



Poetry and Short Story Competition 2025

HOME is the theme...*real, imaginary, remembered or longed for...what it inspires*

Poems: up to 36 lines **Short Story/Prose:** up to 1,000 words

Prizes: Categories: 18 and over: 1st £50, 2nd £30, 3rd £20, Highly Commended £10.
5-7, 8-11, 12-14, 15-17 years: 1st £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10, Highly Commended: Medal
All winners receive a certificate as do all under 18s.

Those whose first language is not English all receive a medal. Entries in their own language with a translation attached will be accepted.

Entries should be typed if possible but hand-written ones will be accepted.

To ensure fair judging do not put your name on the submission, attach the entry form below. Keep a copy of your entry in case of a mishap.

Entry is free, details below or enter through your school.

Entry dates: from 6 March (World Book Day) to 6 May. Prize giving: 8 June

Open to Dorset residents and schools. Please send the work and entry form to the Competition Secretary:

Val Bridge, "Jessamy", Sturminster Newton, DT10 1DS or by email to: valerie.bridge@gmail.com
Entries will be judged by the Haywood family of writers. The judges' decisions are final.

Entry form

Name: _____ English not first language: Yes/No

Age group: 5 -7/8-11/12-14/15-17/adult

Number of entries: (limit 1 per category): 1 / 2

Category: a) Poetry b) Story/Prose

Title/s of Entry/ies, indicate which category, a) or b)

1:

2:

Your Contact: email, phone, or address