

Simon Groves Chainsaw Artist

After being introduced to chainsaw art in 2011, Simon decided to take a leap of faith and change career from landscaping to full-time carving three years ago.

He works from a remote studio in the South Downs, fashioning timber into sculptures for both public and private sites.

Self-taught, he began with simple carvings such as mushrooms and small benches and chairs before progressing to more intricate designs, including his signature sofas, as well as different species of animal and the human form. He is well-known for creating the WW1 soldier standing proudly in the centre of Rustington.

His success has led to commissions for schools, local authorities, charities, hotels, country houses as well as many private clients.

For more information, go to www.grovesculpture.co.uk

During a two-year project, a total of ten sculptures have been carved out of locallysourced, sustainable oak by chainsaw artist, Simon Groves, which feature along the art trails.

The pieces of public art were funded by money from Berkeley Homes as part of the conditions for the Bersted Park development.

Local residents were asked to help with ideas for the sculptures at consultation events and Simon held demonstrations to showcase his talent.

There are three trails designed to provide short, medium and long walks and once discovered, the sculptures can be ticked off the map over the page. The Bersted Park Community Centre on site has a range of activities to be discovered too.

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