

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## **Public Art Tile Murals for Schools**

Craven Dunnill Jackfield and British contemporary artist Clare Woods have created large scale tile murals for two schools, following the successful installation of Woods' two epic tile murals in the Olympic Park, London. Commissions for Hereford Cathedral Junior School and the Much Wenlock Public Art Trail sited at William Brookes School both feature extracts from Woods' original Olympic commission.

At Hereford Cathedral Junior School 300 paintings by children and staff have been merged with a section of Woods' original artwork. The resulting tile mural celebrates the Diamond Jubilee, the 2012 London Olympics, the school and the county of Herefordshire.

The Much Wenlock Public Art Trail, sited at William Brookes School, was commissioned by the William Penny Brookes Foundation for the people of Much Wenlock, to celebrate the town's heritage and its role in the birth of the modern Olympic Games. The 7m by 2 m double-sided mural wall features a section of the *Brick Field* Olympic Park work by Woods and was made by Craven Dunnill Jackfield.

Clare Woods spent two years creating the two major mural installations, *Brick Field* and *Carpenter's Curve*, commissioned by the Contemporary Art Society for the Olympic Park. The scale, the complexity of the designs and the vagaries of ceramic production led to collaboration with the artisan tile company Craven Dunnill Jackfield and the realisation of mural techniques never previously thought possible on such a vast scale.

The projects are public works of art which are intended for the long term enjoyment of the communities involved. Clare Woods has become enamoured with tiled walls as an art form and hopes to create more in the future: "I saw the whole concept of the Olympic Park

commission as a modern day Festival of Britain – a platform to show off the best of our artists, craft makers, designers and manufacturers; it has been wonderful to then reinvent that original artwork for more local enjoyment".

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Images: A selection of low res images featuring the murals at Hereford Cathedral Junior School and the Much Wenlock Public Art Trail sited at William Brookes School are attached.

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