

# NOT FORG OTTEN



**Geraldine Pilgrim**

Contemporary Heritage: **A new way of seeing**  
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Not Forgotten forms part of Contemporary Heritage, an ambitious new programme of artist commissions inspired by Pennine Lancashire's cultural heritage. The installation in Towneley Hall and Park is the first in a series of artworks which will take place at historic venues across Pennine Lancashire.

The first commission was awarded to Geraldine Pilgrim whose installations subtly reveal memories and atmospheres, as well as the history of a place. Geraldine is a highly acclaimed artist whose previous installation work has been commissioned by organisations as varied as English Heritage, The National Review of Live Art, Liverpool's Bluecoat Gallery, Girlguiding UK and the National Trust.

Not Forgotten is inspired by a distinctive 1601 family portrait of John



and Mary Towneley and their fourteen children. The painting which hangs peacefully in the Towneley Room acknowledges the lives of their seven daughters and seven sons as if they had all survived to adulthood.

Not Forgotten celebrates the Towneley family lineage and casts a light on the lives of those who lived in this former family home. The three dimensional



family tree and the lavender and rosemary memory cots are living memorials to each child and present a compelling meditation on remembrance and loss.

From her first visit to Towneley Hall and Park Geraldine was inspired. She said: "I want to create a memorial to the Towneley family, part of which is a living installation that changes and develops over time and draw on the family history, the hall and landscape to create an artwork that belongs to the people of Burnley."

Geraldine hopes the artwork will capture visitors' imaginations and that it will create a new way of experiencing this magnificent building that was once a family home. A home that experienced the life, loss, love, sadness and joy of the Towneley family.



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Not Forgotten is commissioned by Mid Pennine Arts in partnership with Towneley Hall and Park.

Towneley Hall and Park is owned and managed by Burnley Borough Council.

Contemporary Heritage is a Mid Pennine Arts (MPA) partnership project. MPA are developing further Contemporary Heritage commissions with Lancashire County Council and partner venues; Clitheroe Castle Museum, Gawthorpe Hall, Helmshore Mills Textile Museum and Turton Tower.

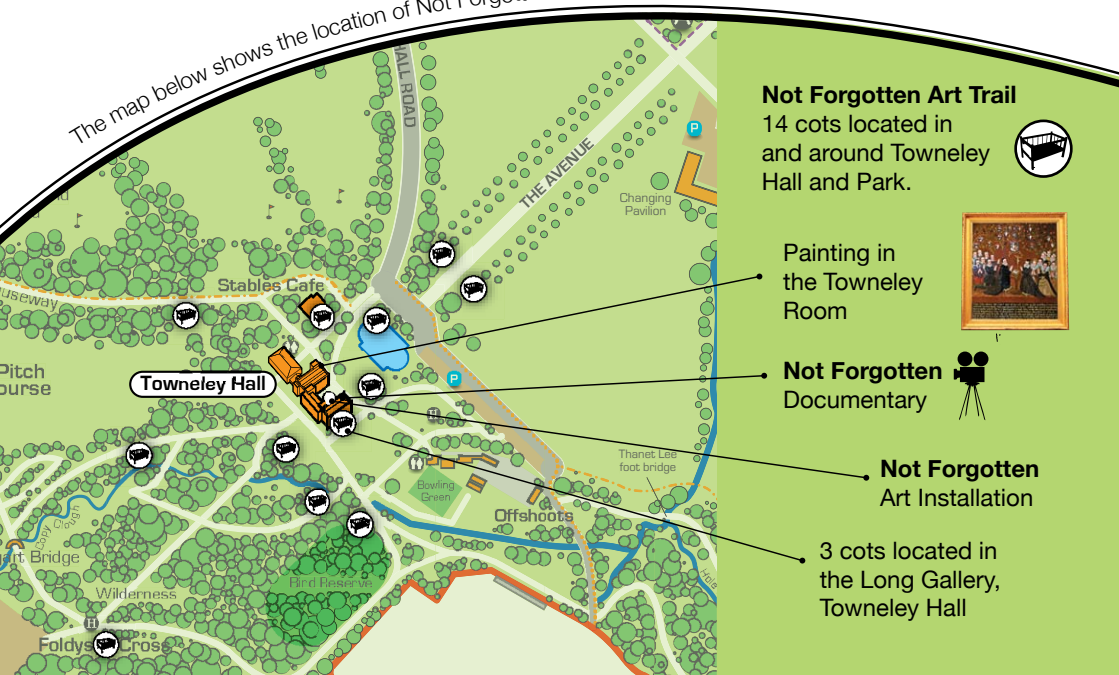
### For more information:

[www.midpenninearts.org.uk/contemporary-heritage](http://www.midpenninearts.org.uk/contemporary-heritage)

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