

The Derbyshire Community Foundation

Vickers Art Award

New contemporary art for Derbyshire



The Vickers Art Award is a biennial award created and managed by Derbyshire Community Foundation. The award is funded by a gift from the estate of the late Jonathan Vickers and honours his lifetime love of art.

The award supports a residency in Derbyshire for a rising artist to produce new work in response to the heritage, landscape and people of the county.

Each of the Vickers artists donates some of the work produced during their residency so that over a period of time the award is building a collection of contemporary art belonging to, and inspired by, Derbyshire. There is an educational component to the award, with each artist running a series of workshops in schools.

This year, for the first time, the Vickers Art Award is part of the Wirksworth Festival. Works donated by the first two Vickers Award artists, Lewis Noble and Kerry Harker, are on show. This year's artist, Helena Ben-Zenou, has been invited to create the festival image and is also offering a 2-day drawing workshop for adults.