**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**This competition is part of MADhurst, a full month-long celebration of art, music, drama and creativity across the area. MADhurst is made possible through the support of sponsors, and a network of partner organisations.**

**This competition is being delivered in partnership with the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA).**

**Standard Terms and Conditions:**

* The competition is open to children and young people aged 5-18 years old, living inside or outside the South Downs National Park.
* Entries will be judged according to three age categories:
  + 5 – 9 years.
  + 10 - 13 years.
  + 14 – 18 years.
* Entry to the competition is free.
* Only one entry per person.
* Your entry can have any amount of words up to 500. Whether you write 10 words or 500 words, we’re more interested in reading a good story
* You don’t need to have good spelling or perfect grammar to enter the competition, all you need is a story. The judges will review applications for the originality and creativity, not for their spelling, punctuation or grammar.
* All entries must be original and previously unpublished works of fiction. Plagiarism of any form is not allowed.

**How to Enter**

* **Your entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form. Any stories submitted without a completed entry form will not be entered in the competition.**
* Entry forms can either be completed electronically, or printed, filled out and scanned or photographed.
* Entries must be in the form of a Word document or a PDF file.

Pictures can be included that illustrate your story, but each entry will be judged on the story not on accompanying art works.

* By signing the form, the parent/guardian gives permission for the entrant to take part and for the SDNPA Media and Public Relations Officer to make contact with the parent or guardian to discuss public relations opportunities.
* Short stories and completed entry forms to be emailed to [MADhurstcomp@southdowns.gov.uk](mailto:MADhurstcomp@southdowns.gov.uk) by midnight on **Wednesday 30 June 2021.** Submissions received after this time will not be accepted.
* Proof of entry is not proof of receipt. Please check your junk mailbox if you do not receive confirmation that your competition entry has been received.
* Winning entries (1st, 2nd and 3rd) place will be displayed on the SDNPA website.
* No responsibility is accepted for network, computer hardware or software failures of any kind that may restrict or delay the sending of your entry. No responsibility is accepted by SDNPA for entries lost, delayed, misdirected, incomplete, or which cannot be entered for technical or other reasons.

**Copyright**

* By entering the competition, you grant the SDNPA a non-exclusive, royalty free, irrevocable licence to reproduce, publish or exhibit your short story. This may include, but is not limited to:
  + News coverage of the competition
  + MADhurst website and Social media
  + SDNPA newsletter
  + SDNPA website
  + SDNPA Facebook page
  + SDNPA Twitter feed
  + SDNPA Instagram feed
  + Exhibitions
  + Publications – such as leaflets and reports
  + For use in press releases to be distributed to national, regional and specialist press giving information about or promoting the competition
* By entering the competition, you also agree that SDNPA may also, at its sole discretion, edit, adapt, abridge or translate the entry for the purposes listed above in reproducing, publishing or exhibiting your short story.
* by entering the competition, you agree that nothing in the entry will infringe the copyright or any other intellectual property right of any third party or defame any third party.

**GDPR**

* By entering the competition, you authorise SDNPA to use the entrants name, age and town or village of residence to announce the winners of the competition and to identify entrants in any publication of an entry
* By entering the competition, you also consent to the use of personal information by SDNPA to contact finalists and prize winners.

**Competition prizes**

* All runners up and winners will receive a prize and the winners will have their short story recorded and published on the SDNPA website~~.~~
* Winners will be announced at the MADhurst Unplugged Music event on **Sunday 1st August 2021**.