Terms and Conditions of Entry

Please read these carefully as some of the terms and conditions regarding lay out and submission have changed.

- Entry to the Elmbridge Literary Competition for adults is £5 with under 18s free.

Age Categories

- Ages 5 – 7; Little rhymes and stories.
- Ages 8 - 11 (Junior); Poems and short stories.
- Ages 11 (Secondary) - 13; Poems and short stories.
- Ages 14 - 18; Poems and short stories.
- Ages Adult; Poems and short stories.

A panel of professional authors, the Director of The RC Sherriff Trust and the Arts Development Officer for Elmbridge Borough Council will judge the entries.

Prizes:

- All prizes for Children’s entries are in the form of book tokens. Entry to the Competition is free.

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- All successful Adult entries are in the form of cash prizes. Entry to the Competition is £5. Payment can be made via the RC Sherriff Trust website: www.rcsherrifftrust.org.uk/competitions (please ensure that the name by which you make the online payment is on your submission front page if it differs from the name by which you have entered your short story or poem) or by cheque made payable to ‘The RC Sherriff Trust’ and sent to: The RC Sherriff Trust, Hersham Technology Park, Office 9, 2nd Floor, Molesey Rd, Hersham, KT12 4RZ (please ensure your name, the title of your short story/poem and age category in written on the reverse.)

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The Elmbridge Award

£50 Book Token
Presented to the best adult short story or poem from an Elmbridge resident.

Winners: Short Story & Poetry Category:

- The winning entries in each age group will have their work printed by Sampson Low as a Chapbook. (Chapbooks are A6 size (landscape or portrait orientation), 16 page (1x back cover, 1 x front cover, 14 x inner pages), full colour, ISBN, in plastic sleeve.)

100 copies printed per winning entry.
20 copies to Sampson Low (6 to send to deposit libraries - British Library, Oxford, Cambridge, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. 14 to recoup ISBN costs, plastic sleeve costs etc.)
60 copies to the author
10 for The RC Sherriff Trust
10 for Elmbridge Borough Council

- The winning, highly-commended and commended entries will be showcased online on the RC Sherriff and Elmbridge Borough Council websites.

- Winning and highly-commended entries will be given a public reading on **Saturday 21 March 2020** at the Prize-giving event, to which all winners and highly-commended writers and their guests will be invited.

- There is a **£10** charge if you would like to receive written feedback from the judges, **£25** if you would like a full written critique of your piece by one of the professional authors. (Payment in advance with your entry, with cheques made payable to The RC Sherriff Trust please)

- Little Rhymes and Stories for the 5-7 years group should be no longer than 20 lines (Rhymes) or 500 words (Stories) and can be hand written (but must be legible). Where possible we suggest a typed copy is attached. **The Judges will not consider any entries which they cannot read.**

- Short stories must be in English, previously unpublished and a maximum length of 1000 words (8-13 years) or 1500 words (14+), typed, using a standard, legible font and double-spaced on single sides of A4 paper. **Entries that do not adhere to these conditions will not be considered.**

- Poems must be in English, previously unpublished and a maximum length of 30 lines typed, using a standard, legible font, double-spaced on single sides of A4 paper. **Entries that do not adhere to these conditions will not be considered.**

- All entries (whether by email or hard copy) must be accompanied by a cover sheet stating: age category being entered, the title of the story/poem, word/line count, author’s name, age (if under 18), a postal address and daytime telephone number and email address.

- Whilst we welcome illustrations to accompany your entry (if you wish), please make sure that any images do not obscure the words; and please do not use very dark colours over the story/poem itself. Do we still want this? It causes some issues

- A maximum of one story and one poem per person can be entered.

- **Where possible please email your entry.**

- Entries must be submitted as either a Word Document or a PDF. **Please do not send scanned PDFs.**

- Email entries to **arts@rcsherrifftrust.org.uk**

- For posted or hand-delivered submissions, please provide **six** copies.

- Entries cannot be returned.
• The Judging Panel’s decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

• The closing date for entries is **Friday 7 February 2020 at 5pm.**

• Postal/hand-delivered entries to the RC Sherriff Trust, Hersham Technology Park, Office 9, 2nd Floor, Molesey Rd, Hersham, KT12 4RZ

• Please mark your envelope and email title ‘**New World**’. 