



Artist Paul Cox at the Dixey CB gallery anniversary exhibition in West Street Horsham. C5321212

Arty focal point

HORSHAM opticians Dixey CB in West Street is currently celebrating the first anniversary of the art gallery that occupies its first floor.

The anniversary exhibition features the work of 15 different artists who are part of RAG based in Worthing.

Professional artist Paul Cox, 30, a graduate of the Royal Academy is effectively the curator of

the space.

He specialises in sculpture but has some prints in the exhibition.

Some of his large sculptures have gone to America and public spaces in Britain.

"I'm lucky to have been invited to create this gallery space," he said.

"The owners of the opticians Dirk Bollwerk and Irene Cheesman invited me to exhibit as

the first artist here.

"They then asked me if I knew anyone else who would like to exhibit and it took off from there.

"We have got some really good artists coming up.

"This is a fantastic space. There is always something different.

"Maybe because the gallery is in an opticians it is not so intimidating for people to come in.

"We are inundated with portfolios and we can select the artist.

"It is great to give young artists the opportunity to exhibit."

For more information visit the website (www.tokyozoo.plus.com/dixeys).

All the art is for sale and the exhibition runs until Wednesday, August 31.

Robert Tagg