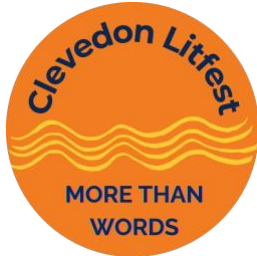




MORE THAN WORDS 2024 Open Poetry Competition and 2024 Open Short Story Competition - rules for entry

1. The Open Poetry Competition is open to anyone who is resident in the UK and is aged 19 years or older.
2. The Open Short Story competition is open to anyone living in a North Somerset postcode only who is age 19 years or older.
3. A fee of £5 per entry (for one short story or one poem) must be paid via the payment link on Clevedon LitFest's website, and any entry for which payment has not been received will be disqualified.
3. Entries must be typed (1.5 line spacing preferred), written in English and :
 - a) Poems must be no more than 40 lines in length (excluding title)
 - b) Short stories must be no longer than 500 words (excluding title)
4. Each short story entrant may only submit one short story and each poetry entrant may only submit up to three poems.
5. Do not use offensive, discriminatory language ,or language promoting hate speech or violence in your poem/short story. Doing so will lead to disqualification.
6. Your name, or any other identifying marks, should not be added to your poem/story.
7. The poem/story must be your own, original work and should not have won another competition or been previously published in print or online.
8. No changes will be permitted once work has been submitted.
9. These competitions are not open to any person affiliated with Clevedon Literary Festival, partner organisations or their immediate relatives.
10. Entries not following these rules will be disqualified.
11. The judges' decision is final and no feedback will be given.
12. Keep your own copy of the work as entries cannot be returned.
13. Copyright is retained by the author.



14. Prize winners will be notified by email and Clevedon Literary Festival retains the right to publish prize winning entries for a period of 12 months from the date of that notification.

15. Prize winners will be invited to attend a prize-giving event in Clevedon in November 2024 (details to be confirmed).

16. Clevedon LitFest reserves the right to publish video footage, screenshot images and/or photos gathered from the prize giving event on its website and social media platform accounts. You must inform us if you wish to opt out of this.

HOW TO ENTER

a) Your entry can only be submitted by email, as an attachment, using the email address given when you paid your entry fee.

b) The subject line must be either:

'Open Poetry Competition 2024' (for poetry entries)

or

'Open Short Story Competition 2024' (for short story entries)

c) The body of the email should include your name, a title for your poem/story, and your contact details (including the first part of your postcode for monitoring purposes).

d) If you are submitting an entry for the Poetry Competition and an entry for the Short Story Competition, you must send each one in a separate email.

e) Send your email/s, with attachment/s, to: competitions@clevedonlitfest.org.uk

g) If entry details are NOT completed as above, an entry may not be accepted.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 11.59pm on 12 August 2024 (entries received after that time and date will not be considered).