

LISKEARD · CORNWALL

MARKET MAKERS NEWS #15

ARTWORK PRESENTED TO TWIN TOWN



A mosaic artwork depicting an iconic local landmark, the granite tor known as the Cheesewring, has been presented by Councillor Simon Cassidy, Mayor of Liskeard, as a gift of friendship to the people of Quimperlé, Liskeard's twin town in northwestern France.

Liskeard's Mayor and Town Clerk visited Quimperlé last week on a goodwill visit to re-establish relations between the two towns. It was the first such visit since the pandemic crisis.

'It's a great honour to have my work presented as a gift from my hometown to our friends in France,' said mosaic artist Kirsty Freeman.

Mother of two, Kirsty has been supported by Liskeard Town Council's Market Makers programme for aspiring artists and creative enterprises. She has progressed from our practical arts skills classes and has successfully completed our introductory business-readiness course. She has now registered her own business, <u>Monchic</u> <u>Mosaics</u>, and has joined our enterprise mentoring scheme.

Kirsty was this month accepted as a member of the prestigious South West Mosaic Artists group.



Kirsty's mosaic artwork has this month also gone on exhibition at the Colour and Space Gallery in Perranporth, and at the new DAK Art Gallery, which recently opened at the lower end of Pike Street in the centre of Liskeard, and where you can also find a dazzling array of glass art, paintings, hand-crafted jewellery and decorative pieces created by local artists.

She also sells a range of mosaic homeware and gift items through the Unique Crafts Cornwall store on Liskeard's Fore Street.

In addition to all of this, Kirsty will be showing her work at our Christmas Cornish Craft Fayre which will take place from midday till 17.00 on the afternoon of Saturday 3rd December at Liskeard's Public Hall, 3 West Street, PL14 6BW. (Entry is free and all are welcome. We very much hope to see you there!)

'We're all so proud of Kirsty's achievements,' said Market Makers manager Alec Charles. 'It's especially great that our Mayor chose her work to represent to French friends something of the talent, energy and brilliance of our fantastic town.'

