

## **We hope you enjoy this painting from the Pannett Art Gallery**

We have some wonderful paintings at the Pannett Art Gallery. This lovely painting shows a woman tending her vegetable patch on the cliff top at Runswick Bay. She has grown some fabulous and beautifully painted cabbages. Can you imagine looking after an allotment on a wind swept cliff top?

**Above Runswick Bay by William Gilbert Foster R.B.A. Oil on Canvas**



### **William Gilbert Foster R.B.A. 1855 -1906**

The son and pupil of a Birkenhead portrait painter Foster eventually became the Under-Master at Leeds School of Art, teaching among others his fellow Staithes Group artist Owen Bowen.

In 1890 he bought a cottage in Runswick Bay and spent many summers there.

Foster was a founder member of the Staithes Group of Artists and was very supportive of the younger artists, providing advice, encouragement and help in selling their work.

**We are trying to find out more about the Staithes Art Club, (also known as the Staithes Art Group). If you have any stories or anecdotes about any of the members of the Staithes Art Group, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us by email:**

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