

Who are we?

Dorset Visual Arts is a not-for-profit organisation and registered charity (1113249).

Our Aims: DVA enables the artists and makers of Dorset to fully realise the rewards that can come from pursuing their creative practice and growing their audience

Through: Providing opportunities to connect with other members of Dorset's creative community, share their knowledge and experience, showcase their work, and develop their creative practice and promotional skills

'Being a rural county, artists can be quite isolated but Dorset Visual Arts provides a valuable point of contact, exchange, career development and promotion, whilst enriching the lives of the wider public'

JOHN MAKEPEACE OBE







For the artists and makers of Dorset, DVA:

- Facilitates networking and interaction between members to help build a sense of connection and community
- Creates and curates events, exhibitions, projects and other opportunities to raise creators' profiles and enable them to showcase their work
- Provides a range of support to enable members to find inspiration, build confidence, and develop their practice and their promotional skills
- Provides members with opportunities to share the skills and knowledge they have acquired
- Provides a broad platform of exposure by collaborating and interacting with other organisations in Dorset and beyond
- Encourages the growth of Dorset's visual arts community by providing routes for new and emerging artists
- Works to grow the visual arts audience and to make visual arts more accessible to a broader range of participants

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What do we do?

Dorset Art Weeks

One of the largest and oldest Artist Open Studios events in the country established in 1992.

Dorset Art Weeks reaches tens of thousands of people, in person and online, contributing an estimated £2 million towards the Dorset economy.

Dorset Art Weeks is a celebration of hundreds of artists and makers across the county, allowing creatives in all corners of the county to take part.

2026 DAW STATS

16 day arts event

294 open art venues

500+ artists and makers took part

35,000 free printed venue Guides distributed

70,000+ visits recorded across Dorset

£700,000+ sales recorded









We provide support for our artist and maker member network

This includes providing advice and resources, network meetings, and exhibition opportunities.

Our new programme, DVAtions, provides a curated platform for artists, with regional projects celebrating Dorset as a County of Culture.

Dorset Visual Arts has declared a climate and ecological emergency with Culture Declares, promoting sustainable approaches, environmental awareness and ecological protection.

We develop different approaches to presenting visual art, collaborating with regional partners to deliver Open Calls, bursaries, residencies, commissions and workshops.

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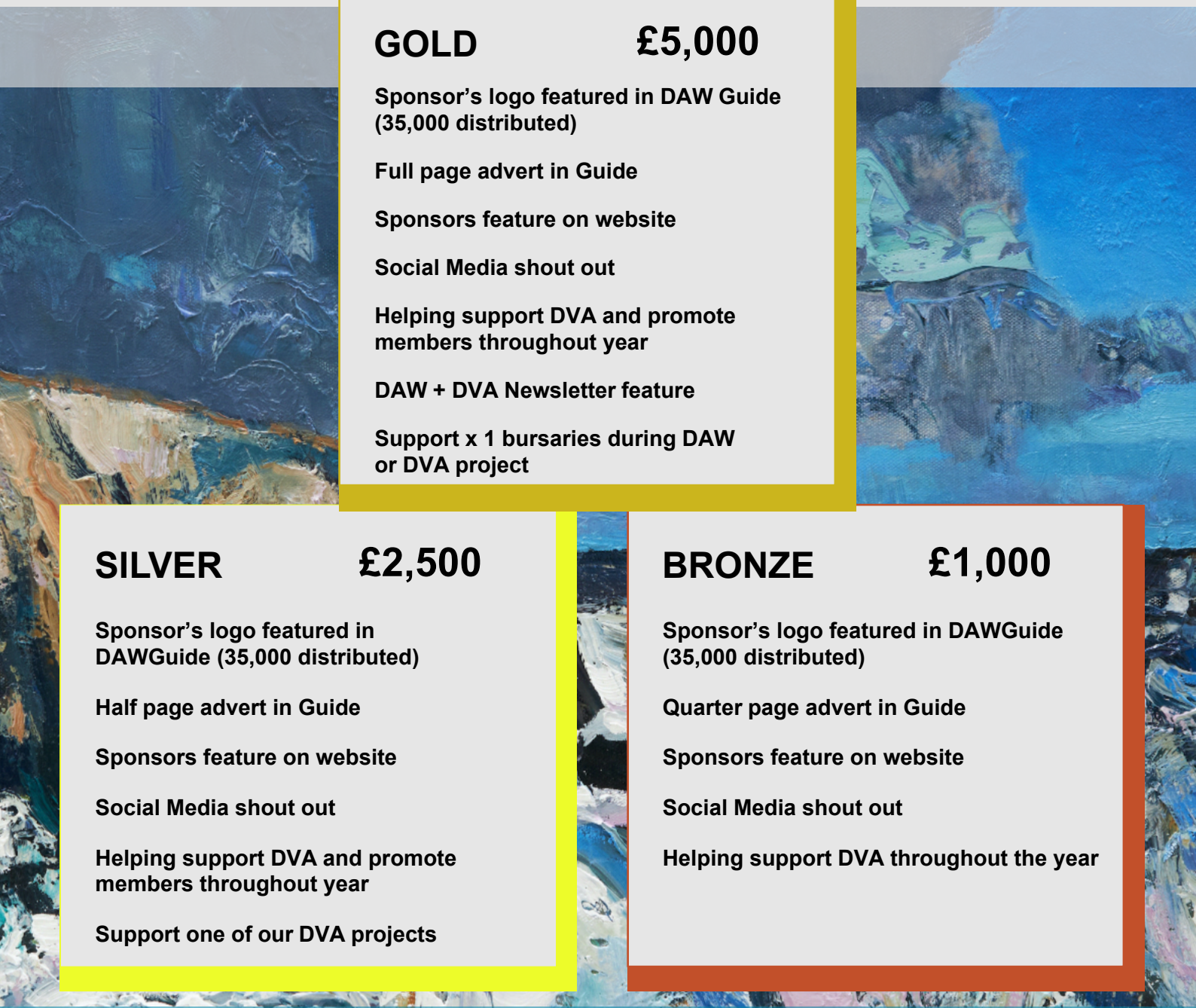
Sponsorship Opportunities

DORSET VISUAL ARTS

DORSET ART WEEKS

Supporters are integral for the success of our organisation, providing us with the resources to grow and continually improve Dorset Visual Arts and Dorset Art Weeks.

We'd love you to be a part of our story.



GOLD £5,000

Sponsor's logo featured in DAW Guide (35,000 distributed)

Full page advert in Guide

Sponsors feature on website

Social Media shout out

Helping support DVA and promote members throughout year

DAW + DVA Newsletter feature

Support x 1 bursaries during DAW or DVA project

SILVER £2,500

Sponsor's logo featured in DAWGuide (35,000 distributed)

Half page advert in Guide

Sponsors feature on website

Social Media shout out

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Support one of our DVA projects

BRONZE £1,000

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Quarter page advert in Guide

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