

Through the Autumnal months, Norton Priory's Georgian Walled Garden is hosting Calligraphy Artist Brian Whitmore of Cross Street Arts, Standish, Wigan.

Brian, a calligrapher of some 40 years, will be creating an array of artworks to discover and happen upon around the garden, enhancing your sojourn within this rare, enchanted setting.

Fragments of quotations, thoughts, poems, philosophy will be left in a mindful trail... to reflect and ruminate upon, to take solace from.

Adding sparks of wellbeing to you and to this silent, tranquil, magical garden

There is no order to the trail, the pieces being placed to best reflect their beauty and their message...

You will happen upon the works randomly, adding a further layer of mystery to this exquisite experience.

Ensos are Japanese Zen circles of enlightenment. The circle symbolizes many things: strength, the circle of life, connection, letting go of expectations and the beauty in imperfection.

The enso contains the perfect and the imperfect, that is why it is always incomplete...

ENSO 1

1m square, quotation by Kazuaki Tanahashi:

"The circle is a reminder that each moment is not just the present..."

ENSO 2

80cm x 1.22m Buddha quotation:

"Each morning we are born again..."

ENSO 3

80cm x 80cm Lao Tzu quotation:

"Silence is a source of great strength"

ALL SEEING EYE PYRAMID

"Everything that is made beautiful and fair and lovely..."

Rumi

WOODEN BOWL ON TABLE PLINTH

"This bowl, life, that we fill and fill..."

Carol Ann Duffy

WOODEN SLAT HANGINGS

"The mind can go in a thousand directions but on this beautiful path I walk in peace..."

Thich Nhat Hanh

"Blossoms are scattered by the wind and the wind cares nothing..."

Yoshida Kenko

"Nothing can surpass the mystery of stillness"

e. e. cummings

"In nature nothing exists alone"

Rachel Carson

"Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"What are days for? Days are where we live..."

Philip Larkin

JAPANESE SOTOBA STICKS

"I invite you to love, to love the rain"

Louise Fazackerley

"rain drops like acorns of energy..."

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"A single thread of hope is still a powerful thing"

Beth K. Vogt

"When I let go of what I am..."

Lao Tzu

"Love is the whole thing we are only pieces"

Rumi

"Seek out a tree..."

Eckhart Tolle

"Deep in their roots all flowers keep the light"

Theodore Roethke

"Time spent amongst trees is never wasted"

Katrina Mayer

"If you truly love nature..."

Vincent Van Gogh

JAPANESE SOTOBA STICKS (CONT.)

"Nature is the purest portal..."

Angie Weiland Crosby

"Listen to the silences not the sounds"

Buddhist Mantra

"Today I will breathe deeper, exhale slower..."

Calming Mantra

"The earth has music for those who listen"

Reginald Holmes

POLE HANGING

"There is another alphabet whispering..."

Dejan Stojanovic

ROUND STEPPING STONES

"God Almighty first planted a garden..."

Francis Bacon

"Forget not that the earth delights to feel..."

Kahlil Gibran

STONE SLABS WITH PEBBLES

"How lovely the silence of growing things"

Anon.

"Love is the bridge between you and everything"

Rumi

MIRROR AND TABLE

"What you seek is seeking you"

Rumi

BLOCKS

"Just believe"

"The earth laughs in flowers"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Fear is the thief of dreams"

Brian Krans

"We must bring our own light to the darkness"

"Shine your light"

"What matters most is how well you..."

Charles Bukowski

"Love, light, peace"

HANGING WOODEN ROUNDELS

"Hope is an embrace of the unknown"

Rebecca Solnit

"Hope costs nothing"

Colette

"Hope is a waking dream"

Aristotle

"If not now then when"

Hillel

"What keeps us alive is hope and love"

Unknown

"Colours are the smiles of nature"

Leigh Hunt

"The poetry of the earth is never dead"

John Keats

"The sun will rise and we will try again"

Paulo Coelho

70 HOPE SIGNS

PERSPEX LOVE HEARTS (x6)

GIANT SPIRAL OF PEBBLES

Mantra repeat – Believe, Love, Joy,
Peace, Hope

BOWL OF LOVE

Bamboo bowl with love pebbles

PAPER HANGING (Long)

"Trees are poems..."

Kahlil Gibran

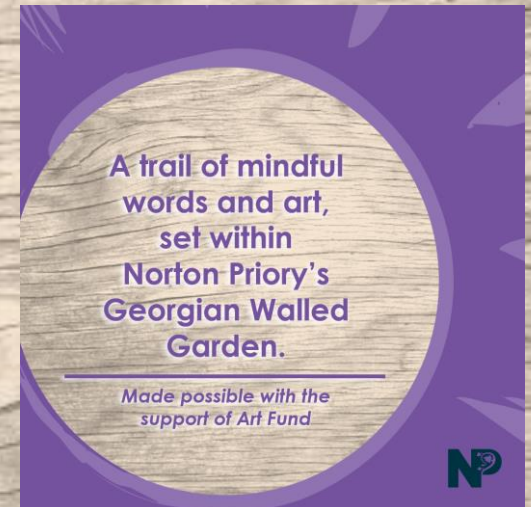
SLATE HEARTS (x5)

*"To plant a garden is to believe in
tomorrow"*

Audrey Hepburn

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Brian is more than happy to discuss his work and prices for such; future commissions can also be discussed.