

BUCHAN HERITAGE SOCIETY  
DORIC WRITING COMPETITION RULES  
POETRY AND PROSE

**Please read the competition rules thoroughly before entering the competition.**

Classes: Junior 1	Aged 9 and under
Junior	Ages 10-12
Intermediate	Ages 13 – 17
Open	

1 Entries must be received before **31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

2 The competitor's name or school name should **NOT** appear on the poem or prose. For individual entries a separate sheet should be included with the entry giving the name and address of the entrant together with a completed entry form. **For School or other block entries a School Writing Form should be completed and submitted along with the entries. All entry forms are available on the web site under STRICHEN FESTIVAL – FESTIVAL ENTRY FORMS or from the organiser, M Taylor, Craigmadam, St Fergus, Peterhead. AB42 4NU. Tel: 01779 821349. Email: doricwriting@btinternet.com**

3 All entries must be in Doric and be the original work of the entrant. Works entered should not have been previously published or entered in any other competition.

4 Prose entries can be any genre and should fall within the following parameters: Junior 1 – up to 300 words; Junior – up to 500 words; Intermediate – up to 750 words; Open – up to 2000 words. Poems may be of any length.

5 All entries should be typewritten on A4 plain paper, (Junior Sections may be handwritten.) Photocopied entries will not be eligible.

6 Judging criteria include: the relevant use of Doric words; creativity; structure; and grammar. The decision of the judges is final.

7 Entries will not be returned. Copyright remains with the author, but Buchan Heritage Society reserves the right to have entries published in any of its publications, subject to acknowledgement of the author's name.

8 The Junior 1, Junior and Intermediate Section age limits may be changed at the discretion of the competition organisers depending on the number of entries.

9 Entries not complying with the competition rules will not be considered.

10 Awards of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Highly Commended and Commended will be given in each class and a trophy awarded to each section winner. Participation Certificates will be awarded to all other entrants. **Trophies should be engraved and returned to the organiser by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

11 Buchan Heritage Society reserves the right to withhold awards in any section where the judges consider there are no entries of merit.