

Poetry Competition

HITCHIN CREATIVE

The team at Hitchin Creative is delighted to launch a poetry competition for the young people of our town. Entries can be on any subject and of any length. We are working in association with The Creative Mental Health Charity PoetsIN on a series of workshops around Hitchin, but entrants don't need to have been involved in those.



Competition rules:

- Writers must either live, work or study in Hitchin or the surrounding villages.
- Entrants should be aged 11-18 on the closing date of Thursday 15 June 2023.
- Poems - one per entrant - should be sent to Hitchin Creative, c/o Hitchin BID, Churchyard, Hitchin, including this form, signed by a parent, carer or teacher giving permission for entry in the competition. Poems received after the closing date of 15/06/2023 will not be entered.
- The judges are Paul Chambers and Sammie Adams from PoetsIN, plus Hitchin Creative chair and professional writer Hilary Seabrook. Their decision is final.
- The ten best nominated poems will be presented with a certificate on the Market Square at 2pm on Saturday 1 July 2023 - Hitchin Creative Day.
- The two runners-up and the winning poem will be read by a special guest at Hitchin Creative Day and prizes awarded to the winning three poets.
- Prizes from our sponsors will include Next Page Books (voucher); Waterstones (bumper book pack); H-Town Rags (voucher); and Red-1 Skates (a skate deck and T-shirt).



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Hitchin Creative is an inclusive and diverse group of creative professionals who live and work in or around the town. Focused on Hitchin's rich and varied creative community, it was founded in 2021 with the intention of galvanising all aspects of the cultural arts to celebrate and enhance the lives and wellbeing of all who live and visit Hitchin.

Any queries, email info@hitchincreative.co.uk

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Entry form:

Poem's title:

Name:

Age:

School:

Permission: (parent, carer or teacher)