

## Ely's Window Wanderland is back!

**21-23 October 2022**

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**Now in our third year, help The Stained Glass Museum and Babylon ARTS make Ely Window Wanderland 2022 our best yet!**

Following the successes of Window Wanderland in Ely over the last few years, The Stained Glass Museum and Babylon ARTS have teamed up again to encourage Ely residents to transform Ely's streets by making an illuminated window display as part of Ely's third Window Wanderland event.

Window Wanderland is a fun family-friendly event, that sees communities create illuminated displays in windows. People can use the street-facing windows of their home, business, school, nursery, car, shop, or even their door, or front garden. A map showing the locations of illuminated window displays is then created to form an after-dark walking trail and community event, transforming local streets into galleries.

Ely's first Window Wanderland was held in October 2020. More than 250 homes and businesses have now participated in this event, lighting up their windows with some amazing creative displays. Feedback from last year's event was fantastic, enjoyed by all ages, we are delighted to be bringing this back again this year.

This year, Ely's Window Wanderland will take place over three evenings - **Friday 21, Saturday 22, and Sunday 23 October 2022**. Everyone is encouraged to get involved by illuminating their street-facing windows **between 6pm and 9pm**, creating an after-dark walking trail of glowing windows. We are conscious of the ongoing energy crisis however, and encourage participants to use solar or battery powered lights where they can to illuminate their windows after dark.

Jasmine Allen, Director & Curator at the Stained Glass Museum commented:

*"We were so impressed at the amazing creativity window displays the people of Ely created for last year's event, and we would love to get even more people involved in*



*this year's event. Taking part is free and the event over the last two years has been so enjoyable for children and adults alike!"*

If you're planning on transforming a window for Ely Window Wanderland please sign up on our Window Wanderland event page

[<https://www.windowwanderland.com/event/ely-cambs-2022/>] so that we can create a map of participants on our website. Then get planning your window display! If you have any questions please refer them to: [Elywindowwanderland@gmail.com](mailto:Elywindowwanderland@gmail.com)

Florence Rose, Programme Manager of Babylon ARTS added:

*"If you're wondering what to make, it can be as simple or as spectacular as you like, as long as it's family friendly. If you're struggling for inspiration, please come along to the workshop on Saturday 15th October, where we will be using tissue paper to create small 'window in a window' creations for you to display in your own windows. We are especially encouraging participants to use recycled or eco-friendly materials this year and we cannot wait to see your creations."*

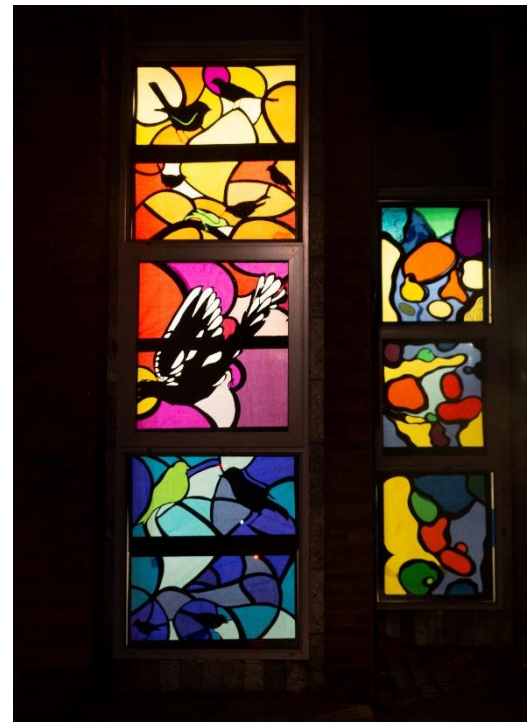
For ideas and inspiration have a look at our Ely's Window Wanderland 2021 gallery on the [Babylon Arts](#) website or go to the Window Wanderland website

[<https://www.windowwanderland.com/gallery/>]. For tips go to [<https://www.windowwanderland.com/make/>].

### **Some of the nice things local people said about previous Window Wanderland events in Ely;**

- *"Such a brilliant idea! Great to get involved in, to view the work of others too, to get families out walking together, & encourages a feeling of belonging to our community!"*

- *“Was a really lovely event, thoroughly enjoyed it and it was accessible and appropriate for all ages - brilliant!”*
- *“This was a fantastic event! The opportunity to do something as a community was wonderful and uplifting ... The variety of window displays was truly inspirational and we would love to see this added to the list of regular annual events in Ely”*
- *“I was amazed by the creativity on show. I didn't expect it to be as good as it was... the surprise element was also lovely. Thank you so much for organising this wonderful event. We enjoyed it tremendously.”*
- *I thoroughly enjoyed taking part and, as a new resident, it was lovely to explore lots of new-to-me areas of Ely too. What a wonderful community!*



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More information: see Window Wanderland on The One Show, BBC  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0f5l6\\_3T1Q&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0f5l6_3T1Q&feature=youtu.be) (4:45)

### About The Stained Glass Museum

The Stained Glass Museum is an independent accredited museum and registered charity (Charitable Incorporated Organisation 1169842) located in Ely Cathedral. The Stained Glass Museum is the only museum dedicated to stained glass in the UK, and holds a national specialist collection of designs for and completed stained glass panels, from the 13<sup>th</sup> century to the present day.

The Stained Glass Museum's core mission is to make our specialist collection available to everyone, and to inspire local, national and global digital communities.

### About Babylon ARTS

Babylon ARTS' mission is to develop creativity and connect communities with arts and culture. Babylon ARTS (operated by ADEC, Arts Development in East

Cambridgeshire), is an independent company limited by guarantee and a registered charity 1043197 and operates in West Anglia.

A key part of Babylon ARTS' work is the community engaged activity that happens through their Creative Communities programme. They have a strong track record of delivering successful projects and events and believe there is a real strength with working in partnership with others.