!

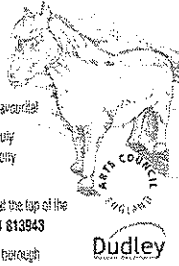
Each pony will be dynamically different from one another, designed and decorated by local schools and artists, on show for all to see. You will be able to buy a map which shows the trail, the ponies and each school, artist and sponsor. Follow the trail to find your favourite!

The pony trail will launch at Dudley Performing Arts' Summer Festival on 2nd, 3rd and 4th July at Himley Hall and Park. This will be the only chance to see all the ponies together in their pony paddock before the trail goes live in Brierley Hill.

Find out more about this project by visiting [www.brierleyhill.org](http://www.brierleyhill.org) and click on the 'Pony' tab at the top of the page. If you would like to be involved in the project, contact Claire Starmer-Jones on 01384 813943

All proceeds from this project will go towards future arts regeneration projects for the Dudley borough

This project has been brought to you by the Brierley Hill Arts Development Group, Dudley Performing Arts and funded by Arts Council England.



# Brierley Hill Pony Trail 2010

Inspired by 'King Bladud's Pigs' sculpture trail in Bath 2008, the Brierley Hill Arts and Culture Development Group and Dudley Performing Arts are launching a similar trail in and around Brierley Hill from 24<sup>th</sup> July to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

This will be a huge event for Brierley Hill and will encourage visitors to take a fresh look at the area, encompassing usual and unusual venues and locations – inspiring exploration! The project is a public art event to provide residents and visitors with artistic enjoyment whilst looking at the area in a new and innovative way. 30 ponies will be placed along a walking trail around Brierley Hill, starting at St Michael's Church, Moor Street car park.

The pony sculptures are all taken from the same model which was created by sculptor Pamina Stewart. This is what Pamina has to say about the project:

*"As soon as I heard about the project at Brierley Hill I was determined to get the sculpture commission. I had seen the pigs in Bath the previous year and thought it was a great project that really brought the town alive. Making the pony was an exciting experience for me. I have been working in fibre glass for several years but had not had the opportunity to work on a life size animal in this material before. I first constructed the pony in willow. I like this material as its flexibility allows me to build natural shapes and also I was able to quickly change any features of the animal that I thought could be improved. The model was then covered in fibre glass and built up with car body filler so that it would be easy to take a cast from. The pony is the perfect choice for Brierley Hill, because of the history of mining. It is an animal that most people are fond of, and children will enjoy sitting and playing with the sculptures when they are in situ. It will be very interesting for me to see how other artists working with schools decorate the ponies and I really look forward to seeing them once they are placed in Brierley Hill."*

29 of the ponies have been designed and decorated by Dudley schools and colleges. Those involved are:

**Summerhill Secondary School, Brierley Hill Primary School, The Mere PRU, Woodside Community School, Woodsetton Special School, Wordsley Secondary School, Jessons Primary School, Blowers Green Primary School, Netherton C of E Primary School, Cotwall End Primary School, Milking Bank Primary School, Foxyards Primary School, Crestwood Primary School, Northfield Road Primary School, Hillcrest Secondary School, Bishop Milner Secondary School, Kingswinford Secondary School, Thorns Community College, Peter's Hill Primary School, High Arcal Secondary School, Withymore Primary School, Dudley Wood Primary School, Netherbrook Primary School, Pensnett High School, Old Swinford Hospital School, Stourbridge College, Glasshouse College, The Brook Primary School and Redhill High School.**

The schools have been working with artists to facilitate the design and decoration of each pony. The artists working on the sculptures have either been sourced through Dudley Performing Arts or through the venues themselves. Each pony will be dynamically different from the next – all sorts of themes and materials are being used to bring the sculptures to life. A map of the finished ponies in their locations will be produced which will pinpoint each pony and include sponsor, artist and school details.

The remaining pony, sponsored by Christine Perks, will be travelling around the borough to highlight the project. He may be placed in tourist information points, libraries, leisure centres and children's centres – watch out at a venue near you. He will eventually join the trail as our 'tag' pony for budding artists walking the trail. The pony trail will launch at 'Dudley Performing Arts' summer festival on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July at Himley Hall & Park. There will be a VIP launch at 12noon on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, but the ponies will be on site at the festival in their 'pony paddock' for everyone to visit. This will be the only time that all 30 ponies will be together so will offer a grand opportunity to see and compare all the different designs and materials used. DMBC's environmental team will be working hard to place all 30 ponies on the trail starting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July through to the opening date on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July. They will be inspecting the sculptures on a regular basis and will be reporting any damage or vandalism to the project manager. If you would like to get involved in the trail as a 'pony keeper' to keep an eye out for one of the ponies on the route you can do so by contacting Claire Starmer-Jones on 01384 813943 or email [claire.starmer@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:claire.starmer@dudley.gov.uk)

At the end of the trail, any ponies that have not been sold will be auctioned off from 6pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October in The Caslon Suite at The Copthorne Hotel, Merry Hill. Will Farmer (Antiques Roadshow) will be overseeing the auction on the night. Thanks go to The Copthorne Hotel and Will Farmer for giving their time towards this arts regeneration project. To find out more about the project visit [www.brierleyhill.org](http://www.brierleyhill.org)

All funds raised through this project will go towards future arts regeneration projects through Dudley Performing Arts. Claire Starmer-Jones, Development Officer, Dudley Performing Arts

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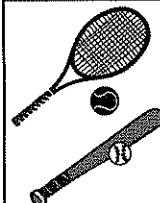


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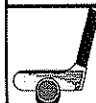
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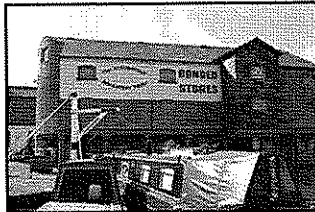
\* A NOMINAL £10 CHARGE (PER WEEK) WILL BE MADE FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY



For more information contact: The Sports Development Office at Redhill School  
on 01384 817465 (after 5.00pm) or email: [mtaylor@redhill.dudley.gov.uk](mailto:mtaylor@redhill.dudley.gov.uk)



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