

Hengistbury Head Writing Competition 2020

William Wordsworth was concerned with the effects of the industrial revolution on man's relationship with nature, and he worried that "little can we see in nature that is ours".

During this lockdown time of 'stay at home and stay safe', many of us are increasingly appreciating the wonders of the natural world around us, yearning for places we miss, and perhaps reminiscing about places, events and activities linked with nature.

Maybe your current daily walk or outdoor exercise has taken on a new and heightened experience of nature; or perhaps you're gaining new observations and insights from your experiences indoors as you watch, listen and take in the air through your windows.

So, for the 6th annual **Hengistbury Head Writing Competition**, we invite you to submit poems or stories on the broad theme of 'Nature and Me'.



The competition is FREE to enter and is open to all ages. See overleaf for details. The closing date is 1st July, 2020. There will be an event to celebrate the winning and other entrants at the Visitor Centre later in the year.

Competition Rules: General

1. The competition is open to all, in three age categories: Adult (18+); Teen (13-17); Child (12 and under).
2. The closing date for the competition is 4pm on 1st July.
3. There is no charge for entering the competition.
4. Three pieces maximum to be entered per person.
5. Entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form (forms may be photocopied). One entry form may cover multiple entries.
6. Entries cannot be returned so please keep a copy.
7. Pieces cannot be altered once submitted.
8. If you would like confirmation that your postal entry has been received, please include a stamped addressed envelope/postcard with your entry. Entries made via e-mail will receive an e-mail of confirmation.
9. Postal entries to Richard Hesketh, Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre, Broadway, Southbourne, BH6 4EN. E-mail entries to richard.hesketh@bcpcouncil.gov.uk. Please mark "WRITING COMPETITION" in the subject.
10. Telephone confirmation of receipt is not available.
11. The judges' decision is final and the judges will not enter into any correspondence.
12. Entrant retains copyright.

Competition Rules: Pieces

12. Each piece will be judged separately on its own merits.
13. All entries are judged anonymously.
14. The writer's name and address must not appear on the pieces entered, nor any other marks that could identify you.
15. All pieces must have a title and poems must not exceed 40 lines in length (excluding title) and short stories 500 words (excluding title)
16. Pieces must have 'Nature and Me' as their broad theme.
17. Pieces must be the original work of the entrant, and must be written in English.
18. Pieces entered must not have been published, self-published, published on a website, broadcast or featured among the winners in another competition.
19. Entries should be typed and printed in black ink on white A4 paper (for postal entries) at a minimum type size of 12pt. Pieces may span two pages but pages must not be double-sided. Please do not staple pages. Handwritten entries will be accepted but must be clearly written and legible.
20. Winners will be notified in July 2020. There will be an event at Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre to celebrate the poems and award prizes.

Any questions? - Please contact Richard Hesketh on 01202 451618, or e-mail richard.hesketh@bcpcouncil.gov.uk