

#Street
Art
Heroes

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Invading Vikings christened this area 'White Barn' in their own language, a name that has stuck and is particularly relevant for the site of Alex Senna's monochrome works on Hillhead Farm's Egghouse, visible from the approach road to the tearoom.

The site was a major artillery base in the mid 20th Century before becoming a poultry farm, while neighbouring Marsden was still being heavily quarried.

The Artists

Cityzen Kane

born in Jos, Nigeria, has sited a new work, inspired by Starcraft computer gaming characters and the fantastical landscapes of record sleeve designer Roger Dean. His alien sentinels could be fossils from the tropical Zechstein Sea that covered this land 250 million years ago.

L7M

from São Paolo, Brazil, paints highly coloured birds that always start at the eye and work out to incredibly detailed realism that is then abstracted with a free geometry of paint pours and splashes. Reaching cult status in Mexico, many people have his artworks tattooed.

Alex Senna

from São Paolo area, Brazil, produced large black and white paintings that comment on Hillhead Farm's Egghouse and its wartime use storing shells of a different kind – those for big guns. The military boot perhaps references the legendary weakness of mythical hero Achilles.





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Date October 2015

Where Lifeguard Station on Marsden Beach, replacing 2 damaged works in (Quarry).

Alex Senna ●

Date September 2014

Where Egghouse wall at Hillhead Farm, SR6 7NN. Visible from Lizard Lane.

L7M ●

Date October 2014

Where patio wall outside front of tearoom, Hillhead Farm, SR6 7NN. Open Tues-Sun.

For #StreetArtHeroes, Biddick Hall-born curator Garry Hunter has pulled together an impressive collection of world-class artists to bring a touch of colour and creativity to our streets.

The seed of this project is rooted in exploring the etymology of street names on postwar housing estates that celebrate noted artists and writers, many of whom have local links.

Over eighty days, a dozen urban artists from around the world embedded themselves at Hillhead Farm in Whitburn, to each disseminate their unique vision from north of the Wear to south of the Tyne. Industrial conduits that once sent coal, glass and steel across the globe, these rivers encapsulate an area that has now rediscovered its natural beauty. The artists responded to these themes through collaborative research with Fitzrovia Noir Community Interest Company, leaving permanent artworks for everyone to be able to access and enjoy.

Use this wayfinding booklet to help navigate and locate the street art in and around Whitburn and Marsden.



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