

## Planet Earth Needs Our Help **BACK TO THE GARDEN 2023**



*"Can we go back to the garden now please?" asks Annie.  
 "Yes of course you can, just open your eyes".*

*(From the children's book "Planet Earth needs Our Help" © MC 2015)*

### **GARDENS, OPEN SPACES AND LAND ART**

Our amazing planet Earth provides us with a rich and magical world in which to live and enjoy the wonders of nature and its inhabitants.

Gardens and natural open spaces are great places to explore, be curious, discover and learn about our environment, eco-systems and the science behind life on Earth.

Artists, poets, writers, photographers, sculptors and other creatives, have used many different ways to capture and share the wonders of our beautiful planet.

Land art has been one way to use natural found objects and the environment to create works of art that connects us to the landscape, documenting this in paintings, photography and text.

*"Historically, the term 'land art' is understood to refer to a group of artists who first came to prominence in the late 1960s–70s, among them Walter De Maria, Nancy Holt and Robert Smithson in America, and Richard Long, David Nash, Andy Goldsworthy and more in Europe.*

*Many works of land art exist only as photographs or texts.*

*Land art urges us to examine our relationship with the landscape and with nature. For this reason alone, in what may well prove to be the late Anthropocene, against a backdrop of climate crisis, land art is of vital importance."*

**Ben Tufnell** <https://theartsociety.org/arts-news-features/10-amazing-facts-about-land-art>

In this Exhibition, look out for photographs, words and examples of Land Art. I hope this inspires you to continue to notice and explore gardens and open spaces, look at nature more closely, create your own land art, and capture those moments through photography, sketches and words - or just simply enjoy and appreciate the experience.

Now more than ever, it is vitally important that we see the value and importance of caring for ourselves, our environment and our one and only beautiful planet – Earth.

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You can find out more on my website. [www.planetearthneedsourhelp.com](http://www.planetearthneedsourhelp.com)