



# FRIENDS OF LAPWING Lane Arcade

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## The Lapwing Sculptures

### All is proceeding to plan.

Our wood artist, Andy Burgess, will be working on the sculptures of the two lapwings over the next few weeks. When complete these will be anchored in two wooden 'sleeper-style' planters to replace the plastic tub planters currently at either end of the arcade.

## Birds & Castles



Back in April Liz Spence (FOLLA Chair), Clare Howarth (FOLLA Committee member) and myself were under the Arcade one Saturday lunchtime publicising the campaign for the lapwing sculptures outside Wine & Wallop. To our amazement behind us atop a cherry-picker was renowned Brazilian street artist Mateus Bailon busy painting a massive fantastical South American lapwing on the side wall of W&W ('Lappie'). We had an interesting chat with Mateus and although his depiction is somewhat fantastical it is firmly based on the southern hemisphere lapwing known as 'Quero quero' (from its distinctive cry) rather than our own native species.

'Lappie' has been commissioned by Kath Ludlam in memory of her son, Matthew, himself a budding street artist. Justin Parkinson, Wine & Wallop's owner, has happily accepted the addition of 'Lappie' on the side wall of his 'Wine Bar and Ale House'.

What's more another fantastical bird ('The Blaggbird') has been painted by the same artist on the end wall of the terrace on Burton Road that overlooks Blagg's.



By a different artist but also part of the Matthew Ludlam Foundation gift to West Didsbury is the weird and wonderful castle structure painted on the side of Folk further down Burton Road (I'll call this one 'Folkenghast'). Our lapwings will be in good company indeed!



## Funding

Through your generosity we have now received donations of £985 towards the cost of our lapwing sculptures. Manchester City Council has, very generously, added £1,000 to this from the local Didsbury West Ward funds. **So we have already reached our £2,000 target.** Of the 18 donors, 8 have requested inscriptions on the new planters.

## Launch

The new sculptures will be unveiled on **Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>** as part of the Didsbury celebrations for The National Heritage Weekend in September. More news of this in our next bulletin.