

# INTERWEAVE – THE NEWSLETTER FOR

## INTERWOVEN PRODUCTIONS CIC



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We're thrilled to announce that Interwoven Productions CIC has received a National Lottery Heritage Fund award to extend their unique



approach to revealing neighbourhood heritage – one square kilometre (or *Squilometre*) at a time.

As Interwoven friends will know, the *Squilometre* technique has been developed to uncover hidden and lost histories of place and enables communities to explore and celebrate their **own** local heritage. Made possible by National Lottery players the technique is now set to spread, throughout 2020, to two new wards in Exeter.

The project will train local residents to read their own urban landscapes, revealing the clues to their unique neighbourhood heritage. They will also learn how to address maps and documents to answer questions raised and to collect the oral histories that can make all the difference to our understanding of local contexts. They will then be supported to work within their community, finding the best way to share their findings with all.

Two new *Squilometres* will be started with this funding, one in St Thomas, Exeter and the other in the City's West Quarter. Both regions have a deep and distinctive heritage that is best explored and celebrated from within. The *Squilometre* technique allows this to happen in a sustainable way by encouraging a community-led, circular economy.

We're very pleased, in particular, to have found the funding to continue work started in St Thomas at the Pines Gardens Wisteria Celebrations in 2018. We're very touched by those who have added their nominations and votes to the [St Thomas Squilometre website](#) in anticipation of this and can't wait to repay their loyalty in 2020!

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**“Every Hill Got a Story”** – Acting local, thinking global.

Interwoven was thrilled to host a visit, at the tail end of 2019, from an Australian writer who came to explore with us the connection between Heavitree in Exeter and the Heavitree Gap in Alice Springs, NT, Australia. Many of you will be familiar with the ongoing communication between our Heavitree community and the Akeyulerre Healing Centre and the Steiner School in Alice. Way back in 2016 we received a letter directly from the native custodian of Ntaripe (the Heavitree Gap) that you can see here:-

<http://www.heavitreesquilometre.org/ntaripe-heavitree-gap.html>

This and Stuart's visit showed us that although much of our work is local, hyper-local in fact, by taking a fresh look at our global links, by not hiding our faces from our colonial past but using local links to invite conversation with indigenous peoples then we truly are acting local but thinking global.

More than this, their kind questions about our own Heavitree Yew reminded us to treasure our own places, our landscapes and sacred sites. Stuart kindly donated several books to the Heavitree Friendly Library including his own comprehensive recounting of the renaming of the Gap and Alice Springs itself. Also, a fascinating

collection of stories from men and women of Central Australia and the Central Land Council – **“Every Hill Got a Story”** - a sumptuous indigenous description of living "in country". Interwoven takes inspiration from this title.



*JoJo and Stuart at the Heavitree Yew*

We believe that every hill, every street, every tree and every person got a story and we'll continue to help share them.

### **GROW** – South Street Connection

The first *Squilometre*, street-based, project in the West Quarter will be focused on **South Street** and some of the early connections we made there were with GROW – the media outlet that describes itself as “relentlessly positive”. Interwoven can very much relate to that celebratory goal and looks forward to working with them and with the rest of the South Street residents and traders to tackle the question –

HOW CAN WE CELEBRATE THIS STREET?

<https://grow-media.co.uk/exeter-news/exeter-company-wins-lottery-funding/>

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