

Middlewich Short Story Competition 2014



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Terms and Conditions

1. The competition is organised by Middlewich Vision in association with Middlewich Town Council, Middlewich High School and Middlewich Library.
2. Entry to this competition is open to persons who will be aged between 7 and 16 years on the 30th April 2014 who are full time residents of Middlewich, except the children or close relatives of any person closely connected with the competition. Proof of age, identity and eligibility may be requested.
3. Entry will be in two age categories – 300 words for 7 to 11 years and 500 words for 11 to 16 years. Age as at 30th April 2014.
4. Entrants must write a fictional short story to either 300 or 500 word length dependant on category entered. Entry is by email to vision@middlewich.org.uk or by post to Middlewich Vision. All stories should be submitted in English.
5. Entrants will be asked to provide their name and their age. An adult will be required to approve the entry and agree to these Terms and Conditions on behalf of the entrant. The adult may be the child's parent or guardian. The adult must provide their own contact details (not the child's) and confirm the child lives in Middlewich.
6. The personal data provided will be used for the purposes of administering the competition in accordance with the Vision's relevant policies. The Vision will use the contact details provided by the adult to send general updates as to the progress of the competition by email.
7. Entry opens on Thursday 20th March 2014 at 5pm. Entry closes on **Monday 28th April 2014 at 12 noon**. Submissions received outside of this timeframe will not be considered.
8. Entries must be an original piece of **fiction** and not an account of real events, either historical or current. The entrant warrants that they have not used material or depicted events that actually took place or used the personal details of any living persons in the story. As the stories may be published it is important that entrants do not include any personal details about themselves.
9. The stories must use the words **soldier, Middlewich and blue** at some point in the body of the story but can use them in any way chosen.
10. Entries will not be returned so please remember to retain a copy. No feedback on any entry will be provided.
11. All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. Middlewich Vision accepts no responsibility if entrants ignore these Terms and Conditions and entrants agree to indemnify Middlewich Vision against any claim by any third party from any breach of these Terms and Conditions.
12. Entries must not contain defamatory, obscene, offensive, or any other unsuitable material. Entries must be suitable to be read, published or used online by the Vision for audiences of all ages.
13. Entrants retain the copyright in their entries but grant to Middlewich Vision a perpetual non-exclusive royalty-free licence to publish, broadcast (across all media) and post the entry online and on any other platforms yet to be envisaged. This licence will be deemed to include all the necessary rights and permissions to enable such use by the Vision to fulfil the prizes and to complete the administration of this competition.
14. Entries will be judged on originality, the plot, the use of language, enjoyment and the creative use of the three key words - **soldier, Middlewich and blue**

15. The first round of judging will be completed by a panel made up by Middlewich Vision. Each judge will receive a batch of anonymous stories to read and score using the criteria above. Each judge will receive details of the criteria and how to score the stories. The highest scoring entries will be put through to the next round. The highest scoring entries will be reread and scored again using the criteria above to produce a shortlist and the winning entries from each of the two age categories.
16. Shortlisted entrants will be invited to attend the opening of the Literary Festival on Friday 23rd May 2014. The full names of the finalists and the overall winners will be announced during this event, subject to parental consent. Any pictures taken may be used online and in publicity photos in the future, subject to parental consent. The entries from the finalists and other notable stories may be performed or published in pamphlet.
17. Prizes will be awarded to up to three finalists in each age category.
18. Middlewich Vision's decision as to each stage of this competition, shortlist, finalists and the choice of winner in each category is final. No correspondence will be entered into.
19. Middlewich Vision reserves the right to disqualify any entry which breaches any of these Terms and Conditions.
20. Middlewich Vision reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions or cancel this competition at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, or if circumstances arise outside of its control.
21. Middlewich Vision cannot accept any responsibility whatsoever for any circumstance which may result in any entry being lost or not properly registered or recorded. Proof of sending is not proof of receipt.
22. These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of England and Wales.

ENTRY CONSENTS AND APPROVALS (please complete and include with entry)

Entrant's Name _____ Entrant's Age _____

Category Entered Age 7-11 - 300 words _____ Age 11-16 - 500 words _____

Parent / Guardian's Name _____

Parent / Guardian's Address _____

Parent / Guardian's Phone Number _____

Parent / Guardian's Email _____

Confirmation that the entrant lives in Middlewich (please sign) _____

Please return by **Monday 28th April 2014 at 12 noon** to

Middlewich Vision, Town Hall, Victoria Building, Lewin Street, Middlewich,
CW10 9AS

Or by email to vision@middlewich.org.uk



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