

Council hunt work of art!

TALENTED artists displaying their creations at a popular exhibition could find their work snapped up by Charnwood Borough Council.

The Authority will once again be adding to its growing art collection by selecting work from the Loughborough University School of Art and Design Degree Shows for the Annual Purchase Prize Awards.

The Prize aims to support artists and designers starting out in their careers and the pieces purchased are put on public display throughout the Borough.

Graduating students studying fine arts, textiles, ceramics, jewellery and 3D design will be showing off their work at the shows for a week from Friday, June 13.

Cllr Peter Lewis, Charnwood Borough Council's Cabinet member for Leisure, said: "I would

Student's work going on display

urge as many people as possible to seize that chance to see the students' work - I guarantee there will be much to delight in.

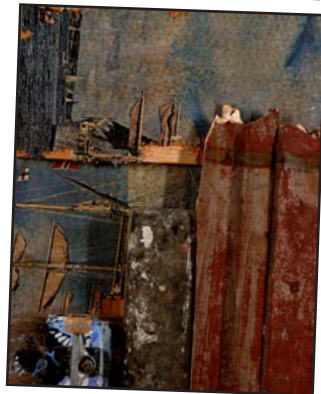
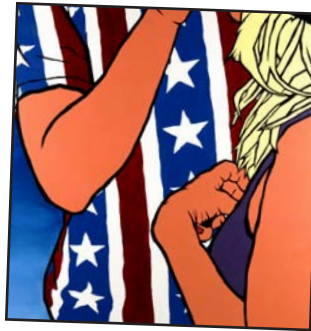
"People forget the University's School of Art and Design is very highly regarded by professionals from here and abroad.

"We are very fortunate indeed to have this exciting work right here on our doorstep. Make the most of it!"

Any organisations wishing to

borrow a piece from the Council's art collection for public display should call (01509) 268 903 or email arts@charnwood.gov.uk.

To find out more about the University's Degree Shows taking place during June, log on to www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/ac.



ARTISTIC: Some of the work that will be on display.

Looking to hit targets

LIKE local Authorities across the country, the Government sets Charnwood Borough Council a number of targets across its services.

The Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) show tax-payers whether a Local Authority is hitting these goals and performing to expected standards.

In a regular feature, the details below summarises Charnwood's performance on a selection of results for 2007-08.

If you would like any further information, log on to www.charnwood.gov.uk/democracy/performance12053.html or call (01509) 634 573.

Recycling and composting of household waste

Target:	41%
2007-08 Result:	38.8%

Although we are slightly behind our target, we are still well above the average for the amount of household waste we recycle or compost compared to other Councils.

Clean streets

Target:	86%
2007-08 Result	89%

The Government specifies strict criteria which must be met for streets to be considered clean.

Speed of processing new Housing Benefit claims

Target:	29 days
2007-08 Result:	27 days

It's important claims are processed quickly to help people on low incomes. We have continued to improve on the result throughout the year.

Council Tax collected so far this year

Target:	98.2%
2007-08 Result:	97.8%

We are slightly behind our target but our arrears processes mean most of the money owing will be collected next year.

Burglaries per 1,000 households

Target:	9.6
2007-08 Result:	13.7

We work in partnership with a number of other organisations, including the Police, with the aim of reducing crime and the fear of crime. Unfortunately, we are behind our target.

Planning applications processed within 8 weeks

Target:	80%
2007-08 Result:	85.6%

Our performance against this target has continued to improve during the year.

Successful forums give residents a voice

SUCCESSFUL Area Forums held across Charnwood have been hailed as an important opportunity for residents to have their say on local issues.

The Area Forums for Quorn, Barrow, Sileby and The Wolds, plus Bradgate, Rothley, Mountsorrel and Birstall have already taken place and attracted a positive response from local residents.

Other meetings arranged include:

- Loughborough East on Wednesday, June 4 at Shelthorpe Community School (6.30pm)

- Loughborough North West on Wednesday, June 11 at All Saints' Church Hall (6.30pm);

- Loughborough South West on Thursday, July 3 in the Beacon Room, Loughborough Town Hall (6.30pm);

- And Shepshed, Dishley, Hathern on Monday, July 7 at Robert Bakewell Primary School (7pm).

Cllr Richard Shepherd, the Leader of Charnwood Borough Council, said: "The Area Forums in Charnwood play an important role

in ensuring that the services provided match the needs of local residents.

"It also gives people an opportunity to discuss issues with County, Borough and Parish Councillors and representatives from other agencies such as the Health Service and Police."

To find out more information and future meeting dates for all areas, log on to www.leicestershireforums.org or call Richard Downing on (0116) 305 5951.