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Shoreham-by-Sea Empty Shop



Empty Shops Network

1a New Road, Shoreham-by-Sea

7 – 12 March 2010

A derelict shop below a church hall was transformed into a rough, ready but usable community space in a week.

The Empty Shops Network brought in artists including Caravan Gallery, Proboscis with Bookleeteer, Debbie Zoutewelle, Tasha Middleton, Steve Bomford to create work in response to the space and the town centre.

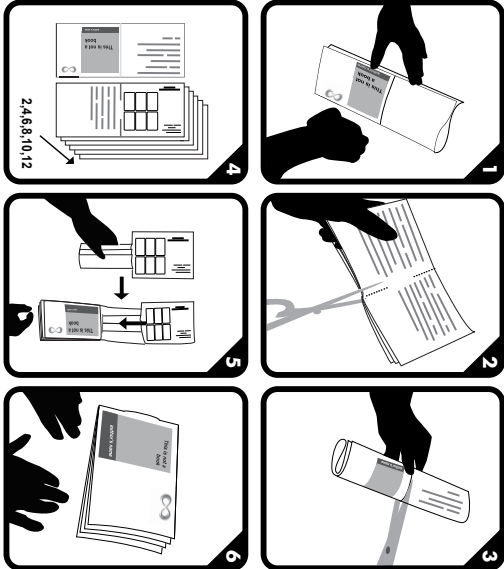
The space opened for one day as a gallery.



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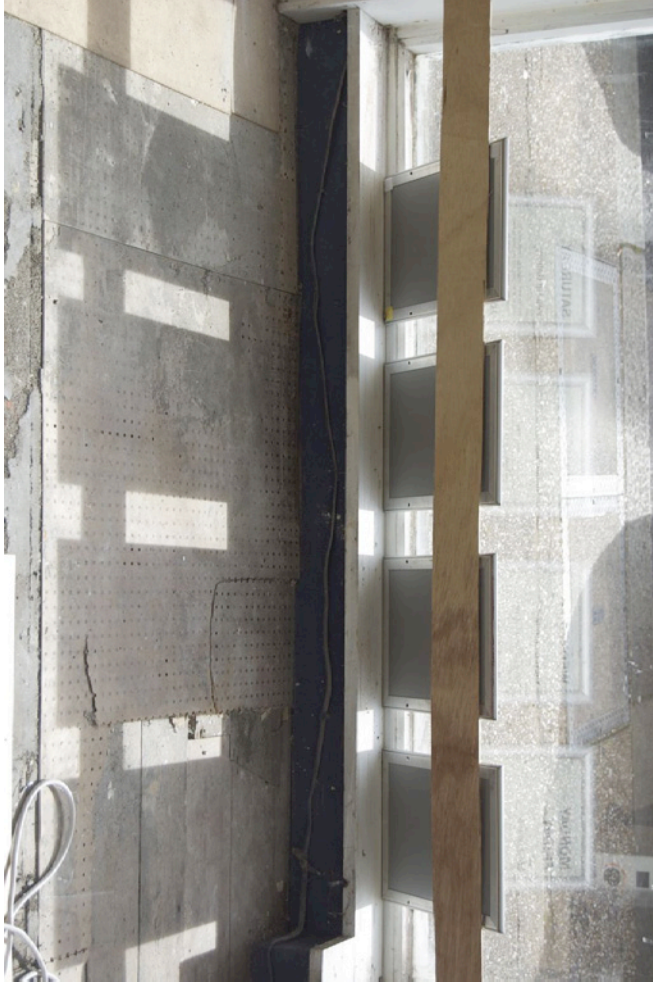
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A seven-ton-lorry was loaded with timber and other rubbish; two carloads of old lino were cleared; windows were cleared of whitewash.

A Cabinet of Curiosities was put together from found objects, showing a history of the space.









New window vinyl left the space looking better than before: white seagulls, and a dramatic image by Debbie Fox of her 8 year old, home educated son using a fire staff. The vinyl images leave enough window open for the space to be used by other groups.



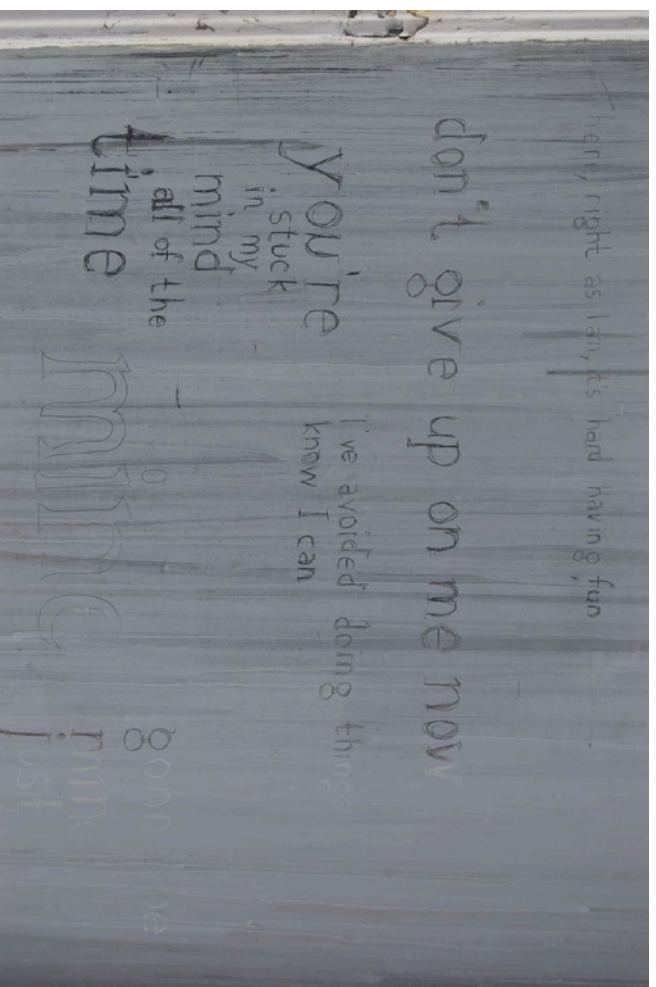


The Empty Shops Network
are moving out leaving the
shop in better condition than
when they arrived.

What happens next?

[artistsandmakers.com/
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emptyshopradio.com





Found items included:

- a copy of Homer's odyssey
- a china plate with scenes of fox hunting
- two reindeer Christmas decorations
- a Geographers map of Leeds
- a programme for a Thanksgiving service
- a fishing Award plaque
- a pair of sunglasses
- copies of the St Mary De Haura Parish Magazine from the late 80s



Proboscis spent a day in the shop making eBooks and storycubes about the project.

