

ST ALBANS RAINBOW TRAIL

What has Lockdown Life been like for your group?

St Albans Rainbow Trail was started to support St Albans City and District to come together in solidarity through our creativity and positivity. It was created on the day of when the lockdown began and aimed to lift the spirits of our community through creating and displaying artwork in windows and as part of our virtual trail online.

Anyone could be part of the trail by creating and displaying a Rainbow in their window or your driveway for anyone out for a walk to see.

As the year continued group founder Preet Cox suggested themes and also arranged creative competitions which helped raise funds and awareness for local charities and community groups.

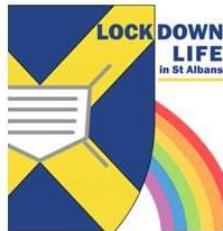
The most recent trails have included a golden Easter Egg hunt, a kite trail to celebrate the Sikh trail Vaisakhi and an Earth Day trail. You can see some Rainbow Trail artworks in the windows around this room.



My lockdown life...



'Keeping my parents spirits high and maintaining connection has been so important during this pandemic. And Gabriella's rainbow not only lifted them, but she had so many comments from passers by. One of my parents' neighbours even took a photo!' Rosanna Brancazio

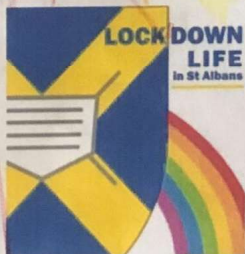


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We stayed at home and waved at everyone out on their daily walks.

Jake, age 3-4 during lockdown.



My lockdown life...



Siya and Aaryan Mistry created Rangoli designs as part of the Diwali Trail



My lockdown life...



'It's been an honour to watch the group grow and connect with one another creatively through St Albans Rainbow Trail. I think we've managed to create something quite special and have captured the creative talents of our diverse community within our group collectively.' Preet Cox



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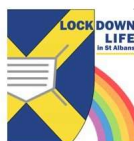
Maggie Cullen's Blossom painting as part of StART's Earth Day Competition 2020.



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Rainbow Ted's (& Little Ted's & Blue Ted's) game of 'Lockdown Hide & Seek' in Marshalswick: Day 100
'On 9th January 2021, just after we went into lockdown 3 I decided to start hiding a Ted around the area in the hope that it would cheer people up if they spotted it and give them something to get out and look for. Today the Ted's are celebrating 100 days (covering 363 miles) and the end of their game at the Quadrant in Marshalswick.' Anna Bassil



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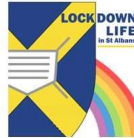
'We created this heart creation in memory of our grandfather Ranjit Singh, our Hero forever in our hearts.'
Dedicated by Charlie, Harrison, Theo, Jasmine, Neil and Sukhi.



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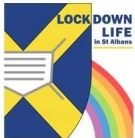
A festive window hand drawn by Kate for the charity Christmas Trail with StART. 'It was lovely to have that time to zone out and enjoy drawing.'
Kate Briggs



My lockdown life...



Evie Cullen's Blossom Tree as part of StART's Earth Day Competiton 2020



My lockdown life...



Anna and Catherine's heart creations as part of StART Heart Trail. Louise Hatherly



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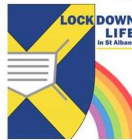
'St Albans Rainbow Trail lifted everyone's spirits over the lockdown period - it brought smiles to faces as they passed windows filled with bright and wonderful artwork, and it gave local children a weekly crafty task. As a family, we loved making and displaying our artwork each week.' Louise Hatherly



My lockdown life...



'Zack, Rosie, Theo, Harry, George, Jasmine, and Finn from the 16th St Albans Beaver's Scouts helped StART's Charity Easter Egg Hunt.' Nilima Patwardhan Beaver Scout Leader



My lockdown life...



'I enjoyed playing football in the garden and learning new skills'. Charlie Cox

