

# BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CRAFT GUILD

Applications are always welcome for the Buckinghamshire Craft Guild from anyone who demonstrates our Membership Criteria.

Please feel free to visit the Gallery to get an idea of what we do and chat to one of our Members. The rota of Members stewarding in the Gallery is available each week on our Instagram.

## **Membership Benefits**

Being a Member of Buckinghamshire Craft Guild is an excellent opportunity to meet and collaborate with other makers. As a member-led organisation, there are plenty of opportunities to learn new skills and increase professional confidence.

Guild Members benefit from being able to showcase their work and offer it for sale in the Guild's Gallery at Layby Farm in Stoke Mandeville and on the online shop.

## **Membership Criteria**

1. Applicant lives or works in/near Buckinghamshire.
2. Work is high-quality, contemporary and design led.
3. Work is predominantly hand-crafted or of a one-off nature if manufactured.
4. Work may be any form of contemporary craft including ceramics, glass, furniture, jewellery, metal, printmaking, textiles, wood or willow, organic or recycled materials and mixed media. We do not stock paintings, photographs or digital art. All prints need to be original.
5. Applicant should demonstrate that they have relevant creative experience and a professional approach to their work.
6. Applicant should be able to staff the Gallery for a minimum of one day per month (or 2 half days), be happy to deal with the public and be able to present and sell their own and other Members' work and to offer demonstrations. Guidance and support on sales and Gallery procedures will be provided. Where possible the Gallery is staffed by two Members.
7. Members display work in the Gallery throughout the year and are responsible for keeping their stock up to date so that it represents the best of their current work and is refreshed regularly.

8. All Members play an active role in supporting and promoting the aims of the Guild. For example, to facilitate workshops and outings for Members, external exhibitions and marketing/promotion.
9. The Guild Board is made up of Members and oversees operational processes. Membership of the Board is on a rotational basis for any Members who are interested in joining.

### **Application Process**

Please complete and return your form and supporting documents by email to [membership@buckinghamshirecraftguild.co.uk](mailto:membership@buckinghamshirecraftguild.co.uk).

Your application will be acknowledged and then reviewed by a selection of current Members and feedback provided.

Short-listed Applicants will be invited to an interview at the Gallery with a panel of three to five Members cross-discipline, normally including a Member working in the same medium as yourself. You will be asked to bring in some pieces of your work to discuss with the panel.

Following the interview, feedback will be provided, normally by email.

Successful Applicants will then be invited to join Buckinghamshire Craft Guild.

### **Membership Packages**

We offer four different packages depending on the number of days per month you would like to staff the Gallery.

Opening hours : 10am to 4pm. Tue to Sat, 12 noon to 4pm Sun. Closed Mondays.  
Members must be able to staff the Gallery occasional weekends.

	Number of days in Gallery per month (or equivalent in half days)	Annual Membership Fee (payable annually in advance)	Commission on Sales
Package 1	1	£275	30%
Package 2	2	£150	30%
Package 3	3	£125	30%
Package 4	4	£100	30%

## Membership Application for Buckinghamshire Craft Guild

First Name:	
Surname:	
Craft Medium:	
Address:	
Telephone Nos:	
Email:	
Website:	
Facebook:	
Instagram:	

How long have you been a practising maker?
Please summarise your creative career including details of any relevant training/experience:

Which Membership Package interests you?
How did you hear about Buckinghamshire Craft Guild?

Please include the following documents with your Application:

- Completed Application Form
- 6 good quality digital (jpeg) images of your work
- Image Caption Sheet
- Artist's Statement

There is a £15 Application Fee. Payable by Bank Transfer to:

Buckinghamshire Craft Guild, Sort Code: 40-08-68, Account number: 00190705  
or by debit card by phoning the Gallery.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any stage of your Application if you have any queries.

Email : [membership@buckinghamshirecraftguild.co.uk](mailto:membership@buckinghamshirecraftguild.co.uk) Tel : 01296 821218

### Image Caption Sheet

Name :
Craft Medium :

Image 1 Title :	
Description of work (materials, techniques, dimensions). Please indicate any elements which are not made by yourself.	
Year made :	Retail price:

Image 2 Title :	
Description of work (materials, techniques, dimensions). Please indicate any elements which are not made by yourself.	
Year made :	Retail price:

Image 3 Title :	
Description of work (materials, techniques, dimensions). Please indicate any elements which are not made by yourself.	
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