

# The Herd Under The Hammer

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community and compassion

In partnership with

Thames hospice

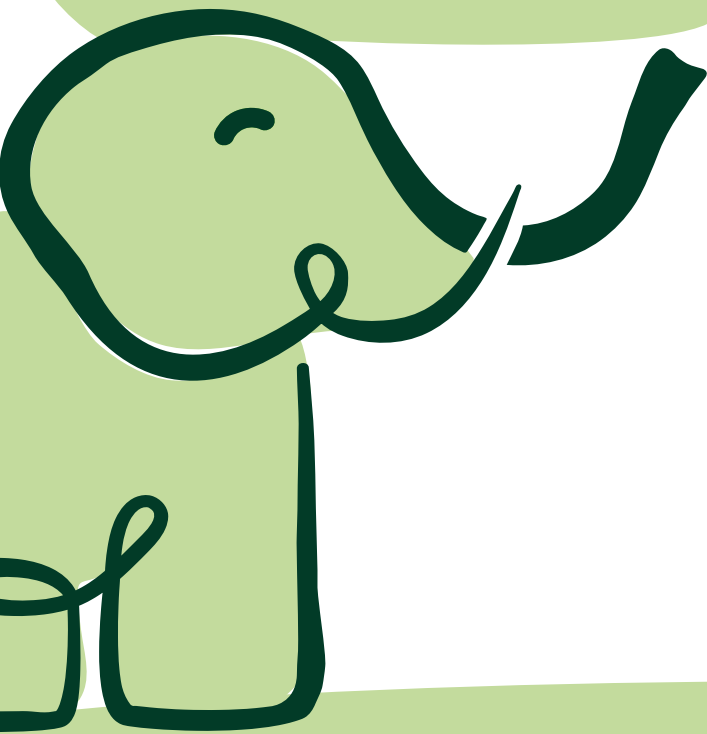
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**Trunks across the Thames was far more than a free public art trail. Created by Thames Hospice in partnership with Wild in Art, it brought together artists, schools, businesses and local communities in a celebration of creativity while supporting vital hospice care.**

A vibrant herd of elephant sculptures across Windsor, Eton, Maidenhead and Slough inspired, engaged and encouraged conversation.

The elephant was chosen as a powerful symbol of strength, wisdom and memory, while also representing the “elephant in the room” – our reluctance as a society to talk openly about death, dying and bereavement.

At its heart, the project aimed to raise awareness of the compassionate care provided by Thames Hospice, challenge misconceptions around hospice services and encourage more open conversations about grief and end-of-life care.

The trail also celebrated the power of community. By involving local artists, schools, organisations and sponsors, Trunks across the Thames created a lasting legacy, strengthening local connections, fostering creativity and inspiring thousands of visitors.

**Every bid  
will enable  
Thames Hospice  
to continue  
its mission.**

## A message from our CEO

When we launched Trunks across the Thames, we set out to do more than create a public art trail. We wanted to start conversations about hospice care, challenge perceptions, and bring our communities together around a cause that affects us all.

### **What followed surpassed anything we could have imagined.**

The trail has captured hearts across our region, inspiring creativity, connection and generosity. But its greatest achievement lies in what it will help us do next. The future of hospice care is evolving. Demand for our services continues to grow, with more people than ever needing specialist support to live well, right to the end of life. At Thames Hospice, we are determined to meet that need. Our ambition is to reach more patients and families, expand our community services, invest in partnerships and innovation, and ensure everyone who needs our care can access it, wherever they call home.

As you bid this evening, you are not simply acquiring a beautiful piece of art. You are helping to create a lasting legacy that will support patients and families for years to come, ensuring Thames Hospice can continue to provide comfort, dignity and compassionate care when it matters most.

On behalf of everyone at Thames Hospice, thank you for believing in our vision and investing in the future of hospice care. Together, you are helping to shape a future where more people can access the care and support they need, creating an impact that will be felt across our community for generations to come.

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Dr Rachael de Caux  
Chief Executive Officer



# A heartfelt thank you

Trunks across the Thames would not have been possible without the extraordinary support, generosity and enthusiasm of so many people.

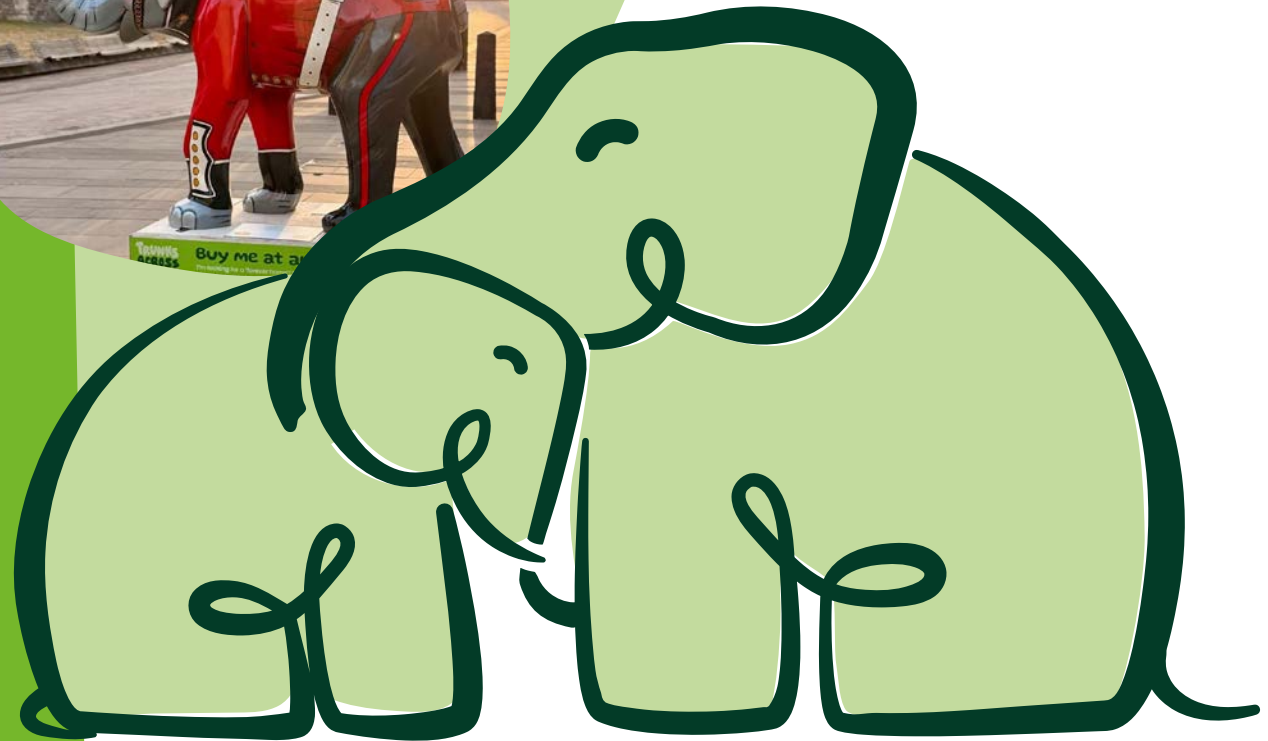
Our sincere thanks go to our sponsors and partners, whose commitment and belief helped turn an ambitious vision into a remarkable reality and ensured the trail's impact reached far beyond the sculptures themselves.

To our talented artists, thank you for bringing the herd to life. Your imagination, creativity and craftsmanship transformed each sculpture into something incredibly unique and inspiring which delighted thousands of visitors.

We are equally grateful to the schools, community groups and organisations that embraced the project with such passion, helping to create a trail that truly reflected the communities it represented.

And finally, thank you to everyone who followed the trail, explored the herd and became part of the journey. Every app download, photograph, social media post, merchandise purchase and mile walked helped spread the message of Trunks across the Thames and support Thames Hospice.

Together, you made Trunks across the Thames far more than an art trail. You created a celebration of art, community and compassion, while helping Thames Hospice continue to provide outstanding care and support to patients and families when they need it most.



# With huge **thanks** to our partners

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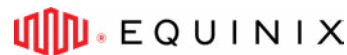
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# Finding **Support** when it mattered most

**In early 2025, Jack's world changed almost overnight.**

Within weeks of each other, both his mother and father faced life-limiting diagnoses and both came under the care of Thames Hospice. At one point, his mother was in hospital while his father was being cared for at the Hospice, leaving Jack trying to be there for both of them during an incredibly painful and overwhelming time.

Knowing his father was safe and being cared for brought a sense of reassurance when Jack needed it most.

Although his father was only at the Hospice for a few days, the care he received left a lasting impression. Just a month later, Jack's mother was admitted, and once again the family found themselves surrounded by kindness, compassion and support.

For Jack, one of the greatest gifts the Hospice gave him was something simple, but incredibly precious: **time**.

Time to sit with his parents. Time to talk. Time to make memories. And, perhaps most importantly, time to stop being a carer for a while and simply be their son.

**"The close time I got to spend with my Mum and Dad when they were there is something I don't think I would have ordinarily had. Because other people were caring for them, I could just focus on spending quality time with them."**

One memory, in particular, will stay with Jack forever.



Jack with his Mum, Sarah.

He and his wife Courtney had planned to marry later that year and had always imagined both of his parents being there. But as their health deteriorated, it became clear that might not be possible.

Determined to create a special moment while they still could, the Hospice team helped arrange an intimate ceremony overlooking Bray Lake at the Hospice.

Surrounded by close family, including his mother, Jack and Courtney were able to share their vows together.

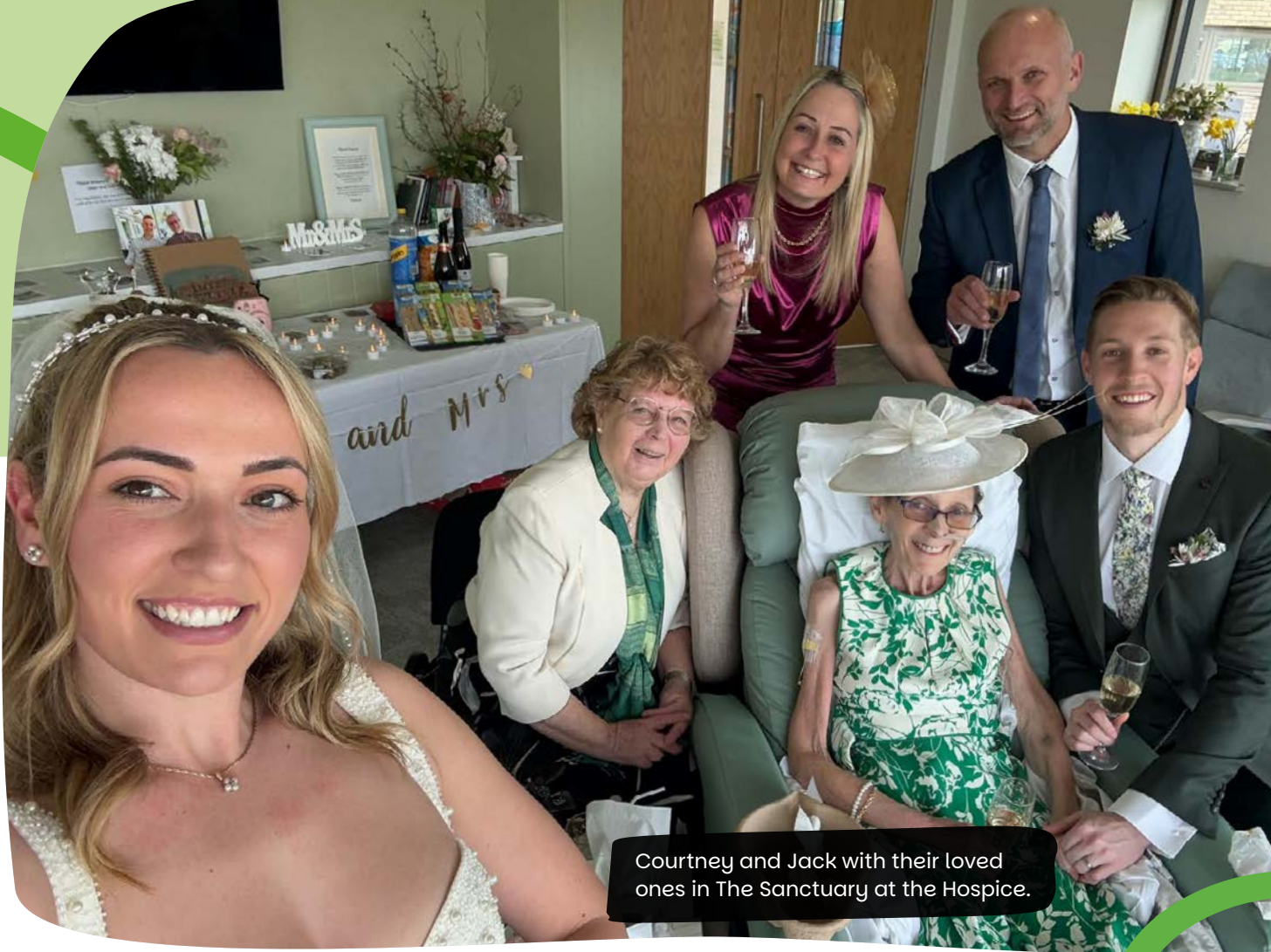
**“Knowing that Dad was being looked after at the Hospice, it was a massive weight off my shoulders.”**



**“We had a little ceremony in The Sanctuary, which was just amazing. I’ll cherish those memories forever.”**

In the midst of an unimaginably difficult time, Thames Hospice gave Jack and his family something they could hold onto: moments of love, closeness and memories that will last a lifetime.

Stories like Jack’s are why fundraising events such as the Trunks across the Thames auction matter so much. The money raised will help Thames Hospice continue providing compassionate care, support and precious time for local families when they need it most.



Courtney and Jack with their loved ones in The Sanctuary at the Hospice.

**As Jack explains:**

**“The Hospice is only around 30% government funded, so fundraising is essential. A lot of people don’t realise how expensive it is to run a hospice and, when you talk to them, they’re shocked. That’s why events like this are so important.”**

# Your guide to the **au**ction

**Before you raise your paddle, here's everything you need to know to bid with confidence.**

**There are 28 sculptures waiting for your bid – 22 large sculptures, 6 mini elephants, plus two very special pieces of art. All sculptures are sold as seen and at the hammer price.**



## **Tell me about the elephants**

The elephant sculptures are made from glass reinforced plastic.

The large elephant sculptures are 1600mm in height, 2200mm in length and 800mm in width, weighing around 59kg (excluding mosaic and wooden elephants).

The mini elephant sculptures are 720mm in height, 1020mm in length and 480mm in width, weighing around 11kg.

## **Sculpture durability and condition**

All elephants are sold as seen. We have worked with our artists to bring our elephants back to their pre-trail condition, and they are all looking perfect for purchase.

## **Date and location**

The auction takes place from 6pm on Thursday 15 October 2026 at De Vere Beaumont Estate in the Chapel. Space in the auction room itself is limited, however we will also be live streaming the auction online. The online auction begins at 7.15pm.

## **Payment**

Payment is preferable on the night, otherwise you will be invoiced with payment due within 3 working days. Invoiced payment will only be accepted from the registered buyer.

## **Taking your sculpture home**

We'll store your elephant for a maximum of 14 days post auction. Buyers are responsible for the collection and delivery of their sculpture. We can assist, if needed, with delivery arranged via our logistics partners for an additional fee.

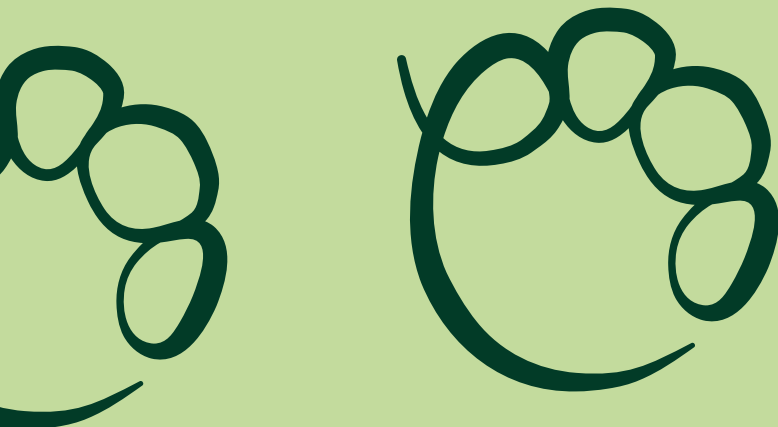
## **How to bid**

Please register via the link below prior to bidding on the auction, or scan the QR code.

<https://www.windsorauctions.co.uk/auction/details/-trunks-across-the-thames-elephant-auction-with-thames-hospice/?au=20>



**Scan here to sign up  
to the online auction**





## Your Auctioneer for the evening

# Harry Ballin

**Harry Ballin founded Windsor Auctions, and somewhere between then and now he accidentally became the local expert on turning other people's clutter into cold, hard cash.**

When he's not on the rostrum coaxing "just one more bid" out of a room, Harry heads up valuations and probate at Windsor Auctions, manages their social media, and somehow still finds time to co-host The Gavel and the Gabble podcast – proof that even auctioneers need somewhere to talk once the gavel's down. He's also, by his own admission, never met a book he didn't want to review, and has a worrying LEGO addiction that his desk, garage, and long-suffering family will happily confirm.

Deeply embedded in the Windsor and Eton community, Harry has lent his voice (and his considerable charm) to charity auctions before, always managing to extract a few extra pounds from guests who swore they'd only come for the wine.

Tonight, he's back behind the gavel, so keep your paddle steady and your wallet nearby. Resistance, as previous bidders will tell you, is largely futile!





## Lot 1

**Stroll through the Great Park**

Laurie King

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## Lot 2

**Elephant Crossing**

Sue Guthrie

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## Lot 3

**Quiet Majesty**

Sarah Delgado Barter

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## Lot 4

**Seasons Change**

Richard Phipson

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**Strike a pose!**

Share your photos with  
#TrunksAcrossTheThames  
@trunksacrossthe Thames

Have you seen the  
rest of the herd?

Scan to download  
the app to see  
all locations





## Lot 5

**Flora**

Lynsey & Kieron Reilly

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## Lot 6

**Nelly**

Luke Crump

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Benjamin Moore®



## Lot 7

**Ellie Pants**

Nicola Mills

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## Lot 8

**Elenorris - mini elephant**

McLaren - The Papaya Apprentices

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**Lot 9**  
**Oscaphant - mini elephant**  
 McLaren - The Papaya Apprentices

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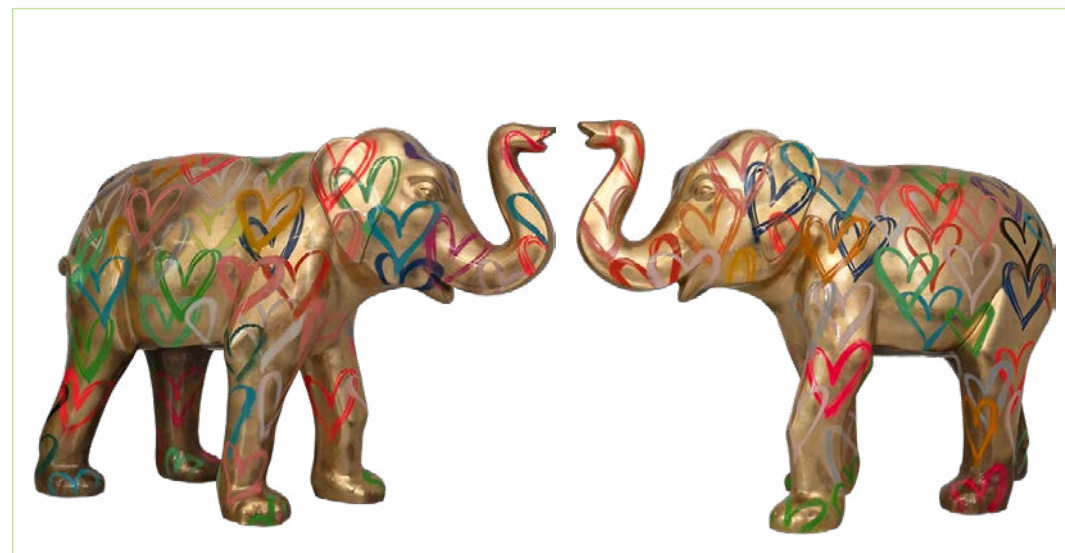
**Lot 10**  
**Pixelated Elephant**  
 David Janes

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**Lot 11**  
**Royal Patches**  
 Kate Griffiths

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**Lot 12**  
**Queen of Hearts**  
 Alec Saunders

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## Lot 13

**Freedom**

Genna Douglas

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**NEXT**



## Lot 14

**Miles - mini elephant**

Alison Partridge

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## Lot 15

**Pop Art**

Glen Brooks

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**Visit ETON**



## Lot 16

**Original watercolour**

Charlie Mackesy

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on Charlie  
Mackesy  
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Amara is spoken for and will live at Thames Hospice for the community to enjoy.



**Charlie Mackesy**

“Hello. I’ve discovered Thames Hospice plays such a compassionate and vital part of many lives, giving dignified end-of-life care to patients and their families so they never feel alone. They offer kindness, comfort, hope and connection – my favourite things – and need support, which is why I am happy to play a part in their Trunks across the Thames summer art trail.”



Cloudy  
with a  
Chance  
of  
Spray



## Lot 17

**Bambi - mini elephant**  
bambi

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bambi  
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## Lot 18

**Ele Friendly**  
Gayani Ariyaratne



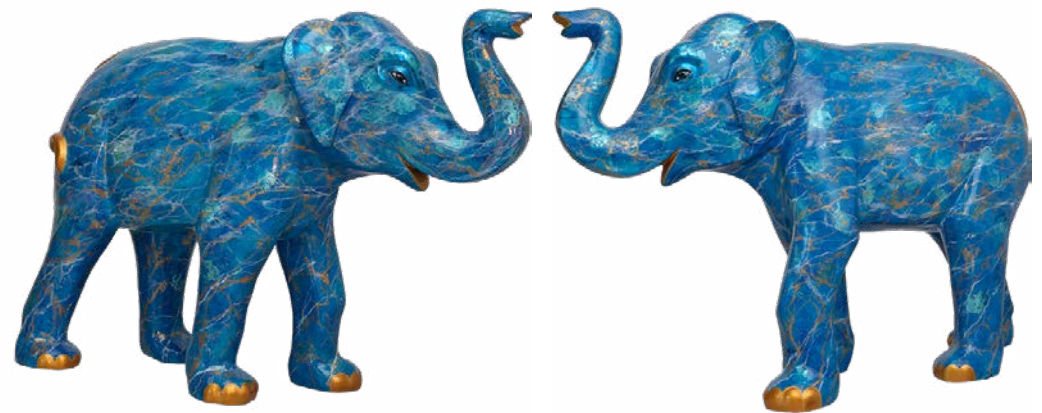
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## Lot 19

**Hidden Treasures**  
Millery Wheeler

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## Lot 20

**Sanctum**  
Amanda Quellan

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**Tefal**



## Lot 21

**Hope**  
Jess Garrett

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## Lot 22

**Elephants in the Great Park**  
Martin Jessup

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Martin  
Jessup  
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## Lot 23

**Sunflower**  
Jina Gelder

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 **Visit**  
**ETON**



## Lot 24

**Stomp to Attention**  
Donna Newman

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## Lot 25

### Spring Awakening

Yana Kucheeva

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## Lot 26

### Hopes & Dreams

Melissa Hobson-Matthews

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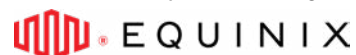


## Lot 27

### Hive Spirit

Carol Robinson

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## Lot 28

### Never Forget

Katrin Gaska

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**Commission your own mini elephant to a design of your choosing, painted by Sam Morris, artist of Keeper of Memories.**

## **Lot 29**

**Mini elephant commission**  
Sam Morris

For more  
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Sam  
Morris  
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## **Lot 30**

**Flora - mini elephant**  
Old School Day Nursery

**Good Luck**  
**to everyone bidding!**

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Some of our wonderful  
community enjoying  
Trunks across the Thames  
this summer.



# Thames hospice

## Our vision

Quality of life to the end of life, for everyone.

## Our purpose

To provide complex, specialist palliative and end-of-life care to local people facing a life-limiting diagnosis, giving them dignity, comfort and the best possible quality of life in their preferred place of care.

## Our values

C

### Compassion

Compassion for everyone in a safe, caring environment.

A

### Ambition

The desire and determination to serve everyone in our community.

R

### Respect

Respect for everyone's dignity.

E

### Excellence

Committed to excellence in everything we do.



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