

# BARN OWL TRUST

## POETRY COMPETITION



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Our previous poetry competitions were a great success and raised funds to support our work. We had sufficient entries on each occasion to publish a "Wildlife Words" Anthology which are available via our website.

We are now holding our fourth **Open Poetry Competition** and you are invited to write a poem on "Wildlife/Conservation". All profits from the competition will help provide care for casualty birds and depending on the number of entries we hope to produce our fourth "Wildlife Words" Anthology in the spring of 2016.

Each poem is to be accompanied by £3 fee, *please feel free to give more as every donation supports Barn Owl conservation.*

There will be a First, Second and Third prize. They along with six runners-up will receive a certificate of commendation.

The winner of our 2014 competition, Hilary Jupp, has kindly agreed to be the judge of this year's competition. The closing date is mid-day **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016**.

The Competition is open to all writers and there is no entry form required or limit to the number of entries. The topic is Wildlife/Conservation.

- The poem must not exceed Forty lines of any style
- Entries should be in English, typed or neatly hand written on one side only of A4, if emailed - in the body of an email rather than as an attachment.
- Poems must be the writers own original work, previously unpublished and not currently entered for any other competition.
- Entrants should include their name and address on a separate sheet with the title of their poem if posted, there should not be any identifying marks on the poem. If emailed the name and address should be included in the body of the email to allow it to be separated from the poem(s)
- BOT cannot make corrections or alterations once poems are submitted.
- The closing date is mid-day **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016** and the Judge's decision is final. Winners will be announced in the Spring 2016 issue of Feedback where the winning poem will be printed.
- Each poem is to be accompanied by £3 (a minimum) fee. Writers can submit more than one poem provided the correct fee is paid (£3 per poem).
- Cheques should be made payable to Barn Owl Trust or pay on line.
- Send entries by post to "Poetry Competition" Barn Owl Trust, Waterleat, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7HU and enclose an SAE if you wish to receive a printed copy of the results.
- Send entries by email to [info@barnowltrust.org.uk](mailto:info@barnowltrust.org.uk) with the entry fee of £3 per poem being made via our website [www.barnowltrust.org.uk](http://www.barnowltrust.org.uk) and our "Give a Donation" page (found under the 'Support Us' heading), stating "Poem" as reason for donation.

Don't forget to include your name and contact details . **Good luck !**