

George Crabbe Poetry Competition 2024

Closing date: Midnight, 14 June 2024



Adjudicator: Luke Wright

After a quarter of a century on stages across the world, **Luke Wright** is a poet and raconteur at the top of his game.

Both brazen and elegiac, Wright's poems pull on the tidy hem of responsible existence to unravel the frustrations of the family, politics and masculinity in 21st century Britain.

He marries his inventive writing with breathtaking performance skills to take audiences on an incredible emotional journey. He's the regular tour support for John Cooper Clarke and often MCs shows for The Libertines. He is a regular on Radio 4 and has won a Fringe First for writing, a Stage Award for performance, and four Saboteur Awards.

"His performances rumble with rage, passion and humour." **Guardian**
"extraordinary and eloquent." **Scotsman**

First Prize: £500

Second Prize: £250

Third Prize: £100

plus Two Highly Commended Prizes of £50

All winning poems (including commended poems not attracting a monetary prize) will be read, preferably by their authors, at a celebratory Awards Event on 5 October 2024 and will be included in the 2024 George Crabbe Poetry Competition Anthology.

Entry fee: £4 for each poem.

Competition open to anyone who was either born, educated, working or resident in Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, or is a Suffolk Poetry Society member.

Anthologies can be pre-ordered at the cost of £4.00 along with your entries overleaf. For those unable to attend the Awards Event these will be posted free of charge. Subsequent orders will attract an additional postage and packing charge



George Crabbe Poetry Competition Rules

- Entry to the competition is open to anyone who is either born, educated, working or resident in Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, or is a Suffolk Poetry Society member (see information below).
- Entries can be made online at suffolkpoetrysociety.org/sps-shop
- Poems will be in English and a maximum of 50 lines.
- Poems must be the writer's own work, not published, broadcast, on a website or currently entered in any other competition.
- Each poem submitted by post must be typed on a separate sheet of A4 paper and submitted in DUPLICATE along with the fee. The poet's name must appear on one copy only.
- The adjudicator's decision is final.
- No entrant can win more than one monetary prize.
- Only winners will be notified. Winners will be listed on the SPS website in September.
- The Press may also be notified of the winning poets and poems.
- Copyright of the poems remains with the poets, with permission to Suffolk Poetry Society to publish any winning poem free of charge.

An application to join Suffolk Poetry Society, giving your full details plus the appropriate membership subscription, can be made to:

The Membership Secretary, The Barn, Hales St, Tivetshall St Margaret, NR15 2EB.

Subscription rates per annum: Single: £18, Joint (two at same address) £23, Junior £5

Alternatively, buy online at suffolkpoetrysociety.org/sps-shop

CLOSING DATE: to arrive with the **Competition Secretary** by **midnight Friday, 14 June 2024**

Please complete your details and return with your competition entries and fee to the Competition Secretary at address below.

**The Competition Secretary,
Camoquhill, London Road, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9YR.**

NAME:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE:

Telephone:

Email:

Cheques payable to Suffolk Poetry Society £4 for each poem

Number of poems entered

TOTAL FEE £:

Anthology @ £4.00 each £

TOTAL PAID £:

Please indicate your connection to: Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex

Born

Educated

Live

Work

SPS Member