



WHY DO TRADITIONAL PLACES MAKE THE BEST CHRISTMASSES?

Anyone for plasticised faux Germanic Christmas market stranded in a shopping mall or a windy and oversized plaza? Clearly, for optimum enjoyment and aesthetics a Christmas market needs to be in a town square surrounded by steeply gabled roofs and deeply wood-beamed Harry Potterish houses. Read more [here](#) and then pop these 2024 dates into your calendars.

2024 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

📅 **20th January** | DARE TO DRAW WORKSHOP

“Fantastic choice of teacher and content, a great location and the class size was perfect.” Still looking for a Christmas present for the artist in your life? Book a place on [Dare to Draw](#) workshop. Places are limited so snap up your ticket while you can!

📅 **1st February** | CLUTTER AND CHAOS: HOW TO SORT OUT CENTRAL LONDON'S STREETS

Our breakfast co-event with Centre for London will also mark publication of our report, *Street Scar: why the utility firms are ruining our streets and how to stop it*. Register [here](#).



📅 **7th to 8th March** | THE RESTITCH SUMMIT

What is “the best conference I have attended in 50 years”, “energetic and fast moving” with “some of the world’s leading thinkers”? The Restitch Summit, travelling to Coventry. Co-hosted with our good friends at [Onward](#) and [Labour Together](#). [Find out more](#).

📅 **15th to 21st July** | URBAN DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE SUMMER SCHOOL

If you want to make a career in architecture, development or urban design or just love places, find out what why a participant last year said, “I learnt more in three days than my three-year degree!” The highly praised [Create Streets Foundation](#) summer school is

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GIVE THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GROWING

We are in the midst of a three-year plan to '[green the Marsh](#)', actually not a marsh at all but one of England's least green and most challenged neighbourhoods, East Marsh in Grimsby. In 2024 we hope to plant 100 more trees and hedges in eight local schools, with street trees next. Our friends at East Marsh United are £15,000 short. If you can help, please do donate and share via the [crowdfunding campaign](#).



Thank you for a wonderful 2023 co-designing beautiful and popular, prosperous and sustainable places. Thank you for being interested in our work and research. We wish you a very merry Christmas and a roaring 2024.



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