

EVOKING CHANGE

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Jenny Pope's current work is a collection of objects exploring psychological change. She combines old objects, with layers of meaning and past uses, as a metaphor for the layers of past experiences and influences that have shaped us as people. The tools have both a handheld part, a connection with the body, and a business end; to cut, measure, form, gather, press, pull, comb or scrape. People are inherently 'doers' and these tools are an attempt to do something when actually the process of change sometimes requires more of a 'being with'.

Jenny Pope is a visual artist producing a range of work from small delicate objects to large-scale sculptural pieces. She is intrigued by the physicality of materials, making processes and the meaning of objects.

At the core of her working practice is experimentation with the limits and possibilities of materials such as porcelain, found objects, felt, ink and paper. She uses the analogy of weathering of objects to suggest the uncertainty and changes we all face as human beings.

Her explorations suggest links between archaeology, taxonomy and psychology as she examines the intuitive/primitive use of found objects as contemporary worry beads or contemplative talismans.

She has a studio at WASPS in Albion Road, Edinburgh. She trained at Edinburgh College of Art, gaining a BA in Ceramics and then graduating in 2005 with an MA in Sculpture. She exhibits mainly in the UK and has won professional development awards. She regularly exhibits with SSA and VAS, where she is a professional member. She has recently been elected to the Royal British Society of Sculptors, in London.

She divides her time between practicing artist and mental health and wellbeing work and is currently a Life Coach.

**All artworks can be seen by appointment.
All artworks come with labels.**

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£125 each or £800 set

GRETA THUNBERG AMPLIFIERS

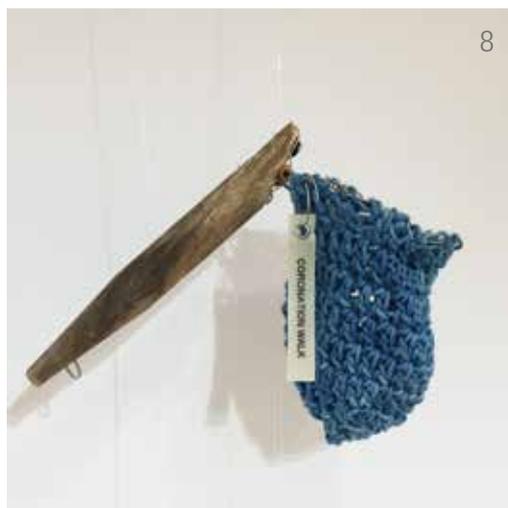
Earlier last year Jenny Pope began following the young climate activist Greta Thunberg on social media and when she started hearing about her she was relatively unknown outside Sweden. When Pope explained to people what was inspiring her work they looked blank when she said her name. How things have changed. Pope feels that Thunberg is speaking a truth that is resonating amongst many of us, she is a fantastic source of inspiration and call to action. Pope is now more comfortable saying climate crisis, climate emergency. She is also aware of the need to be kind to ourselves and each other as we attempt to make sense of our personal and collective responsibilities. Pope is aware of the need to connect to nature, what we feel is precious we are more likely to value. That includes the wild open spaces as well as the weedy corners.



SUNRISE GATHERERS

£120 each

Jenny Pope has made a series of tools called 'Sunrise Gatherers' and these are specific to particular locations, in this exhibition, walks and paths on the Meadows. The inspiration came from Pope's early morning walks along Portobello Beach, and the idea of trying to capture an intangible moment at a particular time and place, and likes the idea that each place would need a slightly different tool. Pope is also interested in following this up with creating tools that have an impossible use, like 'Wave Gatherers' where the objects are a metaphor for our ability to control the environment. Pope enjoyed crocheting the nets for the 'Sunrise Gatherers', *"it was very therapeutic and absorbing and I am reminded of the joy in making using a repetitive process. It is important to me to enjoy the making of my art as much as the end result"*.



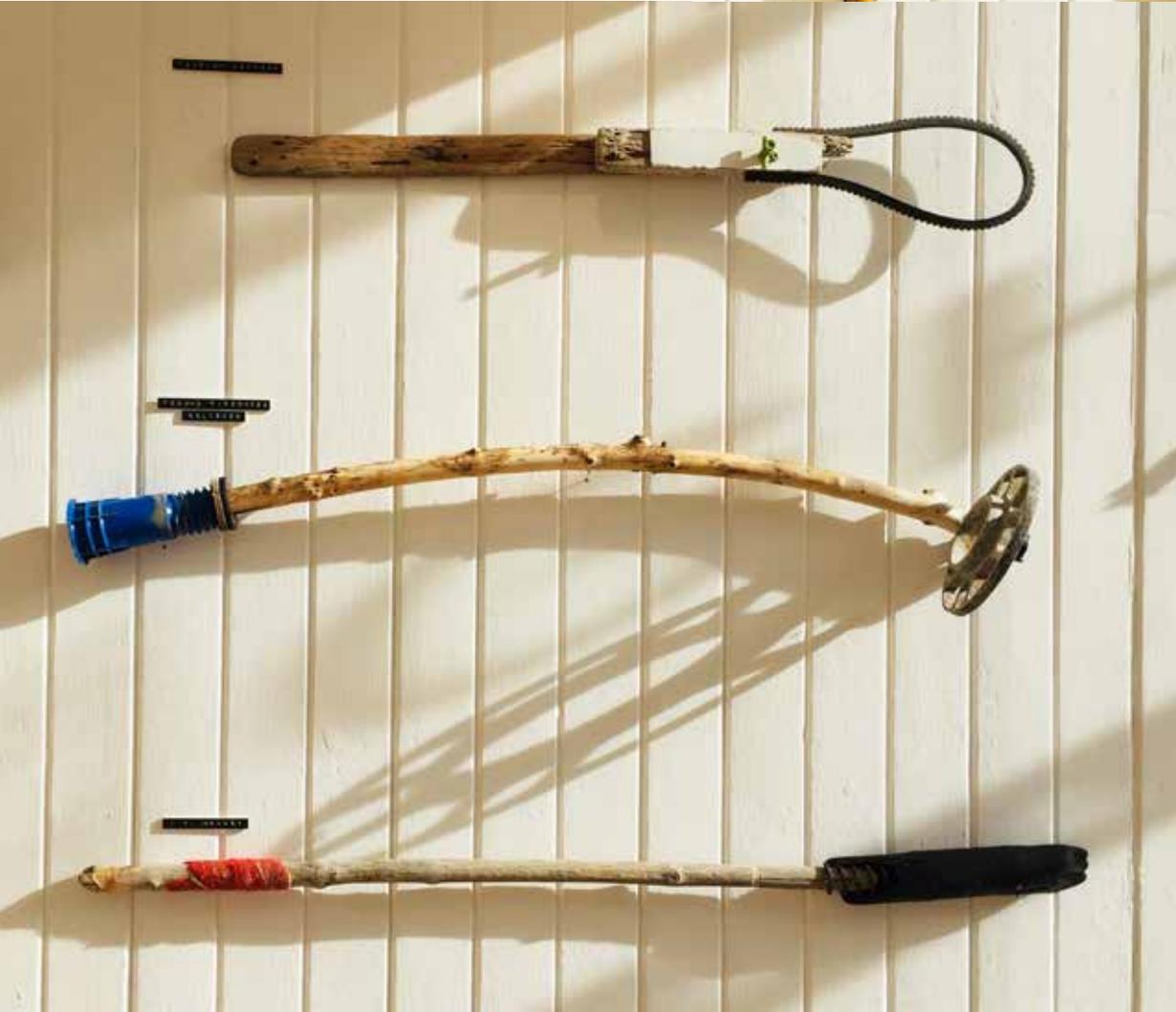
DIGITAL OVERLOAD TOOLS



Digital Soup Destressor £280



Grumpy Mood Dislodge
£125



Tension Catcher £200

Techno Tiredness Reliever £200

IT Mallet £200



Digital Soup Destressor (detail)



Tension Catcher (detail)

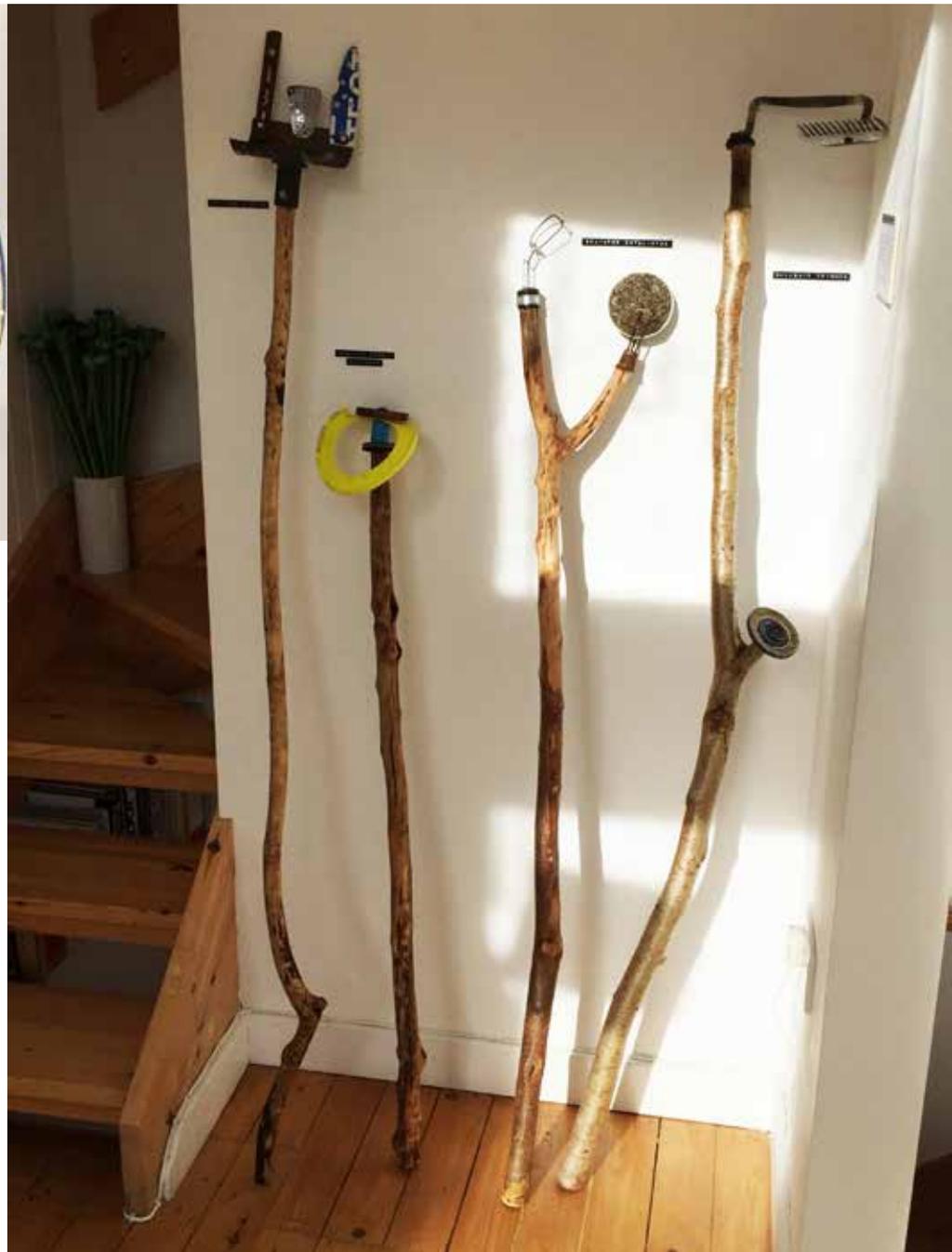
HEAVENLY COLLABORATIONS

Jenny Pope has taken inspiration from the Chinese fable about Heaven and Hell, where both places only have six foot long chopsticks to eat with. Both places are full of food, but the people in Hell are starving and miserable as they are unable to feed themselves. However, in Heaven the people are content, full and happy as they feed each other, not themselves. This relates to Pope's idea of Utopia, where cooperation and collaboration would be common place and competition and 'everyone for themselves' would be gone.

These tools consist of long branches with a new selection of tool ends relating to collaboration.



Bullshit Trimmer £380





Bullshit Trimmer £380



Feeling Wobbly Defender £320



Brain Fog Exfoliator
£380



Options Sifter £400



1. Don't Feel Safe Here Probe
2. Negative Automatic
3. Can't Be Bothered Whisk
4. Keep Safe Spreader
5. Everything Crap Deflector
6. Lethargy Quencher
7. It's OK Transmitter
8. Moment of Inspiration Grasper
9. Inspiration Injector
10. Lurking Doubt Comforter

TOOLS TO EVOKE CHANGE

£125 each

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- 11. Self Disbelief Extinguisher
- 12. Viral Panic Deflapper
- 13. Intuition Former
- 14. Negative News Siever
- 15. Intense Anger Container
- 16. Sleeplessness Soother
- 17. Suddenly Scared Encloser
- 18. Overwhelm Tester
- 19. Vague Uneasiness Detector
- 20. Bullshit Cutter
- 21. Inertia Massager



**TOOLS TO
EVOKE CHANGE**

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- 22. Spaced Out Mixerupper
- Illogical Fears Dispenser
- Regret Unpicker
- 23. Intuition Circulator
- Presence Transmitter
- 24. Personal Demon Catcher
- 25. Keeping Options Open Surveyor
- 26. Old Patterns of Behaviour Whisk

TOOLS TO
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- 27. Frustration Guard
- 28. Not Good Enough Scrubber
- 29. Frustration Gauge
- 30. Spaced Out Soakerupper
- 31. What If Clencher
- 32. Feeling Sad Soaker Upper
- 33. I Wish I Hadn't Grinder
- 34. Selfawareness Spinner



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TOOLS TO
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Toolkit To Hear Myself Think
£450

Toolkit For The Incurable Procrastinator
£480

Distraction Elimination Toolkit
£480





HABIT
CATCHER

£1800



FEAR OF MISSING
OUT RIDDLER

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