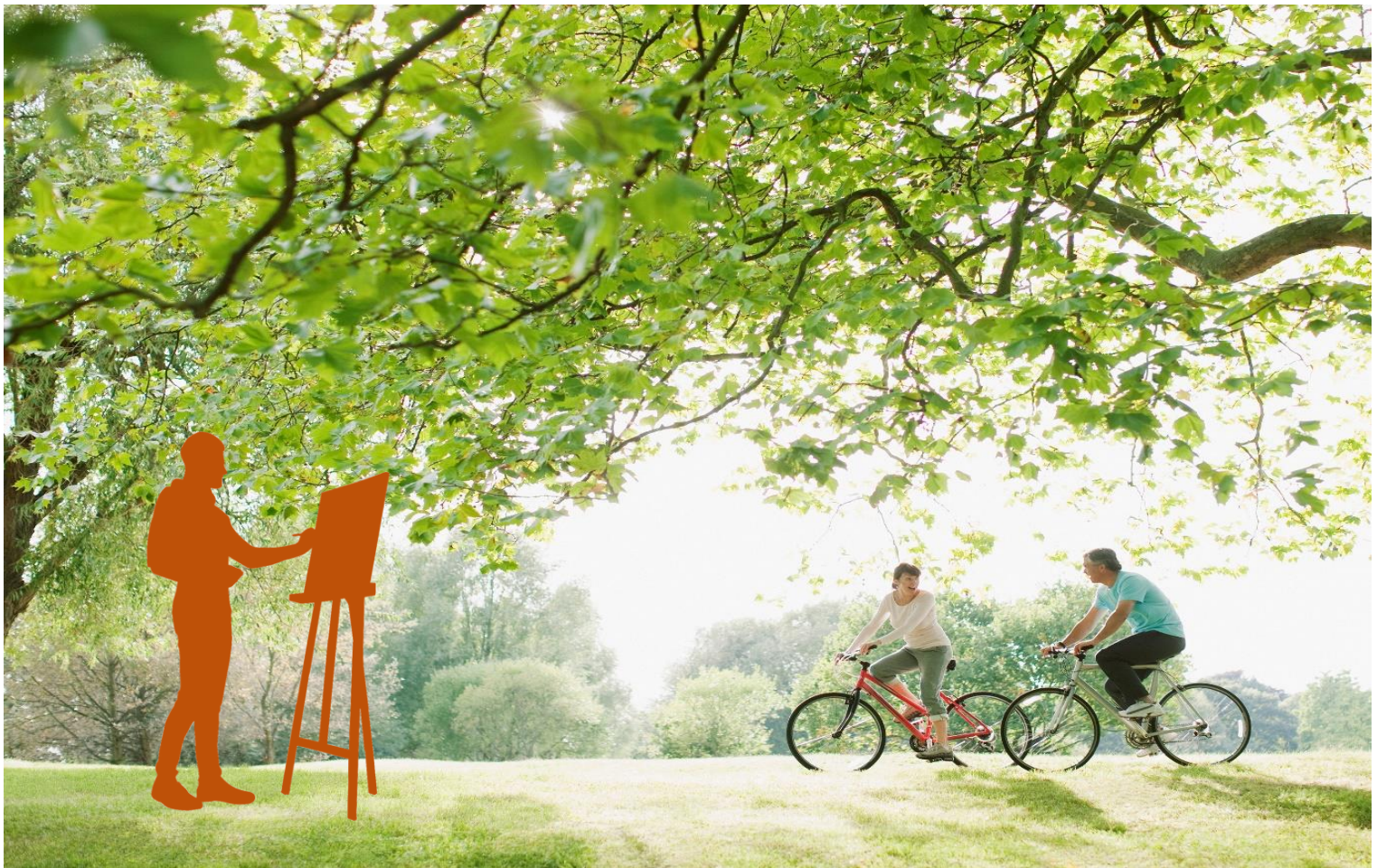


# Mirfield Show Creative Writing 2024

This year's competition is based on a theme of sport and taking part in activities – whether sporting, cultural, or hobby based (such as painting or baking) – to compete or just for fun. We welcome stories and poems which reflect our rich heritage of simple endeavour and current enterprises.



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Details of the classes are overleaf.

The 2024 theme is Sport and Taking Part in any Activity and can be historical, futuristic, about taking part today, community activities, personal challenges and, of course, the Olympic Games.

Spelling and punctuation are less important than a great yarn (and there is a picture class for younger creatives). Winner's rosettes and prizes.

(Entries close on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024)





# Mirfield Show

## Story and Poem Writing Competitions

### 2024



Entry is free and there are prizes in each class - and for other writing that the judge likes.


This year, there are two parts to the competition -


**Story** – to be submitted by the closing date of 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**Poem** – submit (or simply bring along to the marquee on 18<sup>th</sup> August, to enter by 9.30 a.m.)

You are welcome to enter either or both parts of the competition

Open to **all** - individuals, schools, and other groups. Story winners will be announced from 11 August, and entries will be displayed in the Competitions marquee on show day, alongside the poetry entries.

 **£15 book vouchers from Through the Wardrobe Bookshop, Mirfield, for the winners of each class. £10 special award vouchers for the most atmospheric, best sport-related and most interesting community-related writing, and the best picture from classes 7 to 10.**

 **School Prize – £25 of vouchers from Through the Wardrobe Bookshop for the school or nursery that submits the best school entry in classes 3 to 11 (age taken into account).**

★ **Class 1** – Adults and young people from the age 15 – story of up to 2800 words

★ **Class 2** – Adults and young people from the age 15 – poem of up to 20 lines.

★ **Class 3** – writers 13 to 14 years of age – story of up to 1600 words.

★ **Class 4** – writers 13 to 14 years of age – poem of up to 20 lines.

★ **Class 5** – writers 11 to 12 years of age – story of up to 1200 words.

★ **Class 6** – writers 11 to 12 years of age – poem of up to 16 lines.

★ **Class 7** – writers 9 to 10 years of age – story up to 800 words. May include a picture, as part of the story.

★ **Class 8** – writers 9 to 10 years of age – poem of up to 12 lines. May include a picture as part of the poem.

★ **Class 9** – writers up to 8 years of age – story of up to 600 words. May include a picture as part of the story.

★ **Class 10** – writers up to 8 years of age – poem of up to 8 lines. May include a picture as part of the poem.

★ **Class 11** – creatives up to 8 years – picture (any medium) telling a theme-related story – words not essential.

#### Competition terms and conditions;

1. Legibly write or type on one side of as many sheets of paper you need. Securely attach your contact details on a separate piece of paper - your name and telephone/mobile number (an address is helpful (your school is OK)) and - if you are under 15 - your age category.
2. If you are under 18, please also provide a responsible adult's confirmation that they agree the competition terms.
3. All stories (classes 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9) must be submitted for judging by 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (Acknowledgement of receipt on request).
4. Pictures for class 11 can be any size up to A3 (30 cm x 42cm).
5. If there are fewer than five entries in a class, we reserve the right to amalgamate classes, and re-award the prizes.
6. Story entries should be e-mailed to [writers@mirfieldshow.com](mailto:writers@mirfieldshow.com) or posted or delivered to Mirfield Show Story and Poem Competition, 51 Springfield Park, Mirfield WF14 9PE, or delivered to The Mirfield Emporium, 75 Huddersfield Road, Mirfield WF14 8AT (during opening hours). Details for entering online will be available nearer the time. Online may not be suitable for pictures, particularly for class 11.
7. Poem entries (classes 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10), and entries for Class 11, can be made as in rule 6, but can also be made by bringing the poem and/or picture to the competitions marquee and entering by 09:30 hrs. on show day.
8. The judge's decision will be final.
9. We will assume you are happy to display your entry at the show unless you tell us otherwise.