

PRESS RELEASE

Lore

Curated by Patrick Adam Jones and Peter Fillingham

The Mint House, Pevensey

20th September - 17th October 2026

Opening reception: Saturday 19th September 4pm -7 pm

Open Thursday to Sunday 11am – 4pm.

Out of hours appointments welcome.

Lore: Art, History and Stories at The Mint House

Lore brings together a group of artists at The Mint House, a remarkable 16th-century Grade II* listed building that is currently being restored. With its long and layered history, the building is being reimagined as a new cultural space where history, folklore, creativity and community can come together.

Curated by Patrick Adam Jones and Peter Fillingham, *Lore* invites artists to explore what happens when a historic building becomes a new shared space. The exhibition considers the many stories that a place can hold — from documented history and personal memories to folklore, rumour, imagination and fiction.

The exhibition will place existing artworks alongside new, site-specific works made in response to The Mint House and its surroundings. Each artist was invited to explore the building in their own way, drawing on their personal interests, experiences and areas of knowledge.

The artists were given access to parts of the building that are not currently open to the public. Working within a limited period of time, they explored the building and its location through conversations, interviews, research, observation and experimental fieldwork. They looked closely at its architecture, materials and surroundings, as well as the stories and histories connected to the site.

The resulting works reveal some of the layers hidden within the building. They invite visitors to look again at familiar ideas about history and place, and to consider how buildings, objects and stories can change over time — and how new stories can emerge from them.

The title *Lore* refers to knowledge and stories passed from one person to another, often through memory, tradition and storytelling. It reflects the exhibition's interest in the space between what we know, what we remember, what we are told, and what we imagine.

Peter Fillingham describes The Mint House as:

“a palimpsest — a reused and altered building that still bears the traces of its earlier forms and histories.”

For the artists, these traces have become a starting point for exploration and making. *Lore* offers an opportunity to encounter The Mint House not simply as a historic building, but as a place that continues to evolve — shaped by the people, stories and creative ideas that pass through it.

Participating Artists

Judith Dean

Laura Emsley

Edwina Fitzpatrick

Mark Ingham

Sara Trillo

Mario Rossi

Peter Lewis and Makiko Nagaya

Matt Hale

Jonathan Whitehall

David Goldenberg

Rupert Norfolk

Dan Damarre

Henry Coleman

Esther Collins

Jamie Atherton

Howard Sooley

Charlotte Cullinan

Alice Walter

Craig Wood

David Lewis

Marie Roux

Mark Spelman

Gihan Karunaratne

Richard Phoenix

Scott Robertson

Simon Barker

Patrick Adam Jones

Dan Howard-Birt

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