

Final chance to see gallery's first display

THE long-awaited opening of Staithes gallery drew crowds to the village last week.

Crew, villagers and artists turned out last Thursday evening to see the gallery's first exhibition, a fund-raiser for the Staithes and Runswick RNLI Lifeboat Station.

Around 15 artists, including Whitby's Michael Pybus and John Freeman, David Curtis, William Dealtry and sculptor Darren Yeadon offered works for sale, donating a portion of their commission to the RNLI.

The gallery is the product of several years' work during which owners David and Alison Milnes have converted a run down and disused shop into a beautiful space to showcase the work of artists in the area.

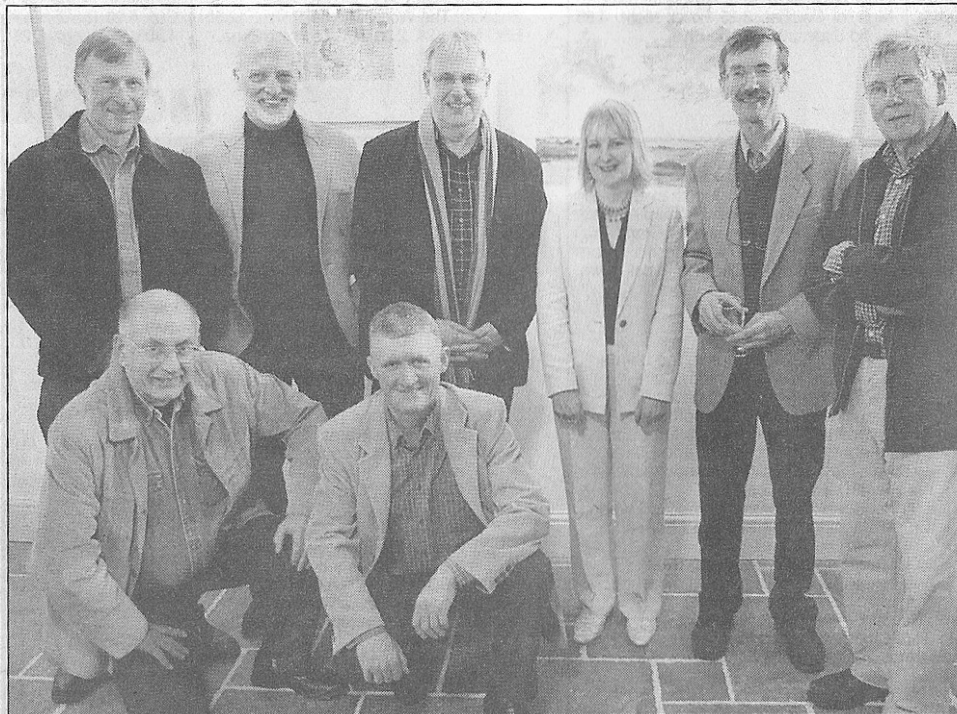
"The response to what we have done is very encouraging," said Alison.

"So many people have come along and they seem to like what we have done.

"There is some amazing work in this exhibition and it's for a very good cause.

"The people of Staithes have always welcomed art and artists into the village and it has drawn many visitors here as well."

The exhibition continues until Sunday and is open from 10am to 5pm.



Artists, from left, David Allen, Les Packham, Robert Brindley, Michelle Saunders, David Curtis, Derek Carpenter, front: John Freeman and Bruce Mulcahy

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