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### Art events and workshops for all ages at Powerstock Common

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LUSH; Powerstock Common cutaway by Adam Chodzko

A FREE day of art events and workshops for all ages at Powerstock Common this coming weekend includes three temporary art works by artists Adam Chodzko, Judith Dean and Anna Lucas.

The day's programme includes walks, videos, performances and a pedal-powered film, with free workshops in charcoal making and storytelling, run by the Treewise Co-op, for children accompanied by an adult.

The Kingcombe Centre will be running a pop-up Café all day at the common offering hot drinks, soft drinks, cake, BBQ and soup.

This is the final event of Road for the Future which was started by artist Anna Best who, having been brought up and lived in London, returned with her partner and two young children to her family's roots near Powerstock in 2007.

Road for the Future combines her response to living in a very rural place dependent on a car for transport, public access to the countryside and adjusting to remote digital working as an artist, away from her professional networks and connections.



Anna said: "I believe art is a space where it's possible to imagine things differently, to be less pragmatic, to discuss and evolve ideas, which can then feed into our visions for the future."

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She added: "Road for the Future has been developed in response to a proposal by Sustrans for a right of way in the Dorset countryside running along the old railway between Maiden Newton and Bridport.

"The project was prompted by a desire to support this vision, which seems so timely, practical and sustainable, but which is encountering some local opposition. It is the first project of unincorporated collaborations, a voluntary organisation set up to develop collaborative art projects."

Artists taking part include Adam Chodzko, film maker Anna Lucas and Jerwood sculpture prize winner Judith Dean.

Their works deal with broader concerns of public access, the politics of conservation and the countryside, and humanity's cycles of colonisation and collapse.

Further discussion and debate of the issues tackled will be taking place at a brunch event, Futurology, which will be chaired by Sophie Hope, at Bridport Arts Centre on Monday, June 4, 11am – 1pm.

Road for the Future is on June 3 from 11am until 4pm.

Call Anna Best on 07810 374 745 for full details.