

T R E E
S T O R I E S

**An Art
Exhibition
organised
by
South Yorkshire
Biodiversity
Research Group**

**at
The Art House, 8 Backfields,
Sheffield, S14HJ
24 October to 6 November
2015**

During half-term (26th to 31st Oct) children and family friendly activities will be taking place. Email: info@arthousesheffield.co.uk to book places at these events.



Tribe and Territory I
Tansy Lee Moir, 2015



**Opening times:
Monday to Friday
9am to 5pm.**



THE WATCHER

Fancy that!
A man in a hat,
dotty and splotchy,
jaunty in his titfer,
a bit of a lad.

He's haunting
this track
keeping an eye out
for bats.
Fancy that!

carving of man, Glynllifon
Country Park, Gwynedd

Sally Goldsmith, 2015

See <http://treestories-heritage.weebly.com/> or www.ukeconet.org
for more information.
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TREE STORIES

The history and mystery of carved and worked trees and tree graffiti

South Yorkshire Biodiversity Research Group (SYBRG) secured an Arts Council grant to work with artist, Tansy Lee Moir, and poet & songwriter, Sally Goldsmith to further this exciting project to uncover an often overlooked part of human cultural history; Tree Stories.

The project is taking a closer look at the mysterious marks, objects and tree 'graffiti' that appear on trees. The importance of these markings extends from prehistoric times. As herding and pastoral culture developed, tree markings were essential for navigating through the landscape and for reporting incidents, times, places and people. This ancient form of communication has survived to the present day with people still using trees to record messages and leave objects embedded in them. These trees with their markings can be found in surprising places, from inner city Victorian parks and gardens to great parkland landscapes in the British countryside.

Our project set out to record some of these trees to use them as inspiration to create drawings, poems and prints some of which are displayed in this exhibition. There are more *Tree Stories* waiting to be found and people can still contribute to the project. Check out our website, <http://treestories-heritage.weebly.com/> to find out more about the project or www.ukeconet.org for more general information about what SYBRG do. Email: info@hallamec.plus.com tel: 0114 272 4227.



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