Restaurant called ‘The Hobbit’. The area to become museums – as well as a possible home to Tolkein’s belongings. It is hoped that future visitors will enjoy this album. It is hoped that future visitors will enjoy this album.

The current pub landlady, Rachael, and the Ivy Bush Inn. The corner of Hagley Rd and around the immediate area occupied by Inhabit in its twenty-seventh year.

The central aims of Inhabit were to focus upon changing perceptions of social space and how one could re-visit, redecorate and re-establish a high street. I aimed to produce visually strong images and recount the everyday life stories for businesses in Hagley Rd and around Ladywood in 29 Grove Lane, Birmingham.

Conceptually, I approached this as an environmental portrait, containing the history of the places and the people who reside at the Ivy Bush Inn on the corner of Hagley Rd to the tearoom, moving into Edgbaston.

The allotment’s group are based on the opposite side of Hagley Rd for the tour. This restaurant and takeaway is the longest established in this part of Ladywood.

Inhabit on Hagley Rd. From a high angle, a large group of people are in front of Monument Rd. The store is open 24 hours a day providing a wide range of goods. There were mixed reactions from locals with their household needs. There were mixed reactions from locals with their household needs.

Asif Afsal is the proud owner of Safebury’s Supermarket on Hagley Rd. The store is open 24 hours a day providing a wide range of goods. There were mixed reactions from locals with their household needs.

Graham Holway has been the owner of Prontaprint on Hagley Rd. He is confident and enthusiastic about his business, development and economy of Ladywood and has been working for 18 months with Ladywood Development Trust. He is confident and enthusiastic about his business, development and economy of Ladywood and has been working for 18 months with Ladywood Development Trust.

Jugdish is the owner of ‘The Golden Fish Fryer’ in Hagley Rd. He finds that a lot of Polish people come in for doctor’s appointments and are involved in the community. He finds that a lot of Polish people come in for doctor’s appointments and are involved in the community.

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The young man pictured is the owner of the business, a greengrocers called ‘Wilkes’. In years gone by, people who lived locally used to use the store for photocopying and faxing. Now people have their own equipment, there are only a few greengrocers left in the area – this restaurant and takeaway is the longest established in this part of Ladywood.

A few of the locals, such as Leonard, are part of the community. They feel that the people are friendly and welcoming. He feels that it is a really good place. Many of the older people are coming to Ladywood for the first time through their doors both locally and from further afield.

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JIM SIMPSON
OWNER OF BIG BEAR RECORDS

Here for 40 years, Monument and Hagley Roads, that’s it. So many changes, even the changes, hard had changes. Nine Big Bear Records UK’s longest-established independent record label. I’m Jim Simpson.
Happy to copy a doctor's note or print a picture of your child.

The shop at Prontaprint is always here to help when your required.

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Our friends become our happiness. We are more life effect to be very happy to be together.
We’ve set up the computer store in Hastings for a while now, and we are doing quite well. There are quite a few local people who are using us. Our hope is that we can serve the community for as long as other businesses in the area.
As a hairdresser business, we are truly rooted in this area, a lot of the local people. Supported us, the tech girls and even the cool white. We are a friendly bunch of people at Extreme's. So, we encourage you to support us. Talk about everything in the shop. More people the more the shop. Thank you for your support. We are a shop which is Extreemer.
RACHAEL AT THE IVY BUSH INN

Did you know?

"No one had more extensive audience than old Ham Gamgee, commonly known as the Ginman, to hold forth at the Ivy Bush until his one on the Burnmoor road." - Jack B. Yeats

The Ivy Bush is the name of the small inn on the Burnmoor Road frequented by Ham Gamgee, who is depicted in "The Boogie and" and "Of the Rings" Books.

A pub named The Ivy Bush has stood on a corner of Highley Road with Chad Road and Vignac Road in Highley since at least the 1890s. It is only a two-minute walk from where the Tolkien Family lived in Highley Road. That would have been the local highway where he could be found halfway between his house and the Birmingham-Oxford, where he worked for a time.
Linden Sanders

Community Office at Karis Neighbourhood Scheme

Working in a great community to serve in the local area where we are currently living and working.

This post is a challenge with a lot of opportunities and is a journey to support our local community. The Neighbourhood Scheme can help people through some of these challenges as many small steps can lead to big results. It’s all about working together and helping each other make the best out of what we can.
My name is Leonard. I live at the old folks home in Pink Hill. I came here when my wife became ill a number of years ago. It was very hard for me to make my way. I have been living here ever since. My happiest memories were going to dinner with my wife. We would walk down the street and make friends.
"We've had a great relationship with the community here for years. Meeting with the locals regularly at the store helps create a warm atmosphere, which we love!"

Asif Afsal - Safebury's
My name is Richard. I have lived in Ladywood for 3 years. I visit the pub, the church and other places in the area. I find friendly people in Ladywood. People are friendly but you have to talk to them. Some people are not interested in others. I find it odd to walk alone this height without any conflict.

Richard
Ladywood Resident
My name is Paramjit Kaur. I’m the proud new owner of Monument Wine & Monument Cellar.

I’ve been here for 2 weeks now, and I’m doing well so far! The people are very friendly and helpful. The store is huge with a wide variety of wines and spirits.

Monument Wine is quite nice, and it’s a good place to hang out.

Thank you for your time.
My name is Tony Rai. I’ve been involved in the property development industry for over 20 years. I’ve worked on numerous projects, including residential and commercial developments. My approach to development is focused on creating sustainable, high-quality buildings that add value to the community.

I started my career in the construction industry, gaining experience in various roles. Over time, I developed a passion for property development and decided to focus on this area. I have a strong understanding of the market and am well-versed in project management, design, and finance.

A teacher once said to me, 'Experience is what you get when you didn’t have the time to do it right the first time.' I’ve always found this to be true, and I strive to apply this philosophy to every project I work on.
JUGDISH
OWNER OF THE GOLDEN FISH FRYER

In four years, since the Golden Fish Fry opened, I have been very happy with my business. Over the years, I have always been very happy with my business. I have always been very happy with my business. I have always been very happy with my business. I have always been very happy with my business. I have always been very happy with my business.
INHABIT IS A PROGRAMME OF CREATIVE ACTIVITY TO RE-INVIGORATE LOCAL HIGH STREETS AND RAISE COMMUNITY CONFIDENCE IN LOCAL SPACES. IT AIMS TO SUPPORT LOCAL AREAS DURING THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, REVIVING SHOPPING CENTRES BY TRANSFORMING VACANT SPACES INTO VIBRANT PLACES.

INHABIT IS BEING DELIVERED BY HYBRID – A CATALYST ORGANISATION THAT ENGAGES IN CROSS-SECTORAL AND INTERCULTURAL CONVERSATIONS AND RESEARCH. WE HAVE BEEN PRODUCING COMMUNITY BASED ARTS WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS SINCE 2001.

IN 2010/2011, AROUND 13% OF THE SHOPS IN THE UK ARE VACANT. IT IS THOUGHT THAT ONE IN FIVE MAY NEVER BE USED AGAIN. THE EMPTY SHOPS INITIATIVE AIMS TO HELP NEW BUSINESSES ‘START UP’ ON THE HIGH STREET, BRING VISITORS BACK TO THEIR LOCAL HIGH STREET AND HELP THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TURN PRIVATE SPACES INTO PUBLIC PLACES.

BY THE CLOSE OF INHABIT, FOUR TEAROOMS WILL HAVE TRAVELLED ACROSS BIRMINGHAM – REACHING LADYWOOD, HANDSWORTH, STIRCHLEY AND HODGE HILL. THE TEAROOMS WILL HAVE PROVIDED INVITING SPACES FOR BIRMINGHAM RESIDENTS TO MEET, TALK, PARTICIPATE IN CREATIVE WORKSHOPS, REINVENT THEIR LOCAL HIGH STREETS AND ENJOY SHOPPING LOCALLY.

THEY WILL ALSO HAVE PROVIDED AN ENORMOUSLY DIVERSE RANGE OF ARTS AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, ENGAGEMENTS AND OUTPUTS. EACH OF THE TEAROOMS HAS BEEN HOST TO A CROSS SECTION OF ARTISTS, OFFERING A WIDE RANGE OF ARTS FORMS AND APPROACHES.


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SAMINA ZAHIR
DIRECTOR, HYBRID

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