

BUCHAN HERITAGE SOCIETY
DORIC WRITING COMPETITION RULES

POETRY AND PROSE

Please read the competition rules thoroughly before entering the competition.

Classes: Junior 1	Ages 9 and under
Junior 2	Ages 10-12
Intermediate	Ages 13 – 17
Open	

1 Entries must be received before **31st March 2022**

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, Craigdam, St Fergus, Peterhead. AB42 4NU. Tel: 07928 625128 Email: craigdam59@gmail.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 2 – up to 500 words; Intermediate – up to 700 words; Open – up to 2000 words. Poems may be of any length. The Junior 1 and 2, and Intermediate Section age limits may be changed at the discretion of the competition organisers depending on the number of entries.

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. Additional marks will be given for originality of subject matter. The decision of the judges is final.

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

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

9 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. Results will be announced at the Strichen Festival Prize-winners' Concert on the 21st of May 2022 at the Ritchie Hall, Strichen.

10 Awards of 1st, 2nd, 3rd Highly Commended and Commended are awarded for each class and a trophy awarded to each section winner. 'Takkin Pairt,' Certificates are awarded to all other Junior and Intermediate entrants. **Trophies should be engraved and returned to the organiser by 30th April 2023.**