

Kent & Sussex Poetry Society

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Open Poetry Competition 2027

£1,000 First Prize

2nd: £300 3rd: £100 4th: 4 x £50

2027 Judge: Jane Draycott

Entry by email only

£5 per poem, 3 or more poems £4 each

Payment is made via PayPal through our website.

www.kentandsussexpoetry.com

The competition is open for anyone aged 16 or over, from anywhere in the world. Poems must be in English, on any subject, in any style, no longer than 40 lines. All poems must be entirely your own original work. Any submission found to be written, co-written, or generated using AI will be immediately disqualified

Poems should not have been published (including self-published) elsewhere by 21st April 2027. Nor should they be entered in other competitions for which the results are due to be announced prior to 21st April 2027.

Please send your poems by email to **kentandsussexpoetry@gmail.com** in a single Word or pdf attachment, formatted A4, and with each poem starting on a new page, after paying the entry fee on our website. Please ensure the poem is formatted as you wish it to be read. All poems are judged anonymously, so should not bear your name, nor any other form of identification.

In your covering email, please give:

- Your name and postal address
- List of titles of poems submitted
- The date you made the PayPal payment (and the name under which it was made)

Deadline for entries 31 January 2027

We will acknowledge receipt of entries. Only prize winners will be contacted with news of the judge's decision, in early April. The results will be announced on our website, 21st April 2026.

All entries are read by the judge, whose decision is final. There can be no correspondence concerning the result. No person may win more than one prize.

Prize-winning poems will be posted on our website, and included in our annual Folio publication.