



Art village project 2016

(1) Art Village

The Art Village aims to revive historic high streets that have suffered decline by creating vibrant successful cultural centres as well as supporting local artists and businesses by promoting community engagement in arts.

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- Patrick Evans – Director and Project Co-Ordinator
- All volunteers at The Art Village
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(2) Problem

We were tasked with designing a database to allow volunteers at The Art Village to easily add data about items being sold as well as having validation to ensure that the entered information is correct. The second part of this task was to create an online catalogue to allow customers to view what is available at The Art Village as well as letting users place orders on pieces of art.

(3) Research

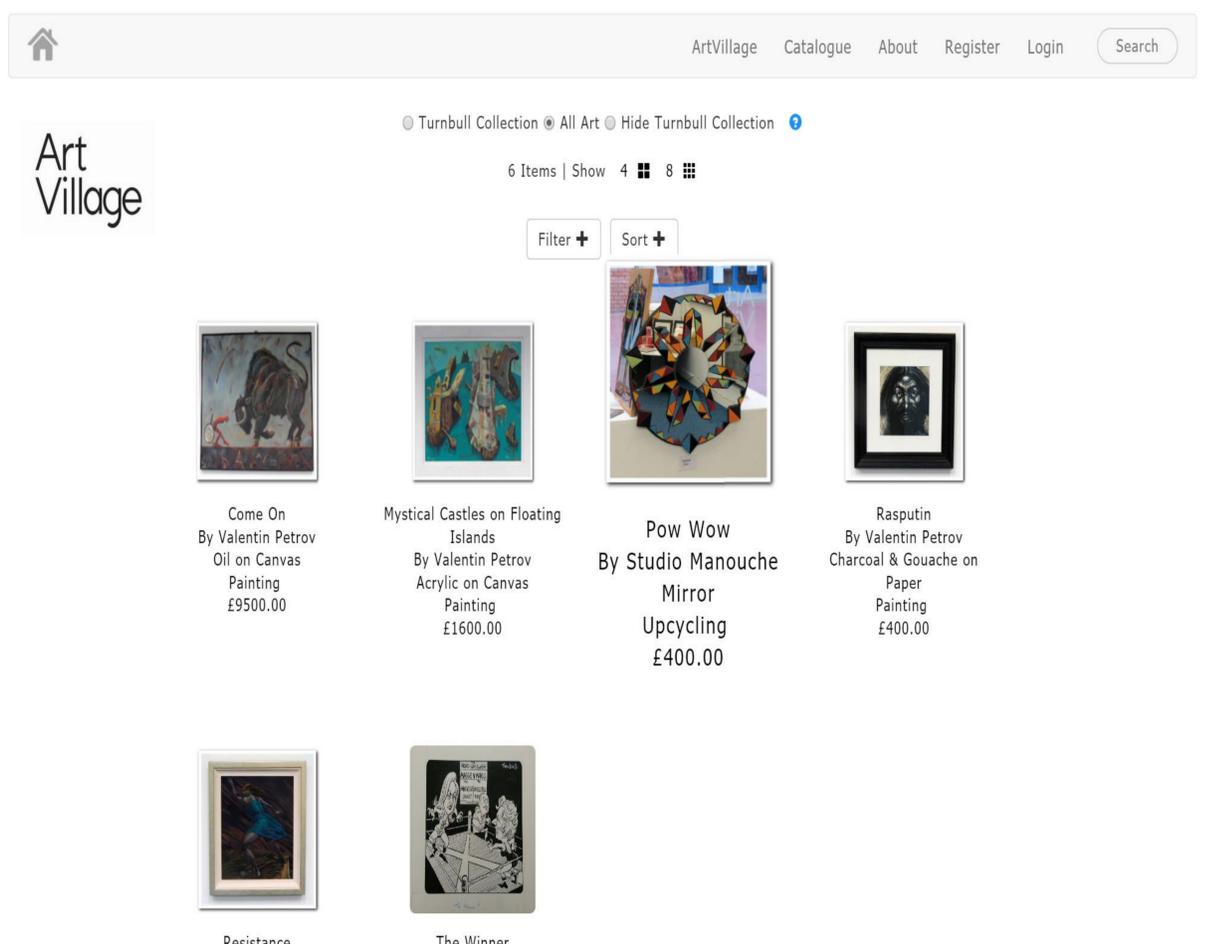
During the first week of the project we spent time working closely with The Art Village in order to examine their current system and to discuss how this could be improved.

(4) Solution

We split this project into 2 parts: The database and the catalogue. The first few weeks were spent working on the database where we focussed on making it as easy as possible for volunteers to add pieces of art. In order to ensure that the information entered is correct and avoid errors on the site each piece of art must be approved by an admin before it will be displayed on the catalogue. The remaining weeks were spent on designing a user friendly site that would display the pieces of art that potential customers could interact with.

(5) Problems

We had also planned on implementing a payment system in the application. Unfortunately we had many problems integrating paypal within our application and due to lack of time as well as wanting to ensure that the rest of the site is completely working we were not able to finish this. Instead users will have to email The Art Village to arrange paying and shipping.



The home page of the final application displaying pieces of art available at The Art Village