

Larkin100 Trustees' Annual Report 2020-2021

Larkin100 was established in order to promote, co-ordinate and deliver a series of events and activities related to the work of Philip Larkin during the centenary of his birth in 2022. Its principal objectives are:

- To devise and promote a broad national programme of activity, with a focus on places relevant to the life and work of Philip Larkin which celebrates the centenary of his birth
- To act as an arms-length co-ordinating body for a national programme of events celebrating the centenary of Philip Larkin
- To act as the host organisation for making bids to various funding bodies, such as Arts Council, England and the National Heritage Lottery Fund, in order to plan, organise, promote and deliver a range of cultural events that celebrate the legacy of Philip Larkin's literary achievements during and in the run up to the centenary of his birth in 2022.

Progress in achieving these objects has been severely affected partly by the global pandemic but more significantly by the failure to secure funding from Arts Council, England (ACE), in order to set up a research and development programme. This left the organisation severely short of capacity during 2021 and financial resources and the activities of the trustees has been focused on addressing these issues as effectively as possible. The appointment of Vicky Foster and Dr Sarah-Jane Dickinson (following the resignation of Professor Lucy Mazdon in November 2021) as additional Trustees has helped to address some aspects of the capacity issue and helped to strengthen partnership working. Vicky is a leading writer, poet and performer, with a growing national reputation and will lead on future bid writing and event commissioning for the Larkin Birthday Festival. Dr Dickinson is Head of the Larkin Centre for Poetry and Creative Writing at the University of Hull.

Towards the end of 2021 the Trustees began work on a new application to ACE to support a more focused Larkin Birthday Festival, commencing on August 9th 2022, and will be supported, in kind, by the University of Hull and through financial support from the Philip Larkin Society and Hull City Council amounting to £3000 in total. The longer term plan is to work closely with these organisations in order to secure a lasting legacy to Larkin's literary achievements in his adopted city of Hull.

Philip Pullen
Chair, Larkin100

January 2022

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Accounting Report

1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021

	£	£
Income		
The Philip Larkin Society	1,500	
Hull City Council Grants to Arts funding	1,500	
Total income		3,000
Expenditure		
Nil		
		0
Year to date balance at 31 March 2021		3,000