

Sculptures get their big unveiling

TWO new sculptures have been unveiled in the district this spring, a giant 30-foot creation in the grounds of Kimbolton School and a specially commissioned work by a community artist for St Ives.

The St Ives statue, unveiled on Friday has been in existence for four years and had several temporary homes. It began in the Norris Museum was transferred to St Ives Cemetery and now has "a last resting place" in a garden at St Ives Bus Station.

The carving is 5ft tall and 2' 6" wide and has been installed in a new garden alongside the entrance to the bus station on Station Road.

It was created by community artist Anthony Lysicia who was commissioned by the St Ives Town Initiative to create a stone carving for the town during the 2006 Summer Festival.

The piece in Portland Stone reflects the history of the town.

Mr Lysicia said: "I worked with children from Thorndown and Westfield juniors in the Norris Museum garden and the piece reflects the town's flora and fauna, including the swans, the bridge and the reeds." Pam Edey from the town initiative said: "The idea was to bring art to the young people of St Ives and get them involved. This is its last resting place and we are delighted that it has this space at last."

The piece which cost just under £4,000 was paid for with a grant from the Awards for All Scheme. Another music and arts week is planned for St Ives in August.

A giant 30ft sculpture created by an international artist was unveiled in the grounds of Kimbolton School as part of the school's arts week.

The event included visits by poets, an author, a concert pianist and a theatre



HOME AT LAST: The Mayor of St Ives, Councillor Brian Luter unveils the carving in St Ives.

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FINISHED: The 30ft sculpture in the grounds of Kimbolton School.

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One of the visitors was Deb Hoy, an artist who spent four days at the school creating Double Bend, a 30ft temporary outdoor sculpture. It was inspired by tree roots from the Wellingtonia trees that line the eastern view of the school grounds. The Double Bend is made from curving

hardboard and is designed to absorb water and change shape in the rain and eventually break down over time. Mark Bennett, arts week coordinator and arts teacher, said: "Arts week was a great success due to the hard work of the teaching staff and the quality and diversity of the visiting artists, writers and musicians."