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Kith and Kinship exhibition inspires artists and reignites fond memories.

Sketches of people, places, pets and written warm recollections are all different ways that people are responding to The Bowes Museum's *Kith and Kinship: Norman Cornish and L. S. Lowry* exhibition's community wall.

Thousands of people have already flocked to the highly acclaimed show in Barnard Castle, which features more than 50 works, 35 of which are rarely shown or never-before seen. The exhibition of two of the greatest northern artists of the 20th century includes a self-portrait of Norman Cornish that was discovered on the back of another work during preparation for the show.

Vicky Sturrs, the Museum's Director of Programmes and Collections, said:
"We've been overwhelmed by the ways in which people are responding to the exhibition and the outpouring of creativity, love and affection shows that their work is just as relevant today as it was during their lifetimes."

With an inspiring and insightful series of talks running alongside the show, visitors can find out more about the men themselves, their inspiration and the times they lived in.

There are still a few tickets left for The Future We Build with Ross Forbes talk, on Saturday, 16 November. Ross is the Programme Director at Redhills, Durham and he'll delve in to the history of mining and the mining community in response to the works. For more information and bookings, visit <https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/the-future-we-build-with-ross-forbes/>.

The exhibition is open until Sunday, 19 January 2025.

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Note to editors and picture desks:

View a selection of visitor drawings and comments from the community wall: [Kith and Kinship community wall](#).

About The Bowes Museum

The Bowes Museum is a charity managing a Grade 1 listed accredited museum and Grade 2 listed parkland in Barnard Castle. Founded by Joséphine & John Bowes 150+ years ago, this purpose-built Museum brings together an extraordinary, Designated collection of European fine and decorative art as a cultural resource for the people of Northern England, where today we celebrate artists, designers and makers.

The Bowes Museum receives funding from Durham County Council and, as a National Portfolio Organisation, receives support from Arts Council England. Arts Council England is the national development body for arts and culture across England, working to enrich people's lives. www.artscouncil.org.uk

The Bowes Museum is a member of the Discover Durham partnership of attractions, whose commitment is to promote Durham as an exciting and vibrant group travel destination and to provide the travel trade with a professional and knowledgeable service. discoverdurham.co.uk

Admission to The Bowes Museum is £16.00 for local members (residents of County Durham and Darlington), £18.00 for members (residents elsewhere), £19.00 for a standard day ticket, £20.90 for a day ticket including gift aid. Under 18s, full time students and carers are free.

As a registered charity (number 1079639) The Bowes Museum needs to generate more than half of its income each year to care for the historic collection, buildings and parkland. Donations are vital to its work. Visit <https://thebowesmuseum.org.uk/support/> for more information.



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