

Children's 'Write a Poem' Competition

Introduction

On Saturday 9 September, **Wokingham Town Council** will be celebrating Heritage Open Days at the Town Hall. This year's theme is 'Creativity Unwrapped' and we're looking to celebrate the Arts with some hands-on activities, through writing and crafts, whilst discovering connections to our local history.

Poems have been written about Wokingham in the past and we thought it would be fun to create some new poems which are about Wokingham. You never know, they too could become famous in the future!

Rules for Entry:

- Poems should be written by children, aged up to and including 11 years old
- Poems must be the original work of the entrant
- Poems should be written on the topic of Wokingham
- Poems should be on an A4 piece of paper, without any names noted on the page. Poems should be submitted together with this entry form, with your contact details noted in the space provided
- Poems may be hand-written or typed
- Illustrations may be included with your poem
- There is no minimum or maximum amount of words but the poem should easily fit onto an A4 piece of paper
- Entries will be displayed inside Wokingham Town Hall on Saturday 9th September at Heritage Open Day, open 11am to 3pm on the day (Wokingham Town Council reserves the right not to display all poems)
- Images of entries (including entrants' first name and age) may be shared on social media.
- Poems will not be returned so please make a copy before submitting it if you wish to
- Poems will be judged by the public visiting, on the Saturday 9 September

The closing date for entries is Friday 1 September 2023, 4.00pm

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Questions and Answers:

There are many different types of poems, is there a particular one that should be written?

Any type of poem may be written. It could be a ballad, a limerick, a calligram poem, a rap or something else. Alliteration or onomatopoeia could be included, the choice is yours!

Can more than one entry be submitted by one person?

Yes, each person may submit up to 3 poems.

Will there be a prize?

Yes, the winner will receive a £50 Waterstones gift voucher. If a large number of entries are received, Wokingham Town Council may decide to offer more prizes.

When will the winner be notified?

The winner will be notified following 9 September.

Where should entries be sent to?

Entries should be sent to: The Civic Officer, Wokingham Town Hall, Market Place Wokingham, RG40 1AS.

Note: if entries are being delivered by hand, please drop off completed entries to the Wokingham Town Hall (RG40 1AS) entrance (just opposite WHSmith) and place them in the post-box labelled 'Children's Write a Poem' competition entries (usually available Monday to Saturday 7am to 10pm)

Who can be contacted for any further questions?

Please email the Civic Officer at civic@wokingham-tc.gov.uk

Entrant's Contact Details:

Please complete the following:

(if submitting more than one entry, please complete these details for each entry):

Entrant's name

Entrant's age

Parent's name

Parent's email address

Parent's telephone number

