

STRATHKELVIN WRITERS' GROUP - COMPETITION RULES

Competitions are open to **fully paid-up** members and postal members. One manuscript per member per competition. Entries to be presented as if sending to an editor for publication, on A4 paper typed on one side only and, except for poetry, use double line spacing, numbered pages and your **one-word pseudonym** in the header. **Change your pseudonym for each competition.** Begin typing halfway down the first page, with no indent in the first paragraph. For **poetry** use single line spacing. Your **Cover page** should include the title, pseudonym, word count/number of lines of poetry, Strathkelvin Writers' Group and competition category.

Entries should be emailed to Adrienne Whitehall at: t.whitehall@ntlworld.com. If necessary, you can post your entry to: **Adrienne Whitehall**, 16 Pinelands, Bishopbriggs G64 3LG. You should copy Liz Heron into your email to Adrienne at: Eheron32@gmail.com

If you are posting your entry then, into a **small envelope**, put a note of your real name and phone number. On the outside of this envelope write the competition **category, title and pseudonym**. Seal the small envelope and attach it to your manuscript and cover page with a paper clip. Place in a larger envelope with the **category, title and your pseudonym** written on the outside. Please use only paper clips to secure manuscript pages.

Submissions must reach Adrienne by midnight on the submission date (Please note the submission day is now a Thursday, not a Friday. However, early submissions are very welcome to help avoid last-minute problems with processing of entries.) **Any submissions which are late, or which don't comply with the word count limits won't be considered for the competition.** However, they will normally still receive a critique. You cannot submit an entry that has previously won a SWG competition.

Still not sure? Ask Adrienne or a committee member.

We have seven competitions each year and several trophies are awarded plus a cash prize of £100 for poetry. The **Strathkelvin Writers' Group trophy** is presented to the member who accumulates the highest number of points.

Here are the details of our competitions for season September 2025 – April 2026.

Competition	Word count	Submission Deadline	Adjudication	Adjudicator
First 2,000 words of a novel	Maximum 2,000 words. No minimum.	4/9/25	7/10/25	Betty McKay
General article	800-1,500 words	23/09/25	28/10/25	Liz Heron
Flash Fiction	250 max	28/10 25	25/11/25	Allan Gaw
Poetry	40 lines max	25/11/25	3/02/26	Ann MacKinnon
Sketch	5 mins max	27/1/26	24/2/26	Tom Tumilty
Sci-fi, fantasy, etc	1,500-2,000 words	24/2/25	24/3/26	Andy Raffan
General Short Story	1,000-2,000	24/3/26	21/4/26	David Taylor