

BUCHAN HERITAGE SOCIETY
DORIC PROSE AND POETRY WRITING COMPETITION RULES
POETRY AND PROSE

We recommend all entrants read the rules carefully. If you have any questions please contact the organiser – details below.

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 2024**

2 The competitor's name or school name should **NOT** appear on the poem or prose. Individual entries should include a completed entry form. **Block school entries should be accompanied by a School Writing Form and Publicity Consent Forms – all entry forms are available on the website 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 Entries will be acknowledged by email only.**

3 All entries should be written 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 organiser depending on the number of entries. The maximum number of entries by a single entrant in either Prose or Poetry is 3.

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 Awards of 1st, 2nd and 3rd are given for each class and a trophy awarded to each class winner. 'Takkin Pairt,' certificates are awarded to all other Junior and Intermediate entrants.

10 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 18th May 2024 at the Ritchie Hall, Strichen. Results and trophies may be collected from the Ritchie Hall on the day of the festival.

Trophies should be engraved and returned to the organiser by 31st March 2025.