

'HOLD ON'

A very special new artwork, created by award winning British artist Kealey Farmer - in aid & awareness of the wonderful "Ian's Chain" Charity Foundation.

"The Ian's Chain Charity was set up to help families after the shock of a family Bereavement after suicide. Having lost our son to mental health in 2012 it was apparent that it is hard to source practical help when it is so badly needed and family members, friends or colleagues go through a myriad of emotions. So far we have kept families together and have prevented suicides even when those in crisis are actually in the commission of a suicide attempt.

Any money raised from the sale of this wonderful piece of art will purchase ASIST courses giving attendees the confidence to support those in crisis and to allow the person to decide to live." - Ian's Chain

In memory of Ian Savill 14th May 1989 - 22nd December 2012



Suicide feels like an epidemic at the moment. I think everyone knows someone who has been affected by it and the devastating ripple effect it creates. It's something I'm very sensitive to as my best friend, Amanda lost her brother back in 2002. We all grew up together, his name was Anthony, he was only 28 and Dad to a little boy. It was unforeseen and simply awful; he must have been in so much pain. I'm not going to go into details but the feelings you get when you find out are indescribable, the overwhelming sadness, shock, and horror of it. It hurt so bad.

As an artist, I've been contacted many times by people who have lost someone close to suicide, and for whatever reason they have connected to something in my work. This is when I came into contact with Alan and Wendy Savill back in 2015. They purchased a piece called 'A Tree Full of Wishes', a very emotive painting where they added a Personalised tag reading 'Ian, may you be safe and free from sadness'. I then found out their terribly sad story about their son who also took his own life in 2012, his name was Ian, he was 23, and he too was a loving father to a little girl.

We have stayed in touch throughout the years, and I'm so honored to be a part of Ian's Chain, a charity formed by Alan and Wendy in memory of their son and to help those who have lost a loved one to suicide. It's incredibly inspirational

Having had lots of chats over time, we have now released two artworks in connection with the charity's endorsement - not only to raise money but more importantly to raise awareness. Alan, Wendy, and Amanda played a huge part in this and to say I was nervous to show them the pieces was a massive understatement!

The message we want to get over is, if you think someone is struggling, reach out to people, never give up on them....

This project is dedicated to my friend Anthony Langton 23/01/74 - 09/09/02 and to Ian Savill 14/05/89 - 22/12/12

- Kealey Farmer