

PRESS RELEASE:

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Photographs of Britain by The Caravan Gallery

30th January - 31st March 2016

Open: Tuesday - Saturday 10.30am to 5.00pm, Sunday - 12 noon to 5.00pm

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Preview and Book Signing: Saturday 30th January 2016, 2pm - 4pm (all welcome)

Walk and talk exhibition tour by the artists: Saturday 12th March, 2pm - 3pm (free)

A major exhibition of photographs, made in hundreds of locations across the UK over the last fifteen years, will be exhibited at Preston's Museum of Lancashire. Selected from The Caravan Gallery's huge archive of images, *extra{ordinary}* offers an insight into the reality and surreality of everyday life in 21st century Britain.

In an alternative to the picturesque and often clichéd images found in tourist information brochures, artists Jan Williams and Chris Teasdale seek out the curious, unusual, typical and absurd in the places they visit. They say, 'The Caravan Gallery doesn't airbrush out Portalooos, and we're as likely to photograph tanning salons as thatched cottages'.

The Caravan Gallery itself is an innovative photography gallery-on-wheels. Since 2000, Williams and Teasdale have travelled thousands of miles, taking their iconic 1969 mustard-coloured caravan to locations across Britain from London's Tate Britain to the small fishing port of Peterhead in the North East of Scotland, in a quest to share their photographs and inspire others.

The input of local people is vital to the project. The artists delight in talking to the many visitors drawn to the caravan and seek out their recommendations of people and places worthy of investigation. Williams and Teasdale have photographed everything from out-of-control retail therapy to maverick shops and dubious businesses; from piecemeal attempts at regeneration to people sunbathing in unlikely surroundings. The artists say, 'Unexpected delights are to be found in the most unpromising situations, and vice versa. Many of our images tell stories and raise questions. They might be tawdry, topographic, touching, tragicomic, typical and sometimes irreverent but are always real'.

The exhibition, *extra{ordinary}* - *Photographs of Britain by The Caravan Gallery*, is one of three components in an ambitious citywide project. Visitors will also be able to experience the caravan on location during the Preston Caravan Gallery Tour, and contribute to the Preston Pride of Place Project which will see an empty shop unit transformed into a dynamic Preston-themed exhibition throughout March.

Please see <http://thecaravangallery.photography/work/museum-lancs-preston/> for up to date information.

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Mr Bankrupt, Bognor Regis 2010 ©The Caravan Gallery



No idea, Liverpool 2013 © The Caravan Gallery



Shopping fatigue, Liverpool 2008 ©The Caravan Gallery



Paper reading couple, Padstow 2002 ©The Caravan Gallery



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