

As part of the first **Ripon Poetry Festival** (13-15 October), local writers of all ages are invited to submit poems about the town and the surrounding area to the festival poetry competition.

The competition is judged by local poets Elizabeth Spearman, David McAndrew and Andy Croft. The winners in each age group will receive poetry books worth £30 (first prize), £20 (second prize) and £10 (third prize).

The best of the poems will also be collected in a book published during the festival. Everyone who has a poem in the book will be invited to the launch (Saturday 14 October) where they will receive a free copy of the book.

There are three age-groups: below II (£2 entry fee per poem) between II-16 (£3 entry fee per poem) over I6 (£5 entry fee per poem).

Entries can be any length. You can submit as many poems as you want. Poems must be your own work and should not have been previously published. All entries are judged anonymously so please do not include your name on the same page as the poem.

Entries should be sent to:
Ripon Poetry Festival,
c/o 21 Wellington Street, Ripon HG4 1PH.
Please make cheques payable to Ripon Poetry Festival.

Closing date | September 2017

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