



# The Edith Buckley Poetry Competition 2021

In memory of Edith Buckley, Blackfordby WI

## “Lockdown”

In the words of the American poet Theodore Roethke:

“In a dark time, the eye begins to see”

2020 has proved to be a strange and challenging year for people in Britain and those across the world. Daily in the media we see how life across the planet has had to change. Opportunities have been taken away, yet new doors have opened. People have been isolated and at the same time community spirit has strengthened.

**Our competition this year is to use any poetic form to capture the changes and challenges of lockdown in Leicestershire, in your village or within yourself in no more than 150 words.**

- Entrants can use any poetic form to capture the essence of the theme.
- Entries must be typed on A4 paper, no more than 150 words (word count noted on sheet).
- Entry forms can be photocopied or downloaded from the L&RFWI website.
- Entrance fee is £4, made payable to ‘L&RFWI’.
- DO NOT write your name on the entry but attach it to the completed entry form below.
- Closing date is Monday, 4 February 2021.
- Judges will be appointed by the Federation and the Judges’ decision will be final.
- The winner will be presented with the Edith Buckley Trophy Cup at the Annual Council Meeting on Saturday, 6 March 2021.
- The winning entry will be displayed at the Annual Council Meeting and on the website.

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