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# 02/04/21 Press Release – for immediate release Worthing Theatres and Museum launch regional community campaign celebrating your pandemic heros

Just over a year since the first lockdown was announced in the UK Worthing Theatres and Museum are reaching out to their community to submit their lockdown heroes to be part of an online digital catalogue and outdoor photography exhibition, with all content generated by the community, that will fill the windows of the Pavilion Theatre on the seafront.

**We Are Worthing** looks to capture the faces and stories of the people that shaped our last year. WTM are asking the public from across Sussex to submit photographs of the people who have impacted their lives during the pandemic, along with a short description of why the person matters to them or made a difference to the community.

CEO Amanda O'reilly says 'The last year has been full of unprecedented challenges and we have learnt that sometimes the smallest things can make the biggest difference. We are excited that the We Are Worthing project offers a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the people who matter to them, whether they are friends, family, neighbours or colleagues. We want to hear your stories.'

So if you have someone in your life who has impacted your life. It could be someone who made you laugh on a weekly Zoom call, dropping off your shopping, inspiring you by taking up couch to 5K or who amazed you with their dedication and hard work protecting, providing, caring and keeping the country going. This is your chance to say an extra special thank you and let them know how important they are to you by nominating them as your pandemic hero!

Head of Curation and Engagement Gerry Connolly says 'It is wonderful to be able to involve the community in this outdoor exhibition at the iconic Pavilion Theatre in the heart of Worthing. We are excited to be able to capture moments and memories from an extraordinary last year and celebrate the amazing people that make up our community and their stories from lockdown.'



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The deadline for submissions is Friday 30 April. Photographs should be front facing passport style and the highest quality possible accompanied by a short explanation (30-50 words) of why you are nominating this person. Successful submissions will then form part of the exhibition at the Pavilion Theatre as well as being included in an online digital catalogue. For more information or to nominate your pandemic hero please visit www.wtam.uk/weareworthing.

This exhibition will form part of WTM's Walk A Mile project that also encapsulates the In Their Shoes exhibition at WTM Museum and Gallery and a walking tour around Worthing town centre. Worthing Museum will reopen from Saturday 22 May for Saturdays (10am-5pm) and Thursdays (10am-8pm).

For more information or to submit your pandemic hero please visit <u>www.wtam.uk/weareworthing</u>.

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IMAGE DOWNLOADS We Are Worthing

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