



The Write Event.

Halewood Town Council & Halewood CultureFest Creative Writing Competition



As many of you will already be aware, Halewood Culturefest has been an annual event to celebrate Liverpool's European culture capital status, since 2008. The aim of the event has always been to host a programme of cultural, artistic, environmental, and sporting events, over a period from June through to July, throughout various locations in Halewood. Due to the unfortunate cancellation of this year's Halewood Culturefest, Halewood Town council and Halewood CultureFest have worked collaboratively in order to develop a creative writing competition for our local communities of Halewood & Tarbock, entitled '**Our Community In Lockdown**'.

For the competition, we would like you to send in a short story or a poem (no more than 500 words) about your community in lockdown. It can take any angle you desire (history, romance, space, fantasy, reality, comedy etc), but must contain at least 4 out of the 6 key words below:

Halewood – Lockdown – Community – Hope – Future - Rainbow

The aim is to gather stories and poems about life under lockdown in our local communities. To capture this as a 'record' for future generations and for future learning. Also, to show off the best of our communities. The winners will have their stories read and recorded for publication through Social Media and our Website.

Prizes to be awarded to the winners of the following categories are:

- 1) Key Stage 1 (4-7yrs - 1st Prize - £25 book token for school & £25 High Street Vouchers)
- 2) Key Stage 2 (4-7yrs - 1st Prize - £25 book token for school & £25 High Street Vouchers)
- 3) 12yrs – 17yrs (1st Prize - £50 High Street Vouchers)
- 4) Over 18's (1st Prize - £50)

ALSO: An additional £50 to the 'Best in Show' of the short stories/poems



Dates for entries will be **May 25th from 9:30am to June 23rd at 3pm**. There will then be a judging panel (Mayor of Halewood or his/her nominee, Patron of CultureFest & Town Manager) who will deliberate. The winners will be announced on **July 3rd at 12pm**.

E-mail your short stories/poems to: Gerry.Allen@knowsley.gov.uk. Or post entries to: **FOA: HTC & Halewood CultureFest, The Arncliffe Sports and Community Centre, Arncliffe Road, Liverpool, L25 9PA**

Please include: name, age/category you fall into, school if applicable.

Writing examples can be found on Halewood Town Council's social media (Facebook & Twitter) and on Halewood Town Councils website. Feel free to have a look to help get your creative juices flowing.

