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# THE VALLUM GALLERY

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## Press Release

### *In The Dark Times*

The Vallum Gallery, University of Cumbria, Brampton Road, Carlisle

Duration: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October -Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Opening Times: 10am-5pm Mon-Fri.

Preview: Friday 18 October 2024 | 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Events: 'A Conversation with the Artists', Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 1-3pm



*In The Dark Times* offers a critical counter to so-called liberal humanist society and the pernicious myth of progress.

Referencing the oil industry, weapons manufacturers, the British Army and neoliberal 'freeports', this vivid, cartoony and often scabrous exhibition points to the legitimisation crisis engulfing the governmental aristocracy and its potentially catastrophic impact on political and civil society.

As such, this two person exhibition from Martin Fowler and Billy McCall of painting, photography, video and installation, charts a dialogue of exploration over ten years in matters that relate to our dark times.

Billy McCall & Martin Fowler, October 2024