

# ART FOR LIFE Exhibitions

## Coast

27 March – 25 June 2019



A Pewter Sea by Merlyn Chesterman

As human beings we have long made connections to the sea. Before the days of easy travel it was a vast, unexplored expanse of water; a place where fishermen ventured to catch food and explorers voyaged to find new lands. In our modern world we can explore the sea from the comfort of our sofa. In recent months we have been equally enthralled and worried by programmes like *Blue Planet*, but we continue to be inspired by the sea. Many people have memories of being on the beach on holiday, walking along cliff paths and enjoying coastal views that take your breath away.

The seven artists in this exhibition, Debs Last, Merlyn Chesterman, Zoe Hyde, Mike Woollacott, Duncan Hopkins, Hilary Paynter and Sandy Brown are inspired by the coastal landscape of the south west, especially around North Devon. Their inspiration comes from different aspects of the coast: our human connection, the vastness of the views and the power of the sea.