

Member Information Sheet



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To:	All Members
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Knife Angel, Somerset

The Knife Angel visits Somerset in April

A sculpture which aims to raise awareness of the negative effects of violence and aggression will be in Somerset next month as part of a nationwide tour.

The Knife Angel stands at 27 ft tall, weighs 3.5 tonnes, and was designed by artist, Alfie Bradley at the British Ironwork Centre using 100,000 knives and blades retrieved from amnesty bins from across all 43 UK police forces.

Somerset Council and Taunton Town Council are supporting and encouraging a 30-day campaign of anti-conflict awareness raising with schools, community groups and local businesses.

The Knife Angel will be placed outside the Market House in Taunton from 03 - 30 April.

Somerset remains a safe place to live with relatively low levels of knife crime, we fully support the aims of the sculpture and strongly condemn all forms of violence.

We hope the presence of the Knife Angel in Somerset during April will help raise awareness of an important national issue.

Learn more here: www.somerset.gov.uk/knifeangel.

British Ironwork Centre: [Official Knife Angel Page | The British Ironwork Centre](#)

Materials:

- Poster and leaflet, attached.

Civic Opening:

The Knife Angel official opening/civic ceremony:

Address: The Market House, Fore Street, Taunton TA1 1JD

Date: Wednesday 3rd April 2024

Time: 1pm-2pm

Parking: Pay and display parking is available within a short walk of Market House, more information can be found here: [Car parks \(somerset.gov.uk\)](#).

Note: There will be a temporary road closure in place for the event.

The unveiling will be hosted by Somerset Council and opened by Vice Lord Lieutenant, Mayor of Taunton and Cllr Mike Best, Chair of Somerset Council with speeches from Cllr Federica Smith-Roberts (Executive Member for Communities, Housing and Culture), Artist - Alfie Bradley, Clive Knowles from the British Ironwork Centre, Adam Fouracre from Stand Against Violence and Emma Webber from Barnaby Webber's Foundation with other Council members and dignitaries also in attendance.

We would welcome your attendance, if you plan to attend, please could you let Chloe Warden know, as below, so we have an idea of numbers.

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