

BIRCHTREE STUDIOS MICRO RESIDENCIES 2020

Birchtree Studios is the home and work place of artist Kate Downie and designer/photographer Michael Wolchover. Kate and Michael moved to Ceres in Fife in 2018 with the aim of making a creative environment for their own work and sharing this beautiful space for collaborations, workshops and micro-residencies.

The Birchtree Studios micro-residency is based on the premise that empty houses or studios are an affront to creativity. When the usual inhabitants are away, the plan is to offer the whole complex for residency opportunities at a not for profit rate to artists or makers who could do with a change of scene/time out of the city/spacious working area for a specific project.

The accommodation is very flexible and can be configured in a variety of ways. The Studio is large, warm, secure and light with great acoustics.

Studio 55 square metres

North facing natural light /artificial lighting

Work sink - hot water

Toilet

Insulated flooring

Wi-Fi

Heating

Large tables/easels etc

Small etching/monoprinting press

Covered outside work area 3m x 3m /concrete base

Cost : £250 per week for studio + home accommodation, and all utilities.

There is driveway parking for 2 cars, and one double bedroom on the ground floor, one double bedroom on the first floor.

If interested please email Kate katedownie1@me.com with your name, contact and website details and a short proposal for a Birchtree Studios micro-residency.

Please state for which period you would be interested in using. We look forward to hearing from you!

(see below for studio pictures)

The house contains two available bedrooms, living room, kitchen/dining room, a cosy study and a shower room. There is also a large garden with mature trees, an orchard and a vegetable garden. It would therefore suit either an individual, with or without a partner/friend or two artists sharing.

The first of these Micro-residencies took place in February 2020 with silversmith Su Vernon, who used Birchtree Studios to create new drawings and work towards completing her PhD.

We would prefer the micro-residency to be for the whole period of our absence, however we are open to other proposals for shorter periods.

