

Expressive Watercolour Landscapes

Thursday 10th - Sunday 13th July

Well House Haven Art Venue,

Well House Stean, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 5SZ



I am very excited to offer this transformative painting retreat in Nidderdale, a designated area of outstanding natural beauty.

During this retreat, you will have the opportunity to:

- Immerse yourself in watercolour and the beautiful landscape
- Relax, restore, recharge through painting
- Engage in playful exploration of the wonderful medium of watercolour
- Learn and practise fun experimental techniques to create atmosphere and texture
- Connect with the landscape – and through this process, connect with yourself



This expressive landscapes retreat takes place over three days, Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon, 10th July to 13th July 2025 in the beautiful, inspirational landscape around Well House Stean. We will have full access to the studio, which is on the first floor of the barn, as well as the gardens and surrounding countryside. The full address of the art venue is: **Well House Haven Art Venue, Well House Stean, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 5SZ**

Well House Haven is situated at the head of Nidderdale, about a mile down an unmade road – while a 4x4 isn't required, it is not suitable for sportscars! It is surrounded by fields, trees, streams and has a beautiful view down the valley. There is lots of space in the gardens to sit and draw, read, or relax. The painting space is a fully equipped studio on the first floor of the barn. It has tea/coffee making facilities, fridge, sink and space for 10 people to work.

We will be taking short walks over rough and sometimes steep ground to sketch, and the studio is on the first floor. Please bare this in mind when considering booking.



Watercolour techniques we will focus on:

- Creating contrast and tone
- Working from sketches
- Using experimental techniques to create exciting textures



Itinerary

Thursday 10th July

Check in to your chosen accommodation.

18:00 -19:00. Welcome to Well House! Introductions – meet up and enjoy welcome drinks and nibbles.

Friday 11th July and Saturday 12th July

10:00 – 13:00. Studio and outdoors.

After a brief introduction to the skills we will be practising, we will aim to sketch outside and then build our sketches into a painting.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch together.

14:00-18:00. Free time to continue painting or to walk, sketch, relax, be. I will be available from 14:00-16:00 for advice and guidance if you wish to continue working on your painting.

18:00 Optional meet up for drinks and dinner in a local pub. You will need your own transport for this.

Sunday 13th July

10:00 – 13:00. Studio.

We will aim to be studio based as we consolidate skills and work on paintings.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch together.

14:00 Leave

Price for Course only: £325 per person.

What's included?

- 3 days' painting workshops
- 3 light lunches, welcome drinks
- tea/coffee/biscuits during the day
- use of basic art materials: brushes, boards etc

What's not included?

- accommodation
- breakfast (unless staying in one of the rooms on site)
- evening meals and drinks
- paints, paper

Payment in full is required by 1st June.

Payment options:

You can pay £325 directly on the workshop page on my website:

<https://www.ioneharrison.co.uk/book-online>

Pay £325 by BACS: Ione Harrison (personal), sort code 20 25 38, account number 73446042, Barclays, using your name as a reference.

Payment by cash in person is also possible.

If you would like another payment option, please contact ioneharrisonart@gmail.com.

Accommodation

Accommodation is booked directly with the option of your choice. The nearest is **How Stean Gorge** – a beautiful 15 minutes walk or 5 minutes drive from Well House – which has self catering cabins and camping.

For a full list of available options locally please see the [How Stean Gorge](https://www.howstean.co.uk/accommodation/accommodation-in-nidderdale/) website:

<https://www.howstean.co.uk/accommodation/accommodation-in-nidderdale/>

For any questions about accommodation options, please do get in touch

ioneharrisonart@gmail.com.



What to Bring

- A full list of the art materials you will need will be provided once you have booked. I will have basic art materials (board, brushes etc) available for you to use if you do not have your own. You will also be able to purchase paint and paper from me at cost.
- Enough clothes for 3 nights and 3 days, including walking boots, coat etc
- Flask/ water bottle
- If self-catering: enough food etc for 3 nights/days – lunch is provided, however.
- Insect repellent – there may be midges!



Please note: Well House Haven is a no smoking venue. No pets allowed.

Cancellation Policy

Payment in full is required by 1st June 2025. After that, no part of the fee for the tuition (ie £325) can be refunded.

If we need to cancel the course for any reason, 100% refund of any part of the tuition or accommodation cost you have already paid will be refunded directly to you.

If you have any questions at all, please contact Ione: ioneharrisonart@gmail.com
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