

Terms and Conditions of Entry

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 19+: Poems and short stories.
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- 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.
 - Winners will receive prizes of book tokens.
 - Prizes:
All prizes are in the form of book tokens.
5-7 Year Olds: 1st £12, 2nd £10, 3rd £8
8-11 Year Olds: 1st £15, 2nd £12, 3rd £10
11-13 Year Olds: 1st £20, 2nd £15, 3rd £12
14-18 Year Olds: 1st £25, 2nd £20, 3rd £15
19+ (Short Story): 1st £30, 2nd £25, 3rd £20
19+ (Poem): 1st £30, 2nd £25, 3rd £20

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**
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- 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 **24 November 2018** at the Prize-giving event, to which all winners and highly-commended writers and their guests will be invited.
 - Entry to the competition is free; but there is a £5 charge if you would like to receive written feedback from the judges, £15 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 double-spaced on single sides of A4 paper.

- Poems must be in English, previously unpublished and a maximum length of 30 lines typed double-spaced on single sides of A4 paper.
- 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.
- A maximum of one story and one poem per person can be entered.
- Where possible please email your entry.
- Email entries to arts@rcsherrifftrust.org.uk
- 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.
- 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 **Monday 29 October at 5pm**.
- Postal/hand-delivered entries to the RC Sherriff Trust, Charities House, 5 The Quintet, Churchfield Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, KT12 2TZ
- Please mark your envelope and email title '**Shiver**'. (Schools & 5-13 year olds mark envelope '**Bump**')