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Belonging: Fashion & A Sense of Place

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Abstract

The output is an exhibition, the culmination of a collaborative project between Janie Tweddle and Nicola Knight, which explores how the West Riding of Yorkshire has influenced contemporary fashion.

Collaboration contribution: Tweddle and Knight collaborated as co-curators, working with an external museum and archive (Bankfield Museum), in partnership with the museum's curator, Elinor Camille- Wood. Approximately thirty fashion practitioners, as well as a range of organisations contributed to the project by participating in interviews and loaning items.

Research Process: This is a curatorial investigation, which focuses on how a sense of place can influence fashion, and to what extent it can manifest in a practitioner's aesthetic and ethos. Qualitative research methods consist of literary enquiry into the historical context of the region, an analysis of key pieces from the archive at Bankfield Museum and contemporary fashion collections, as well as anecdotal interviews with a range of fashion practitioners. As a result, themes such as 'landscape', 'textile industry' and 'community' have emerged, informing the curation of historical and contemporary garments, accessories, images, film, artefacts, articles and poetry, in response.

Research insights: Research findings have shown that the landscape attributes of the West Riding of Yorkshire have influenced contemporary fashion via the characteristics and constructed meanings associated with the place, the way in which the environment was occupied and utilised for textile production, and through emotional attachment. Collaborating with a museum curator aimed to enhance cultural heritage preservation and interpretation in a fashion context therefore this knowledge would be useful to curatorial, heritage, and fashion research communities.

Dissemination: Research findings were predominantly disseminated through a free entry exhibition in The Fashion Gallery at Bankfield Museum, which was open to the general public from 18/09/21-05/03/22. The total visitor figures were 9503. National and local publications also circulated the project to a wider audience.

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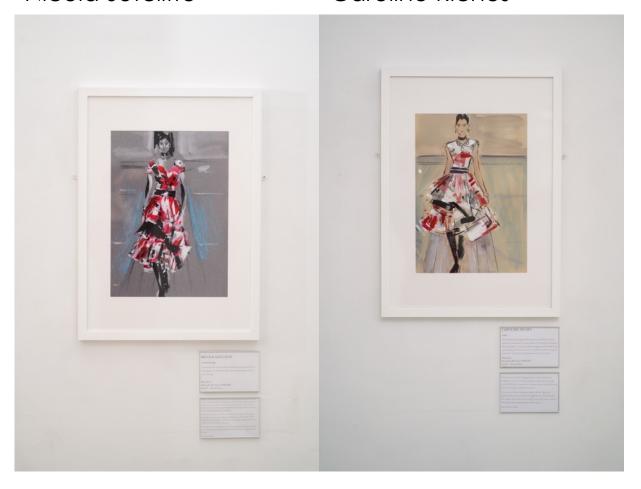


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Illustrations of Alexander McQueen dresses Nicola Sutcliffe Caroline Riches



Cabinets containing garments by Alistair James







Cabinet featuring red silk dress and silver Swarovski crystal top by Alistair James





Images by Martin Parr from the Bankfield archive positioned next to an image produced for the Henry Holland x Martin Parr collaboration





Edward Crutchley (garments & Image)





Cabinets

Shoes from Bankfield archive, Sadie Clayton and Alistair James. Hats – Bankfield archive and Edward Crutchley x Stephen Jones

Images – John Bulmer, Edward Crutchley and Stephen Jones









Menswear by LAU alumni Rav Matharu (clothsurgeon) and Oli Moores for Hardy Amies, positioned next to vintage sportswear from Bankfield Archive.

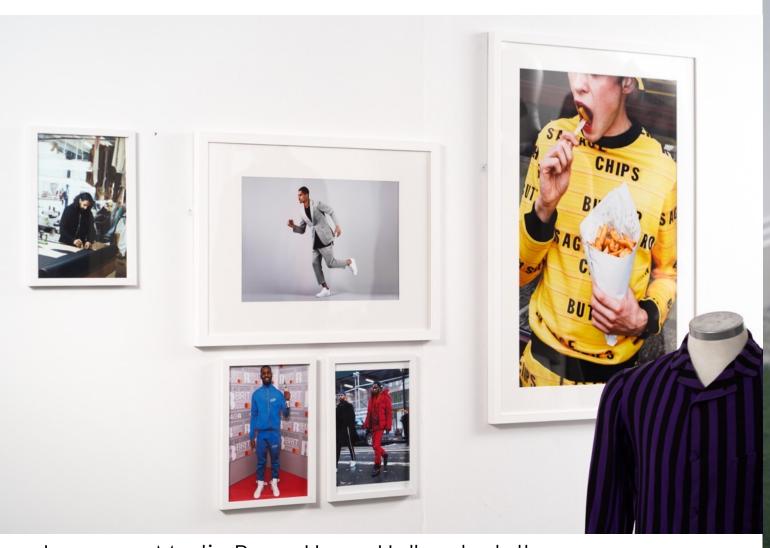




Garments - clothsurgeon Images - Martin Parr x Henry Holland campaign next to an image of football fans in Halifax (Martin Parr) from Bankfield Archive







Images – Martin Parr x Henry Holland, clothsurgeon

Trainers and timeline – Everton Campbell (Hip) Football boots – Bankfield archive









Garments by Kate Brittain, Niall Cottrell, Bankfield archive, and Christopher Raeburn x Hainsworth. Shoes by Hainsworth x Clarks











Images by Max Barnett
Garments by Kate
Brittain









Garments - Edward Crutchley and Bankfield Archive



Cunnington & Sanderson



Bankfield archive





Sadie Clayton



Cunnington & Sanderson





Garments – Eden Keshia, Mary Benson, Red or Dead and Bankfield archive





Oli Moores for A-Cold-Wall*



Eden Keshia























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Literature by Ryan Cahill



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Red or Dead





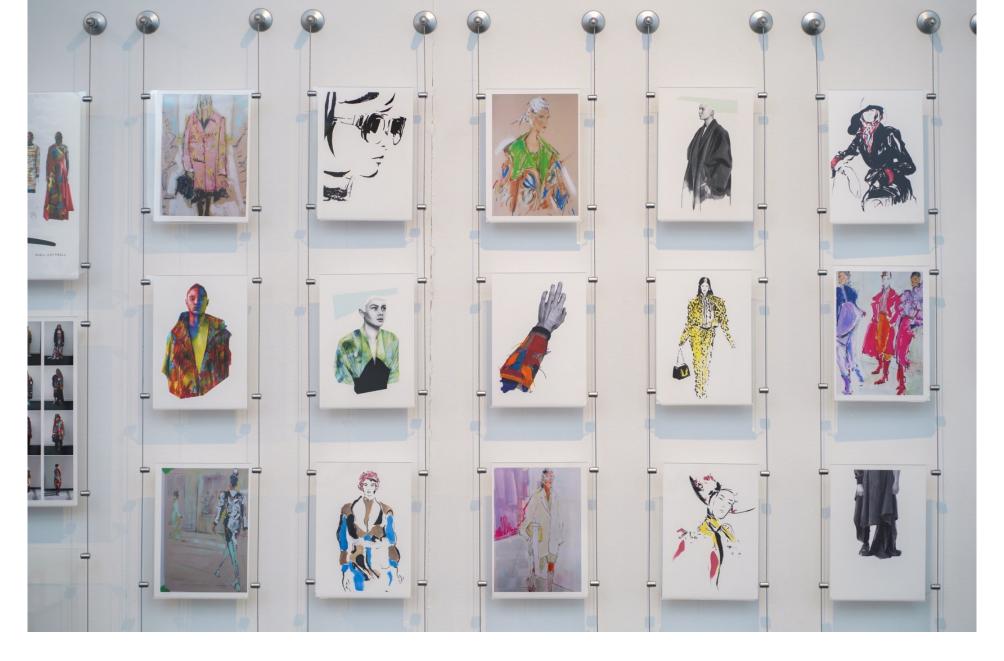
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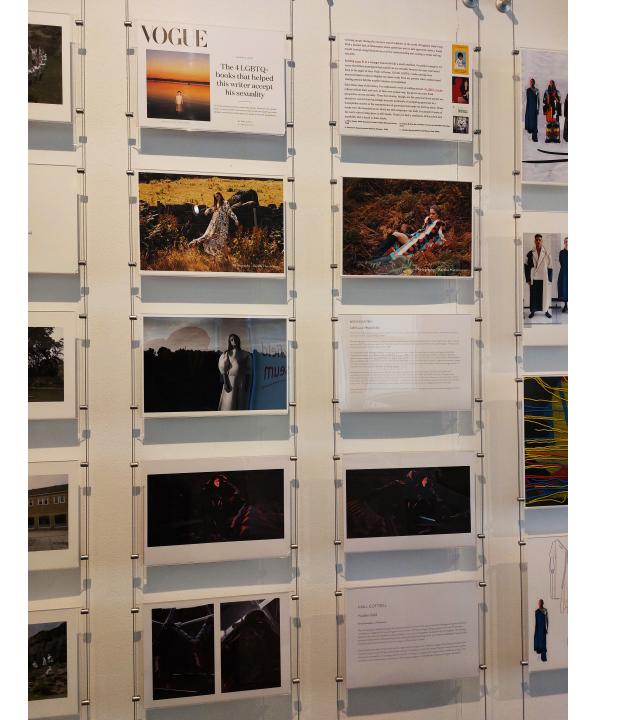


Xanthe Hutchinson



Illustrations – Niall Cottrell, Nicola Sutcliffe and Caroline Riches









Images - Jaron Hill

Poem – Ian Emberson







Garments/accessories provided by	Photography provided by	Films provided by
Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen Burberry Wayne & Gerardine Hemingway for Red or Dead Rav Matharu – clothsurgeon Alistair James Edward Crutchley Sadie Clayton Oliver Moores for A-Cold-Wall* and Hardy Amies Everton Campbell (Hip) Kate Brittain Niall Cottrell	Martin Parr John Bulmer Xanthe Hutchinson Neesha Tulsi Champaneria & Vivek Vadoliya Mica Keating Jaron Hill Max Barnett Paddy Hartley Rafael Kroetz Illustrations provided by	Edward Crutchley BBC Archive (Halifax Modelling School & Halifax Fashion Bus) Alistair James Rav Matharu/Sports Direct GQ Yorkshire Film Archive (West Indian Carival – Leeds) Jaron Hill/Ian Baxter (Riding West on a Walrus Tail)
Cunnington & Sanderson Mary Benson Eden Keshia David Morrish Heb Tro Co. Christopher Raeburn/A W Hainsworth Clarks/A W Hainsworth	Niall Cottrell Caroline Riches Nicola Sutcliffe Stephen Jones Chris Goddard Archive pieces/photos provided by Bankfield Museum	Literature provided by Ryan Cahill (Hunger Magazine) Ian Emberson (poet) Wayne Hemingway