

Harpenden Writers Annual Writing Competition Rules

The following rules/terms and conditions for our annual prose and poetry competition must be followed. Please read them carefully before submitting:

Eligibility

1. Entries must be in English.
2. Entries must be the original and unpublished work of the entrant. This includes publication online, including (but not limited to) personal blogs or websites. Each entry must not be currently submitted for publication nor for any other competition or award. Winning entries will be posted in our private, password protected page of the Harpenden Writers website, for the purposes of encouraging further feedback and enriching our writing community.
3. Each entry must stay within the 1,500-word limit for prose, and 40 lines for poetry. The title does not form part of the word count.
4. The closing date for entries is shown on the entry form. If your entry, for whatever reason, misses a deadline it will be returned to you.
5. No corrections will be accepted or refunds given.

Entry fees

6. The cost of entering each piece of work is published on the current entry form.
7. Entries will not be accepted without payment.

Manuscripts

8. Entries must be typed using a clear font (e.g. Times New Roman or Arial in 12pt), printed out on white A4 paper.
9. Submit each entry as a separate document. Each entry should have numbered pages, the first page should show the following:
 - Title of entry
 - Your membership number
 - Word count

Judging

10. Competition judges will be appointed by Harpenden Writers. The decision of the judge is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Notification

11. Winners will be announced by the appointed judge on the date specified on the entry form. *(Except in exceptional circumstances where a delay cannot be avoided. If this is the case it will be announced on our website, and the winners then notified as soon as possible after that).*
12. The results of the competition, the winner and runner up in each category, will be posted on our website.

Copyright

13. The author retains full copyright of any submitted piece of work. By entering the competition the author gives permission for their entry to be posted on the private, password protected page of the Harpenden Writers website. Entries will also be considered for inclusion in future printed anthologies, authors will be contacted in advance.

Privacy

14. We advise that, in conjunction with these rules, the author reads our GDPR/Privacy Policy.

PLEASE NOTE: Entries not complying with all competition rules will be disqualified. Please make sure you comply, as no entry fees can be returned or refunded. The decision of Harpenden Writers and the judge is final, and no correspondence will be entered into. By submitting, you agree to all competition rules.

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