

# Retford Business Forum's Focus on Bridgegate

**LIMITED 2 ART**  
- FINE ART GALLERY & BESPOKE FRAMING -

## Latest Retford Business Forum (RBF) member

Retford Business Forum is delighted to welcome its latest member: Limited 2 Art. Having successfully moved her business in Retford from Market Place to Bridgegate in March this year, Limited 2 Art owner Ruth Stone is continuing to convert all three floors of her new premises to gallery space. When it is done, it will be the biggest gallery of its type in UK and, in September 2024, Limited 2 Art will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Fifth anniversary of 'Escape the Ordinary'

Escape the Ordinary was created by proprietor Lucy Johnson in 2019, with a vision of bringing alternative and goth style to the high street of Retford. At the time the boutique opened there was no-one stocking alternative and goth clothing and accessories. The boutique started off its life in a little shop just outside the town's main shopping area, then moved to a more prominent location in 2022, with a website and online store. Lucy has always had a huge passion for all things dark, creepy, and unusual, loving Goth and alternative subcultures and being inspired by them for as long as she can remember.

Lucy always wanted her boutique to be a little bit different from stores already out there. She wanted to stock a wide range of sizes. Lucy knows what it's like when you see something you love and its only available in small sizes. Where she can, she will stock up to sizes 2XL (size 22). Gothic and witchy homeware items are another element. Not a lot of shops stock the homeware lifestyle

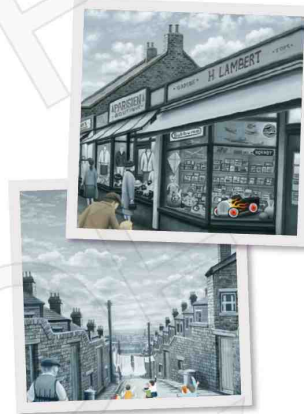


side as well as the clothes and accessories; they either do one or the other. Lucy also wanted to keep the door open for her to bring in her own designs in the future.

### A little about Lucy:

Escape the Ordinary is solely run by Lucy – she does everything from purchasing stock, costings, managing social media and so much more. Lucy is incredibly proud to be a female business owner. She started planning and running her business from the age of 24, having been a fashion graduate from Sheffield Hallam University.

Find out more at [escapetheordinary1.wixsite.com/alternativefashion](http://escapetheordinary1.wixsite.com/alternativefashion).



Artwork by Leigh Lambert

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, between 1.00pm and 3.00pm, artist Leigh Lambert will be visiting Limited2Art to unveil two exclusive sketches of Retford scenes, present his latest collection of original artworks, and take part in a celebration of his extensive portfolio. Limited 2 Art, 22-24 Bridgegate, Retford DN22 6AA, 07966 104550 or [info@limited2art.com](mailto:info@limited2art.com).

Retford Business Forum (RBF) events are delivered in partnership with North Notts BID, and Bassetlaw District Council. To find out about RBF membership, and to support them (for only £24.00 per year), please contact [membership@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk](mailto:membership@retfordbusinessforum.org.uk).



# What's On this July

## Retford Big Market Day Saturday 20th July 2024

Retford Market Square and Town Hall



## Farmer's Market (open until 1.00pm), Craft Market and Traditional Saturday Market (open from 8.30am to 2.30pm)

(These markets are organised by Bassetlaw District Council)

### Want to have a craft stall?

Great rates available including a half-table and insurance for £10 – contact 07725 768392 on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, or visit Online Business Services at [www.bassetlaw.gov.uk](http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk)

## Plus

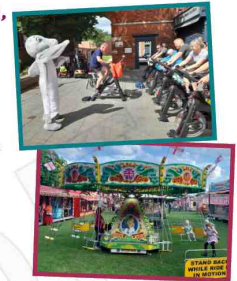
Come and learn how to make a fabulous balloon animal – The Joker Entertainment is back with even more brilliant free family fun



10am to 2pm, Sunday 14th July 2024  
Retford Market Square

## Find out about a range of health, and health-related, activities

- Great free family fun from:
  - Children's swings roundabout
  - Facepainting by Grace from Cherry Bomb
  - Crazy Daisy stories from Becci at Debutots
  - Circus Workshop by Guiding Spark Circus
  - Vinyl Sounds from top DJ Tim Asher
  - Retford Ukulele Group
- Plus a special appearance by the BPL dolphin: he just loves to have his photo taken!



Organisations taking part on the day – so far, more are joining every day:



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