

## **Artist's Brief: Artwork at Henleaze Swimming Club**

Henleaze Swimming Club seeks an artist to create an artwork to enhance the Lake's natural aesthetic. It will replace a previous artwork that was taken from the Lake.

### **Context**

Henleaze Swimming Club is one of a small number of traditional open water swimming locations in the UK. It was established in 1919. It is based at and owns Henleaze Lake, a former limestone quarry, in Bristol.

See our website - [www.henleazeswimmingclub.org](http://www.henleazeswimmingclub.org) - for further information about the Club and Henleaze Lake.

### **The Artwork**

The artwork should enhance the natural surroundings of the Lake and act as a focal point and communicate clearly the artist's intention. It could be based on a natural world theme or in some way reflect the Club's main activities of swimming and diving.

The proposed design and materials must be very robust and be frost resistant.

### **Location**

The artwork will be fitted onto an old square pillar located in the Lake beyond a willow tree. The existing pillar is 60cm square and approximately 1.5 metres high.

The existing pillar will be encased in a suitable material and heightened so that the base of the artwork will be above high water level. The existing base will need to be raised by 70cm to be above the high water level.

The Lake can rise and fall by 1.5 metre between high water levels and low water levels. The artist should include a consideration of the shape and any decorative effects used to enhance the encased and heightened pillar and integrate it with the artwork.

The artwork needs to be firmly secured to the pillar so it cannot be dislodged by a group of swimmers.

The design and materials should be such that no injury to a swimmer is possible.

The chosen material(s) robust and be able to be cleaned of algae accumulation and duck faeces.

### **Selection procedure:**

The selection group for appointing the artist for this project will comprise a five member project working group, including members and trustees of the Club. The final commissioning decision will rest with the Club's Executive Committee.

### **Proposed Timetable:**

- June 16 – August 16                      Artist's expression of interest welcome
- September 16                              Shortlisting of 4 artists for design competition
- October 16 – November 16              Artists development of draft designs

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| • December 16         | Artist's presentation of design |
| • January 17          | Selection of winning design     |
| • April 17            | Sign off of final design        |
| • August/September 17 | Installation of work            |

### **Budget:**

#### **Design Competition**

A fee of £250 will be paid to the selected artists to develop an outline of their proposed design with an estimate of total cost to produce and install.

#### **Commissioned Work**

The total budget for development of the final design, materials, production and installation must be in the range of £2,500 to £5,000. Total anticipated cost will be a consideration when selecting the winning design. Part of the budget for the commissioned artwork may be dependent on fundraising by the Club.

### **Expressions of Interest:**

If you are interested in being considered for this project, please submit:

1. A short response to this brief, no more than one side of A4, outlining a draft approach to this commission
2. Examples of your previous work; i.e. reference to the artist's website and/or photographs of previous relevant work.
3. A current CV

Please email your submission to: [alison@henleazeswimmingclub.org](mailto:alison@henleazeswimmingclub.org)

**The closing date for expressions of interest is 1st September 2016**

**Selection of artists for the design competition** will be made by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Please assume your application has not been successful if you do not hear from us before this date.

**For more information**, please contact: [alison@henleazeswimmingclub.org](mailto:alison@henleazeswimmingclub.org) in the first instance.



Close up of existing pillar





General location of pillar at high water level (orange buoy marks position of submerged pillar)