

# Silver anniversary for Cove Park

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**The Jacobs Building at Cove Park (photography, Alan Dimmick)**

Arts centre Cove Park is celebrating the start of its 25th anniversary this month.

In 1999 Eileen and Peter Jacobs acquired a 50-acre site on the Peaton Hill, aiming to create a residency for local, national and international artists.

The first residencies began in May 2000 and to mark the milestone a year-long programme of special events, residencies and commissions is now under way.

It includes a new season of Open Fridays, welcoming visitors every Friday afternoon for tours of the site and award-winning facilities, and a programme of Friday Events highlighting the work of national and international artists taking part in and connected to our programme.

New commissions will include a limited edition print and accompanying text launching in August this year.

Eileen and Peter Jacobs said: "As founding trustees, we have seen how Cove Park has grown from a seed planted in our minds in 1995.

“Thanks to great advice and support, Cove Park has blossomed over 25 years, becoming an established, much-loved international centre for artists.

“Working with a committed team and board, we have been privileged to witness and encourage the creativity of thousands of resident artists.”

Cove Park was the first in the UK to purposefully bring together, through a year-round programme, national and international individuals and collaborative groups working in all art forms and at every career stage.

The purpose of this was – and remains today – to support research and the development of innovative, ambitious, and high-quality new work for the benefit of local, national, and international audiences and participants.

Lauren Dyer Amazeen, chair of the board of trustees, said: “We are sincerely grateful to all who have shaped Cove Park over these past 25 years – first and especially, the extraordinary and diverse group of artists and residents who have made work here and shared their deep connection to the creative spirit.

“We are very thankful for the dedicated professional teams who have provided them with the care and hospitality we uphold, as well as establishing national and international partnerships, devising new programmes, and creating new opportunities to support the artists.

“And we extend our deep gratitude to the many generous supporters and partners who believed in our vision, and those committed individuals who donated their wisdom, guidance, and governance.

“Moving forward together, we welcome continued engagement and new connections to build upon and sustain the excellence of this international centre.”

More information on the events will be available on the [website](#).