FUNGUS PRESS is an evolving artist poster project established in 2014.

As concerns grow regarding the privatisation of public spaces across London, and elsewhere, Fungus Press invites artists, designers & writers to respond to Croydon's public spaces across a series of new billboard artworks at Wandle Park, Park Hill Park and Reeves Corner. With a focus on text, the posters aim to discuss and celebrate the importance and potential of Croydon's public spaces. They speak of Croydon's untold past and its yet to be written future; reasserting the essential role that green spaces play: from articulating our sense of place, to encouraging democratic engagement.

The artworks are often accompanied by events, texts, walking tours and an audio guide. Visit turf-projects.com/projects/fungus-press to find them!

The Reeves Corner structure was designed by George Chinnery and Park Hill Park by artist & woodcarver Esme Toler.

Fungus Press Residency: 'COMMONALITY'

by Bethlem Artists Collective

24 May to 1 September 2023

The Bethlem Artist Collective (BAC) was established in the autumn of 2022 consisting of 11 artists, many who did not know one another. It was set up to encourage friendship & ways of working together following the isolation of the pandemic. The weekly meetings on zoom provide a regular space for the collective artists to communicate to one another regardless of where they live in the country.

This collaboration with Turf is the second commission the Bethlem Collective have collaborated on. There are 6 BAC artists exhibiting on the 5 boards:

Corinne, Nicola Field, Sarah Lloyd (Carpenter), Sue Morgan and Yas Martinez.

Each artist has responded to the concept of well-being & creativity in different ways but against a backdrop theme of local life & community.

✶ **TURF PROJECTS - Gallery, Workspace & Studios, Whitgift Centre;** Founded in 2013 by young Croydon locals, Turf Projects is Croydon's homegrown artist space and the first entirely artist-run contemporary art space in the borough. A registered charity (#1160527), Turf aims to support artists & locals to create, via free public exhibitions, workshops and events, creative oportunities, a community project space and low-cost artist studios. We also host two artist collectives, Art Press (local 13-18 year old artists) and MOSS (local learning disabled artists). Since 2015 Turf has been based in two repurposed retail units which would otherwise have lain empty.

● **LITTLE TURF, Keeley Road;** Our original home which now houses production space for artists & makers.

■ **Fungus Press Wandle Park Pond**

◆ **Fungus Press Wandle Park Community Garden**

✲ **Fungus Press Reeves Corner**

✱ **Fungus Press Park Hill Park Walled Garden**

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● Share & tag us in a photo of Fungus Press on insta @turfprojects or twitter @turf_projects and we'll send you something nice in the post!

⚑ Something up with the boards? We try to check them weekly but would love to know if they need any attention! Email us or send us a message.