



NATURE POETRY COMPETITION 2014

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THE TERM 'NATURE POETRY' WILL BE GIVEN A VERY WIDE INTERPRETATION BY THE JUDGE.

Closing date March 1st 2015

PRIZES

1ST PRIZE - £1000

2ND PRIZE - £500

3RD PRIZE - A PLACE ON A CREATIVE WRITING COURSE AT TY NEWYDD IN 2015 (WORTH £550)

ADDITIONAL PRIZE

A PERSONAL TOUR WITH MARK COCKER OF HIS MOST CHERISHED WILDLIFE PLACES IN EAST ANGLIA.

ENTRY FEES

£6.00 FOR YOUR FIRST POEM,

£3.50 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT POEM.

**THE WINNING POEMS WILL
BE PUBLISHED IN THE RIALTO
BRITAIN'S LEADING INDEPENDENT
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JUDGE

SIMON ARMITAGE

Simon Armitage, poet, broadcaster and writer is one of the most acclaimed and successful poets writing in English today. He has published more than twenty collections and pamphlets of poetry. His committed relationship with nature is apparent in, for example, *Walking Home* (2012) his account of his troubadour journey along the Pennine Way, and in the Stanza Stones project where seven of his poems have been carved in stone and now form a trail for walkers in West Yorkshire. He also edited, with Tim Dee, the anthology, *The Poetry Of Birds*, (Viking 2009). In 2010 he was awarded the CBE for services to poetry.

PRIZE INFORMATION

TY NEWYDD (third prize) is Wales' National Writers' Centre and offers an impressive range of creative writing courses in the wonderful surroundings of the Llŷn Peninsula (<http://www.literaturewales.org/ty-newydd/>).*

MARK COCKER (Additional prize) is one of Britain's most celebrated writers on nature. He is the author of the magnificent *Birds and People* as well as the award-winning *Crow Country* and *Birds Britannica*. He writes and broadcasts regularly in national media and has maintained a wildlife column in *the Guardian* for more than 25 years.**

*The prize does not include the cost of travel to and from the centre.

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COMPETITION RULES

- Closing date of the competition is midnight on March 1st 2015
- The Competition is open to anyone over the age of 18, other than Rialto team members or RSPB staff.
- Poems must have a title and must be no more than 40 lines, excluding the title, and be typed in black ink on one side of A4.
- Poems must be the original work of the entrant and must not have been published, self-published, or published on any web-site, or broadcast.
- Poems are judged anonymously so the poet's name, address etc., MUST NOT appear on the poem.
- Poems must be written in English.
- No corrections can be made to poems entered, nor can fees be refunded.
- Entries cannot be returned.
- If you require confirmation that your postal entry has arrived please enclose a stamped addressed postcard marked 'Acknowledgement'.
- Copyright of each poem remains with the poet but by entering the competition you give The Rialto and the RSPB the right to publish the winning poems both online and in printed media.
- The judge's decision is final and neither he nor the organisers will enter into any correspondence.
- Prizewinners will be notified during May, and lists of the prizewinners and the long-listed contestants will be published on The Rialto website.
- The competition organisers reserve the right to change the judge without notice and not to award prizes if in the judge's opinion such an action is justified.

ENTRY FORM

Enter and pay online at www.therialto.co.uk or complete this form (in BLOCK CAPITALS) and send it with your poems and payment to:
The RSPB/ The Rialto Poetry Competition, RSPB, Stalham House, 65 Thorpe Road, Norwich, NR1 1UD.

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Poem Titles (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

Nature poetry competition 2014	Quantity	Fee
First poem £6.00	1	£6
All other entries £3.50 per poem		
Total		£

Please make your cheques (Sterling only) out to The RSPB.

I have read and accept the competition rules

Signature _____

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