

PRESS RELEASE

Only the Lonely? - Exhibition of Photography by Tony Fisher

11:00 - 16:00 Everyday 17 May to 27 June 2021

**Peak District Mining Museum, The Grand Pavilion, South Parade,
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Tony Fisher a professional photographer from Riddings in Derbyshire, received an Arts Council England Grant in 2019 to take a series of portraits and nature photographs exploring the theme of isolation, prior to Covid 19.

“This on-going project ‘Only the Lonely?’ is a much-needed investigation into one of the biggest crises facing many people in the UK today: the increasing epidemic of profound loneliness and disconnect from modern society. Tony comes from a place of experience in that he has experienced bouts of loneliness; yet his project triumphs in that he has reached out to community groups and societies across the UK to document, highlight and champion their lives – and in the process has enriched his own.” Peter Bonnell Senior Curator, QUAD

Tony has managed to capture moments of hope amidst the loneliness and isolation felt by many during the coronavirus lockdowns. Beautifully captured, stunning and vibrant imagery these photographs capture a wide range of people and images relating to the subject on **Isolation and Depression**. However, the photographs themselves are far from depressing, they are uplifting and serve the purpose to bring joy and pleasure to the viewers.

Tony continues to work through the pandemic as so many, he had to adapt to the constraints of the restrictions of lockdown down, from December 2020 has been doing co-work with a local international artist Fi Marks .

“I had to find new ways of working and go out in the fresh air on exercise walks from my doorstep frequently visiting my local park and woods, discovering nature and my own personal journey. When it eased a little, engaging with people at a distance who were keeping up their spirits, from a dark place, into celebration and hope. I met ‘ordinary people’ doing extraordinary things; a celebration of humanity.” Tony Fisher

These Images were made in 2020 during the pandemic. The project ONLY THE LONELY started in 2019 and continues into 2022.

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Links

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-derbyshire-53765560>

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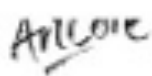
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