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Members' Showcase A Contemporary Group North Activity

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Members' Showcase

provides a platform for contributors to our monthly meetings to display the work they have shared. Contributors have curated their own images and provided the accompanying text making this a collaborative group venture.

19th June 2026 —Meeting via Zoom

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Adrian James ARPS Behind Closed Doors

This is a very small selection of images from a book I recently made, documenting the work of a local community theatre group, SRM Theatre, all of whom were graduates of the Bretton Hall College of Education.

The college, now closed, specialised in design, music and visual and performance arts. It is now part of Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

SRM Theatre brings original, witty and thought-provoking performances into community spaces. They write and produce all of their own material and manage every aspect of their productions, which are always entertaining, moving and relatable; their performances prove that creativity doesn't fade with age - it gets sharper!

The images in the book follow the group through every stage of one of their productions, *Behind Closed Doors*, which tells the stories of the residents of an apartment block that is being closed down.

The aim of the book was not to produce stunning images but to capture the creative atmosphere in which this talented group of people work. It is unlikely that this selection will do justice to that, but hopefully it will give a flavour.



















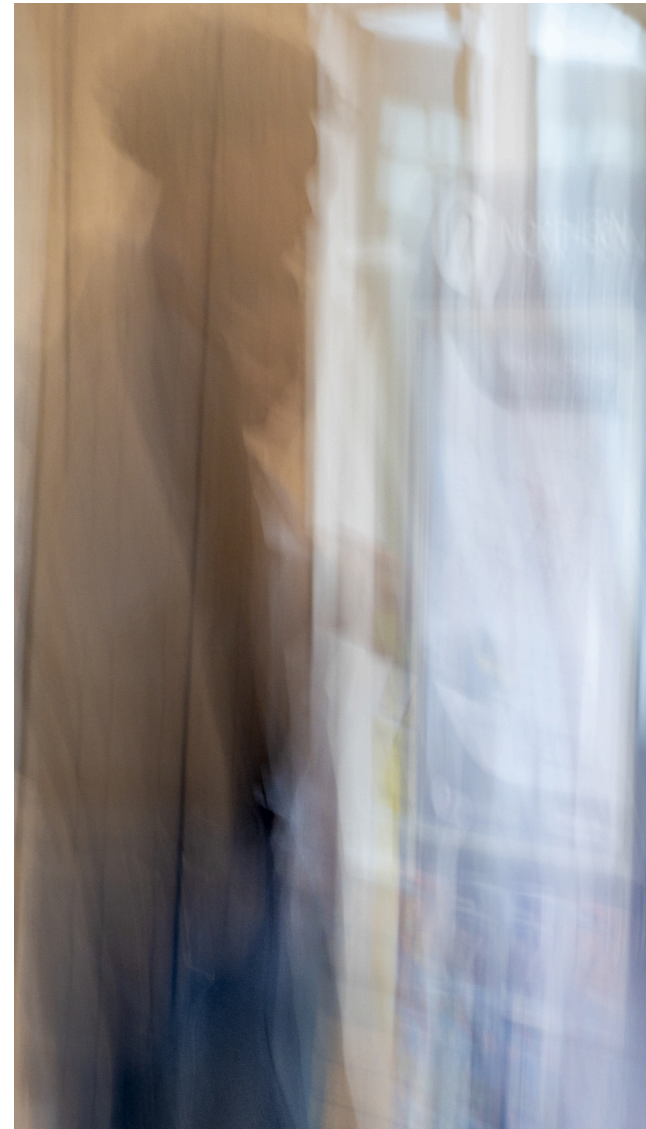








Barbara Pollard Impressions of York













Postcodes in the UK are established exclusively by Royal Mail using a combination of geography, logistical, operational and administrative factors. Consequently a postcode creates a geographical area that can artificially link places that historically or culturally would not necessarily be connected. However, an undeniable common thread linking all parts of a postcode area are post boxes.

My own postcode area is HD8 - a geographical area to the southeast of Huddersfield in West Yorkshire.

In the summer of 2027 I will have lived in my current home for twenty years, longer than any other in my adult life. There are around sixty post boxes in the HD8 postcode and by photographing their locations I plan to create a topographic record of the semi-rural part of Yorkshire in which I live.

This project is in its early stages and at the time of writing I have photographed around a quarter of the locations. These eight images provide an indication of how I hope the project will evolve.

















Contemporary Group North Activity Group Meetings

Summer Break

Saturday 19/09/26	12.00 BST	Clements Hall, York
Saturday 17/10/26	13.00 BST	Online
Saturday 21/11/26	12.00 GMT	Clements Hall, York
Saturday 12/12/26	13.00 GMT	Online