

Ripon Poetry Festival 2022 Poetry Competition

CELEBRATE!

Poems are invited on any subject. They can be serious, significant or silly. Because this year Ripon is celebrating the 1350th anniversary of the founding of the Cathedral, we are also hoping for poems on the theme of 'celebration'.

The best of the entries will be collected in a book published during the festival. Everyone who has a poem in the book will receive a free copy of the book and be invited to read at the launch on Saturday 24 September.

There are four entry-categories:

under 11 (£2 entry fee per poem)

schools (£15 entry fee for up to 20 poems)

between 11-16 (£3 entry fee per poem)

adults (£4 entry fee per poem or £5 for 2 poems)

You can submit as many poems as you want.

Maximum length for each poem is 45 lines.

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.

Closing date: 31 July 2022

Name

Address

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Telephone.....

Email.....

Title(s) of poems submitted

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Entry fee enclosed []

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How To Enter

You can send your entry by post (enclosing a cheque) to Ripon Poetry Festival, c/o 21 Wellington Street, Ripon HG4 1PH. Please make cheques payable to 'Ripon Poetry Festival'.

You can hand in your entry at the Little Ripon Bookshop and pay by cash, cheque, debit or credit-card.

Or you can email your entry to submissions@riponpoetryfestival.co.uk.

The Judges

Claire Thompson is the Outreach Librarian at Ripon Library, her favourite poets are Edward Lear, Paul Cookson and Wendy Cope. **Sheila Whitfield's** first book of poems is *Being More Bird*; she lives in Ripon.

Olivia Mulligan is currently BBC Radio York's Poet Laureate; she lives in Thirsk. **Andy Croft's** most recent book is *The Sailors of Ulm*; he lives in Grewelthorpe.

Gill Edwards runs the Little Ripon Bookshop.

