



THE RIALTO NATURE & PLACE POETRY COMPETITION 2025

THE RIALTO WORKING IN ASSOCIATION WITH
THE RSPB, BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL, THE
CAMBRIDGE CONSERVATION INITIATIVE AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS POETRY CENTRE

Poems are invited that deal with any aspect of nature and place – these terms will be given a wide interpretation by the judge Helen Mort.

PRIZES

- 1st prize** **£1000**
- 2nd prize** **£500**
- 3rd prize** **£250**

The winning poems will be published in *The Rialto*

Closing Date April 1st 2025



JUDGE HELEN MORT

Helen Mort is a poet, novelist and non fiction writer. Her poetry collections *Division Street*, *No Map Could Show Them* and *The Illustrated Woman* are published by Chatto & Windus. Her memoir *A Line Above The Sky* won the Boardman Tasker Prize for mountain literature and the Banff Grand Prize in Canada. She's a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and Professor of Creative Writing at Manchester Metropolitan University.



**ENTER AND PAY ONLINE AT
WWW.THERIALTO.CO.UK**

ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FEES

£7 FOR YOUR FIRST POEM

£4 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT POEM

The prizewinners will be invited to read their poems at an event at CCI in summer 2025.

The winning poems will be published in The Rialto, Britain's leading independent poetry magazine.

ONLINE ENTRY

You can also enter and pay online via www.therialto.co.uk submittable.

To enter online go to www.therialto.co.uk and follow the link.

POSTAL ENTRY FORM

Complete this form (in BLOCK CAPITALS) and send it with your poems and payment (cheque payable to The Rialto) to:

Nature and Place Competition, 66 Salisbury Road, Norwich NR1 1TU

Name

Address

Postcode

Email

Phone

Poem Titles (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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	Quantity	Fee
First poem	1	£7.00
All other entries		£4 per poem
Total		£

Please make your cheques (Sterling only) out to The Rialto.

I have read and accept the competition rules

If you wish to be included in mailings for competitions and offers from The Rialto tick here

Signature

COMPETITION RULES

- Closing date of the Competition is midnight on April 1 2025.
- The Competition is open to anyone over the age of 18, other than Rialto team members and staff of the RSPB, CCI, UK staff of BirdLife International and the University of Leeds Poetry Centre.
- Poems must have a title and must be no more than 40 lines, excluding the title, and be typed in black ink on one side of A4. The restriction of 40 lines does not include the poem title or stanza breaks, only the lines of the poem's text.
- Poems must be the original work of the entrant and must not have been published, self-published or published online or broadcast. Poems are judged anonymously so the poet's name address etc., MUST NOT appear on the poem.
- If entering poems online via Submittable, in the 'title' field on Submittable form please only enter a title that does not include your name – e.g '3 poems for Nature and Place Comp' or simply list your poem titles.
- Poems must be written in English.
- No corrections can be made to poems entered, nor can fees be refunded.
- Entries cannot be returned.
- If you require confirmation that your postal entry has arrived please enclose a stamped self-addressed postcard marked 'Acknowledgement'.
- Copyright of each poem remains with the poet, but by entering the competition you give the organisers the right to publish the winning poems both online and in printed media.
- The judge's decision is final and neither they nor the organisers will enter into any correspondence.
- Prizewinners will be notified in May and lists of the prizewinners and the long-listed contestants will be published on The Rialto website.
- The competition organisers reserve the right to change the judge without notice and not to award prizes if in the judge's opinion such an action is justified.

There are a limited number of free entries available for writers on low or supported incomes. These will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and will cover the submission of up to two poems. To enter, please email your work to matt.howard@therialto.co.uk. Entries will be anonymised and entered into the Submittable system.