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## PRESS RELEASE

*A FICTIONAL GUIDE TO THE WOODS* by Sophie Herxheimer

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Sophie Herxheimer will be an Artist in Residence in Rockingham Forest, Corby this summer and autumn. She is assuming the role of a Creative Consultant as the first step towards all sorts of potential future interventions in the woods.



### *Launch Event*

*Sunday 3 August, 11am - 5pm*

*East Carlton Countryside Park, nr Market Harborough, LE16 8YF*

*Free*

After a successful residency in Barnwell Country Park in 2012, artist and poet Sophie Herxheimer is returning to Northamptonshire to make new work with the people who use Corby's woodlands. She is setting up a drawing and listening den in the log cabin at East Carlton Countryside Park and inviting everyone to tell her about what goes on in the woods; from memories to imaginings; from scary woodland encounters with beasts or neighbours, to local gossip; from fungi knowledge to jam recipes, foraging and picnics.

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Sophie will then make each story, whether ordinary, shocking, sad or funny (or all those things, or none!) into an inky poem with it's own drawing, and visitors will be able to take a copy of the work away with them.

Throughout her residency, Sophie will be talking, walking and working with dog walkers, anglers, twitchers, volunteers and all who use the enduring areas of the ancient Rockingham Forest in Corby, with the aim of creating an exciting publication: a tourist guide with a twist, containing emotional maps and personal stories, alongside the wonderful reality with its trees and pathways.

## Editor's Notes

Sophie's residency is the result of a collaboration between Fermynwoods Contemporary Art, Corby's Woodlands Friends Groups, Corby Community Arts, and Corby Borough Council.

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