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Media news from Castle Espie

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It's going to be simply beastly at the Graffan

The June opening of 'Here Be Beasts' is an art exhibition and sale that highlights Belfast's familiar city centre and the seldom noticed beasties, both real and imagined, that can be found there. The event will exhibit in Castle Espie Wetland Centre's Graffan Gallery, Ireland's only dedicated environmental art space.

After attaining a BA (Hons) in Fine Art & Painting at Winchester School of Art, Adele's work focused on African Wildlife and she began to exhibit in venues throughout Southern England.

After a period spent working as an artist in England and France, she relocated to Northern Ireland in 1999, settling in Co Down where she had ready access to tidal shallows, which were the focus of her new work, taking up snorkelling to study native sea fauna.

Following a successful solo exhibition of this work at Mullingar Arts Centre, Pound was selected to take part in 'Through Our Eyes' which premiered emerging and established Northern Irish artists to a New York audience at The Painting Centre, Manhattan.

'Here be Beasts' is a brand new body of work which explores the natural world in the urban setting of Belfast, translated through a technical mastery of the medium of paint. The exhibition has been produced with assistance from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland's Support for the Individual Artist Programme and will run from Saturday 12 to Saturday 27 June.

The great news is it's free to park and visit The Graffan Gallery. Access to The Loughshore Café and Retail outlet is also free. Normal admission applies to the wetlands.

Castle Espie is open daily from 10.30am, closed Christmas Day and Christmas Eve. For further information on this and other events call or click 028 9187 4146 wwt.org.uk/castleespie/events

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