

26 November 2025 - 5 January 2026

Winter Jewels 2025





Blue mauve dandelion enamel pendant
Zoe Slattery

Nic Monks

Chair of the Association for Contemporary Jewellery (Wessex)

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I am delighted to welcome you to this year's Winter Jewels exhibition – a celebration of creativity, craftsmanship, and community.

Now in its 13th year, Winter Jewels continues to bring together an inspiring group of contemporary jewellers, each with their own unique voice and vision. From bold statement pieces to delicate everyday treasures, this exhibition showcases the incredible diversity and talent within our maker community.

This year, more than ever, we've focused on expanding our reach and raising awareness of the exhibition. With a refreshed marketing approach and a renewed commitment to supporting our makers, we hope to connect with new audiences while continuing to welcome our loyal visitors and supporters.

I'd like to thank all of the exhibiting artists for their passion and dedication, and our volunteers and partners for helping make this event possible. Whether you're here to browse, buy, or simply be inspired, we hope you enjoy discovering the stories behind the jewellery and the hands that made it.

With warmest wishes,

Nic



Sterling silver and laburnum wood pendants and earrings

Nic Monks

About the Exhibition

The Association for Contemporary Jewellery (ACJ) Wessex returns with its much-anticipated Winter Jewels exhibition.

This annual event showcases the exceptional craftsmanship and creativity of local studio jewellers.

Visitors can explore a diverse collection of handcrafted jewellery, each piece reflecting the unique style and vision of its maker. The exhibition is a selling event, offering a perfect opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind gifts or personal treasures directly from the artists. Prices typically range from £30 to £1000.

Some of the jewellers will be present each day throughout the exhibition. Its a fantastic opportunity for visitors to talk to the makers and gain insights into their creative processes and inspirations.

Dates: 26th November 2025 – 5th January 2026

Venue: Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Jermyns Lane,
Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 0QA

Opening Hours: 10am – 4pm (closes at 3pm on Christmas Eve and the final day; closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day)

Admission: Free entry to the exhibition



Sterling silver stud earrings with oxidised lines

Susannah Way



Five dome black, gold and white sterling silver pendant
Sylvia Tomkinson

What Is Contemporary Jewellery?

An Introduction for the Curious Collector

Contemporary jewellery is not just about adornment – it's about expression, experimentation, and storytelling. It challenges traditional ideas of beauty and value, and invites us to see jewellery not only as decoration, but as art.

Unlike conventional jewellery, which often focuses on precious materials and commercial appeal, contemporary jewellery is also driven by concept and creativity. Artists in this field use an astonishing range of materials – from silver and gold to recycled plastics, textiles and wood – and last month I visited a maker using bee's honeycomb!

What matters most is not the cost of the material, but the meaning behind the piece.

Each work is a conversation: between maker and material, between tradition and innovation, and ultimately, between the piece and the person who wears it. Some pieces are intimate and wearable; others are bold and sculptural, intended to provoke thought or spark dialogue.

Contemporary jewellers often draw inspiration from personal stories, social issues, nature, architecture, or abstract ideas. Their work may explore identity, memory, sustainability, or the body itself. In this way, contemporary jewellery becomes a powerful medium for reflection and connection.

This exhibition brings together a diverse group of makers who explore what jewellery can be. Whether you're a seasoned collector or a first-time visitor, we invite you to look closely, ask questions, and let your imagination roam. You may find a piece that speaks to you – not just as something to wear, but as something to experience.



Phoenician torc in fine silver and gold plate

Jocelyn Tallis

Our Main Exhibitors

Behind every piece in Winter Jewels is a story – of inspiration, experience and skill.

Our makers are contemporary jewellers who work with integrity and imagination, transforming precious and unexpected materials into wearable art.

Each jeweller brings a unique voice to the collection: some explore bold sculptural forms, others create delicate treasures for everyday wear. What unites them is a commitment to craftsmanship, originality, and ethical practice.

As you browse these pages, take a moment to discover the people behind the work. Learn what drives their creativity, the techniques they cherish, and the ideas that shape their designs.

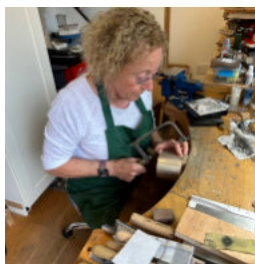
Whether you're drawn to a piece for its beauty, its story, or its meaning, you'll know it was made by hand – with care, intention, and individuality.

The Association for Contemporary Jewellery (Wessex)

The ACJ Wessex Group is a dynamic network of studio jewellers based across Hampshire, Wiltshire, and Dorset.

As a regional branch of the Association for Contemporary Jewellery, the group brings together skilled makers who design and handcraft distinctive, contemporary jewellery from home studios and public-facing workshops. Through exhibitions, events, and regular meetups, ACJ Wessex fosters creativity, collaboration, and professional development while promoting the art of jewellery making to a wider audience.

Learn more at www.acjwessex.co.uk.



Candy Matterson

Candy's jewellery aims to be playful, tactile, sometimes including movement. She employs changes in surface texture and colour to encourage engagement

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Kinetic necklace

Sterling silver, faceted topaz



Carolyn Amos

Carolyn uses traditional silversmithing techniques and modern materials to create contemporary and expressive pieces with simplicity of form, vibrant colour and bold contrasts

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Orange shards

Sterling silver, resin



Dawn Gear

Dawn loves to create contemporary and unusual earrings in particular - with a current focus on exploring the intricate art of silver filigree in her work

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Black lace earrings

Oxidised sterling silver, 9ct gold



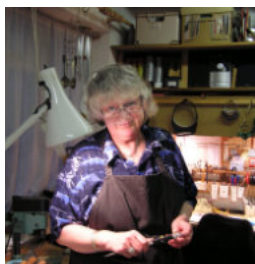
Georgina Ettridge

Georgina has been creating award winning jewellery for over 25 years and has become known for her designs inspired by woodland and native leaves

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Bespoke oak leaf and curled tendril ring with a leaf & two tendrils ring
9ct white and yellow gold, blue sapphire



Gill Mallett

Gill enjoys introducing molten precious metals to unusual environments to create exciting forms which become the starting point of her innovative, signature jewellery

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Water cast silver nugget pendant

Sterling silver, purple sapphires set in 18ct gold



Gillian Hackett

Gillian creates elegant, kinetic jewellery in recycled silver, inspired by geometry, movement and nature - handcrafted with precision and a sculptural, tactile aesthetic

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Concentric Circles Dangly Earrings

Sterling silver



Harriet Walford

Harriet designs and makes metal objects to handle or wear. Some is traditional jewellery, other pieces are tactile objects for the fingers to explore and play with



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Sterling silver bracelet - cup and ring links

Sterling silver



Helena Symes

Helena creates bold and unique pieces inspired by her love of colour and geometry. She incorporates recycled materials and discarded objects into wearable art

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Planet necklace

Sterling silver, upcycled aluminium, resin



Jenny Gwynn

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Amethyst ring

9ct yellow gold, amethyst



Jenny Holdsworth

Handmade in Hampshire, Jenny makes one-off and small-batch silver jewellery inspired by nature and everyday stories. Elegant, timeless designs with a meticulous finish

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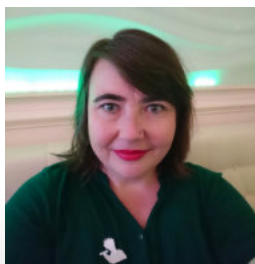
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Circle studs small

Yellow gold vermeil, rose gold vermeil, sterling silver



Jo Lally

Jo's practice is concerned with stories told through jewellery. She loves unusual gemstones - often chosen for their unusual inclusions and character

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Is that part of the art?

silver, pearls, plywood, mirror foil, glitter spray paint



Jo Richards

Under her brand Faye Benjamin, Jo creates romantic, nature-inspired jewellery in fine silver – each piece is delicate and wearable, Jo also teaches Silver Clay workshops

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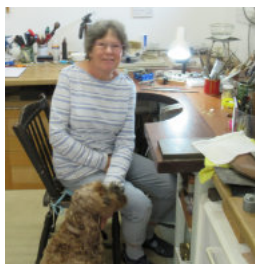
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Silver wave pendant

Fine silver



Jocelyn Tallis

Jocelyn creates distinctive and unusual jewellery, often using thin layers of silver enhanced with gold keum boo and texture, with beads and stones to provide colour

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Mismatch earrings

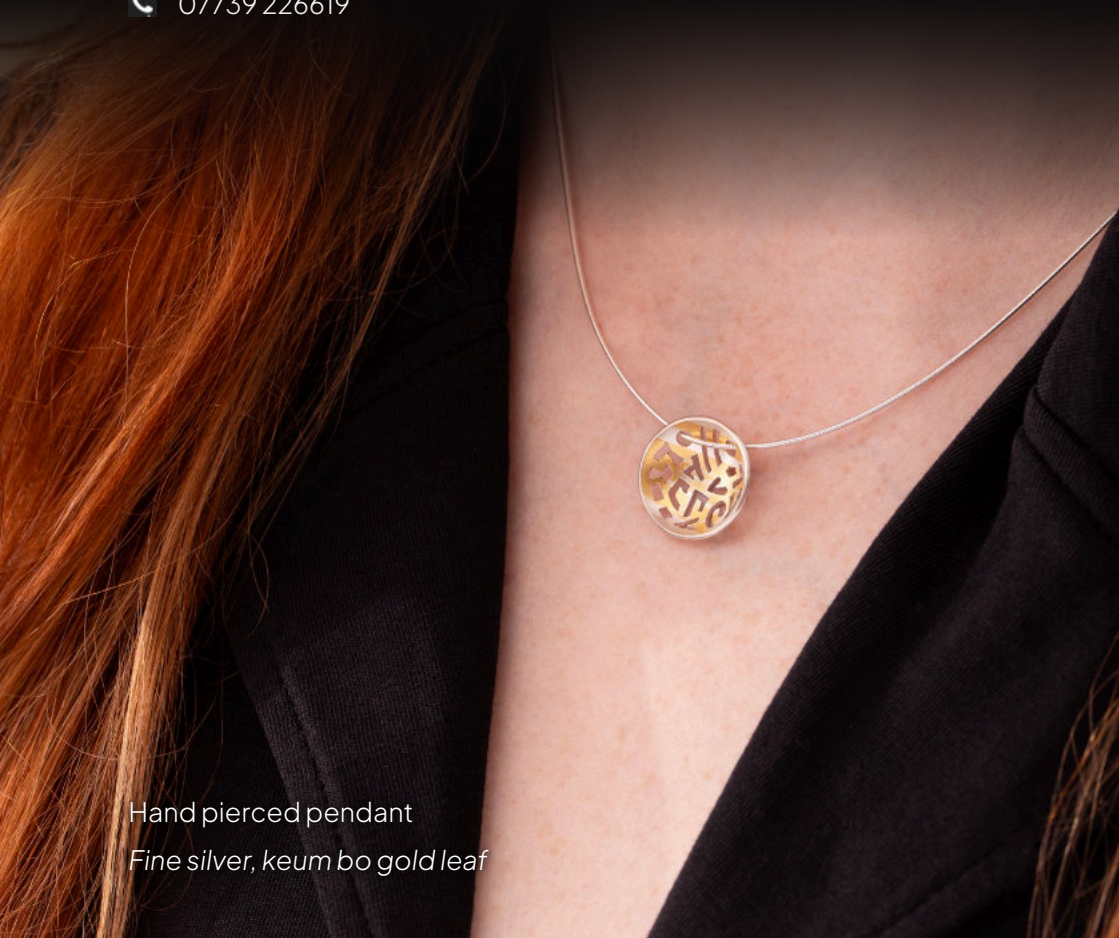
Fine silver, gold keum boo, hematite



Kate Arbon

Kathryn's jewellery incorporates intricately pierced designs in silver and gold often including hidden words or messages, to be discovered by the wearer

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Hand pierced pendant
Fine silver, keum bo gold leaf



Louise Taylor

Louise creates jewellery in silver and gold, incorporating glass enamels, patterned paper and gemstones. She uses simple shapes, introducing colour and patterns inspired by nature

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Silver and glass bracelet

Sterling silver, glass

Lyn Eales

Lyn's work is characterised by a love of colour, form and texture, often drawing inspiration from the design of the Art Deco period to make unique, but wearable pieces

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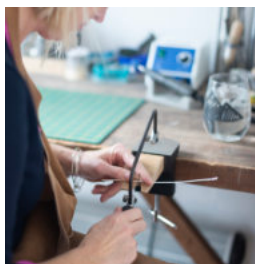
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Art Deco fan pendant
Sterling silver, opal



Marie Curtis

Marie is the creative mind behind Design Vaults Jewellery, where each piece is handcrafted in her Bath studio. Her designs reflect a balance of elegance, precision, and thoughtful detail

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Pearl pendant

Sterling silver, freshwater pearl



Mia Houghton

Mia is an independent jeweller in Salisbury, crafting exquisite recycled silver, gemstone and enamel jewellery pieces that celebrate quality, luxury and unique design

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Silver Mount Fuji necklace

Sterling silver

Monica Wilson

Monica's jewellery is inspired by the textures, shapes, and colours of the natural world. Her passion for conservation informs each piece as a celebration of the natural world

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Bee on honeycomb necklace
Sterling silver, gold plate, amber



Nic Monks

Nic transforms recycled silver, salvaged wood, and Formica into striking jewellery - celebrating overlooked materials and challenging our ideas of beauty, value, and waste

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Midi circle drop earrings

Sterling silver, Formica, wood veneer



Ruta Brown

Ruta creates sculptural jewellery in reticulated silver and gold, inspired by shoreline textures - each piece forged and folded to evoke weathered, organic forms

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Brooch

Sterling silver, amethyst



Sarah Ralph

Sarah creates unique jewellery inspired by nature and crafted from fine and recycled sterling silver. Pieces range from the understated to those with wow factor

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20 stone firework pendant

Sterling silver, cubic zirconia



Susannah Way

Susannah creates distinctive pieces primarily in sterling silver, often incorporating gold, pewter, and jesmonite. Her current work is inspired by the forest

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Pendant with the tactile texture of mushroom gills

9ct gold, satin cord



Sylvia Tomkinson

Sylvia designs and handmakes jewellery using silver, gold, titanium and semi-precious stones. She uses contrasts of colour or texture to create unique designs

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Titanium columnar earrings

Sterling silver, anodised titanium



Tamasine Price

Tamasine creates contemporary, sculptural jewellery in recycled silver, blending fine detail with inspiration from her coastal surroundings to craft meaningful, sustainable pieces that evoke emotion and connection.

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Sandcast sapphire ring & coastal agate pendant

Sterling silver, sapphire, agate



Zoë Slattery

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Small pot

Sterling Silver, enamel, thuya wood

The Association for Contemporary Jewellery

Championing Creativity, Craft, and Innovation

The Association for Contemporary Jewellery (ACJ) is the UK's leading organisation dedicated to supporting and promoting contemporary jewellery. Since its founding in 1997, the ACJ has grown into a dynamic network of makers, curators, educators, collectors, and enthusiasts who share a passion for jewellery as an expressive, boundary-pushing art form.

Contemporary jewellery is more than adornment - it is a medium for storytelling, experimentation, and social commentary. The ACJ celebrates this diversity by fostering dialogue, encouraging innovation, and creating opportunities for makers to exhibit, connect, and grow.

With regional branches across the UK, including the vibrant Wessex Branch, the ACJ organises exhibitions, talks, workshops, and networking events that bring together emerging and established voices in the field. Members work in a wide range of materials - each piece reflecting a unique artistic vision.

The ACJ also plays a vital role in education and advocacy, promoting high standards of craftsmanship and ethical practice. Through its publications, exhibitions, and online platforms, the organisation raises awareness of contemporary jewellery as a serious and evolving art form.

Whether you're a maker, a collector, or simply curious, the ACJ invites you to explore the world of contemporary jewellery - where creativity knows no bounds, and every piece tells a story.

Find out more at acj.org.uk



Front cover: Hand pierced pendant, *Kate Arbon*

Back cover: Pendant lidded box necklace in sterling silver with leather lining, *Harriet Walford*

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Winter Jewels will be back at Hilliers in 2026:

25th November 2026 - 3rd January 2027

If you can't wait that long, sign up on our website to our mailing list to find out about our next exhibitions:

Spring, Summer and Autumn Jewels at venues across Hampshire

and

Wessex Jewels at the New Ashgate Gallery in Farnham

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