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ADULTS (£4 PER ENTRY)

EAST RIDING GOLD PRIZE £500

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EAST RIDING PRIMARY 1ST PRIZE £75

EAST RIDING PRIMARY 2ND PRIZE £50

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PLUS SIX HIGHLY COMMENDED PRIZES OF £25 EACH, TWO FOR ADULTS AND TWO EACH FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AGED YOUNG PEOPLE

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ENTRY FORM

YOU CAN APPLY AND PAY ONLINE AT
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Alternatively, please complete this form and return to any East Riding Library with payment.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about this? _____

I would like to join the Festival of Words mailing list

CATEGORY (please tick)

Adult (£4 entry) Primary (Free)

Secondary (Free)

I enclose the following poems:

Title 01: _____

Title 02: _____

Title 03: _____

Title 04: _____

(Please use a continuation sheet if necessary)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Each poem must be no longer than 45 lines and follow the theme of 'My Perfect Place'.
2. Each poem must be typed or clearly written on one side of A4 paper.
3. Poem(s) must be original work of the competitor, written in English and must not have been published, broadcast or have won a competition prize.
4. No alterations can be made to a poem once it has been submitted.
5. The entrant may submit an unlimited number of poems, each to be accompanied by the entry fee (if applicable).
6. The poem(s) and payment should be submitted with the entry form.
7. The name of the entrant must not appear on the poem itself.
8. Entries can not be returned, so please keep a copy.
9. The decision of the judge is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
10. Results will be published on the Festival of Words website www.festivalofwords.co.uk and the Libraries section of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council website www.eastridinglibraries.co.uk
11. Prize winners will be notified in January 2024. Copyright remains with the author but the organisers reserve the right to publish the winning poems online or in print for one year after the closing date of the competition (Thursday, 30 November 2023).
12. The organisers reserve the right to alter details of the competition if necessary.
13. All entries must be received by Thursday, 30 November 2023.

ABOUT THE EVENT

FESTIVAL OF WORDS

POETRY PALOOZA 2024

Join us at North Bridlington Library on Saturday, 3 February for a day full of poetry and to celebrate the winners of the 2023 competition.

There will be stalls for poets to showcase their work plus performances throughout the day.

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OR AT NORTH BRIDLINGTON LIBRARY

EAST RIDING POET LAUREATE

2023 sees the appointment of the new East Riding Poet Laureate. Watch out for them attending events across the authority over the coming year and creating some amazing poetry all about the East Riding.



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EAST RIDING FESTIVAL OF WORDS

POETRY COMPETITION

JUDGE:

JAMES NASH

CLOSING DATE:

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2023

ERWORDFEST



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