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New Exhibition Reveals Unparalleled Photographic Archive of James Ravilious and Roger Deakins

HERE: Uncovering North Devon

4 May- 23 June 2019

The Burton at Bideford



A selection of previously unseen photographs of North Devon by the revered photographer James Ravilious and Oscar-winning cinematographer Roger Deakins are to be displayed for the first time.

HERE: Uncovering North Devon opens at The Burton at Bideford on 4 May and will offer the opportunity for visitors to explore the Beaford Archive - an unparalleled record of North Devon.

The Beaford Archive captures life in rural Devon dating back to 1890 and provides a fascinating view of the region's land and its communities. Photographs from Chulmleigh to Woolacombe, Hatherleigh to Westward Ho! and many places in between reveal the region at a time when farming practices, land management and the shape of rural communities was in a process of change.

In addition to viewing the photographs, visitors will be able to listen to a range of vivid interviews with people who live and work in North Devon. Each of them connected to the photographs in some way, the interviewees offer a fascinating insight into the heritage of the region with subjects including farming, family life, work and community celebrations.

Sophie McCormack, Project Leader for Beaford says:

'This exhibition is the culmination of almost three years of exploration with the Beaford Archive, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and an opportunity for us to look to our past to consider our future. The Beaford Archive is something that will continue to grow as we document

our lives now for future generations. Along with the photographs and oral history interviews, the exhibition includes responses from children and artists we've worked with who have been inspired by the collection. We really hope that visitors will share their thoughts and add their voice to this ever-evolving record of North Devon.'

There will be a number of events running alongside the exhibition including Walking and Cycling poetry workshops along the Tarka Trail with Poet, Christopher Jelley. For more information, visit www.beaford.org

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NOTES TO EDITORS

A selection of photographs from the new collection can be sent on request. Contact kelly@beaford.org

Photo credits for images above:

Left: Fair - girls running race, main street, spectators, Chulmleigh Fair, July 1972. Documentary photograph by Roger Deakins for the Beaford Archive © Beaford Arts

Right: Girl on the beach with rabbit 'mask', Westward Ho! August 1973. Documentary photograph by James Ravilious for the Beaford Archive, © Beaford Arts

Listings

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The Burton at Bideford

The Museum, Gallery and Cafe is open Monday - Saturday 10am - 4pm, Sunday 11am - 4pm.

The Burton at Bideford is an accessible venue and includes a lift to the second floor.

Kingsley Road, Bideford, EX39 2QQ

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About Beaford

Beaford is a pioneering network of rural North Devon communities celebrating our land, our lives and our future.

We share professional arts events in our villages; develop the extraordinary rural record of James Ravilious and Roger Deakins; and create new work with UNESCO's North Devon Biosphere Reserve - a global designation recognising our unique environment.

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