

stronger communities



project: the village performance scheme



- the **village performance scheme** is a **partnership** with over 70 rural, voluntary promoting groups
- taking top **quality** shows into villages
- over **120** shows in rural venues with audiences of **10,000** each year involving **700** volunteers
- **sponsored** by Barclays Bank for the last four years
- **strengthening** the social fabric of communities through memorable experiences

live arts & entertainment in rural venues



performance

Take Art believes it is a fundamental right of those living in rural communities that they are able to witness and enjoy the transformative power of the arts through performance. Working with a network of over 70 local volunteer promoters the Take Art: Live programme brings high quality professional arts events right to people's doorsteps.



promoters & audience

Set up in 1987 the well-established village performance scheme relies upon a partnership with local people. By working together memorable social events are organised in rural venues where people live and meet – so providing a way for villagers to come together socially and make small profits for their community whilst enjoying a good night out.



artists

Take Art offers a menu of over 25 shows, selected to tour Somerset's rural venues. Local, national and international companies and performers; theatre, music, dance, mime, puppetry, cabaret, comedy, poetry and film. The promoting group chooses a show, publicises and sells the tickets locally and hosts the company on the night. Take Art contracts and pays the performance fee taking a percentage of the box office from each village – making the whole event affordable. People now recognise that the Take Art: Live logo is associated with top quality entertainment.



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The services include:

take art: **live** Village performance scheme

take art: **create** Participatory arts projects

take art: **theatre** Delivering Somerset's Theatre locality plan

take art: **start** Early years and family programme

take art: **dance** County dance agency

