



Clyde and Avon Valley 500 Words Competition

Guidelines

What is it?

Children ages 5 – 12 are being invited to enter the Clyde and Avon Valley Wildlife 500 Words Competition in 2017, by picking one of the 12 species included in the Clyde and Avon Valley Wildlife Challenge and writing a short, fictional story or poem, in under 500 words about it.

The 12 species are the goosander, otter, woodpecker, kingfisher, badger, blue tailed damselfly, bat, candlesnuff fungus, comma butterfly, nuthatch, roe deer and salmon. Pick your favourite and get creative! It could be a day in the life of, or a funny story. The more imaginative the better – the entries will be judged on originality, plot, characterisation, language and enjoyment.

Each child may submit one entry to the competition, and the story will automatically be entered into the 5 to 9, or 10 to 12 year old category, according to the information on the submission form. Each child will receive a certificate and be entered into a prize draw.

Entries will be judged in January 2018 by a panel including local author Cherry Bowen, author of the New Lanark trilogy, the Lanark Writer's Group and the South Lanarkshire Countryside Rangers.

All of the creatures can be found throughout the year in local woodlands and can be ticked off on a checklist to be entered into a separate challenge, spotted and logged to iRecord by taking part in wildlife events or by using the spotting guides at www.clydeandavonvalley.org/.

Clyde and Avon Wildlife Challenge spotting events will take place throughout the year at Chatelherault Country Park, RSPB Scotland Baron's Haugh, Dalzell Estate and Scottish Wildlife

Trust Falls of Clyde. Please refer to www.clydeandavonvalley.org/join-in for event listings. Join in the conversation on social media using #CAVWChallenge.

Who can enter?

Entry to the competition is open to children of Primary School age, in two age categories – ages 5 to 9 years and 10 to 12 years.

A child's entry can either be submitted by a parent / guardian, or by a class teacher (one entry per class). Winners will be picked from both age categories in January 2018.

How do you enter?

Entries should be entered onto the Entry Form (below) along with contact details and sent by email to: info@clydeandavonvalley.com, or by post to: Clyde and Avon Valley Landscape Partnership, David Dale's House, Rosedale Street, New Lanark, ML11 9DJ.

A parent / guardian / teacher will be required to approve the entry by providing their own contact details with the submission. Please provide the entrant's name, age and school too. All contact details will be subject to data protection laws and only used for the purposes of administering the competition.

Entries cannot be returned so please remember to retain a copy.

Copyright of the entries will remain with the entrants, but the Clyde and Avon Valley Landscape Partnership may publish, broadcast and post the entry online.

How and when will entries be judged?

Entries will be judged on originality, plot, characterisation, language, enjoyment and relevance to the subject. Judging will take place in January 2018.

Each entrant will receive a certificate and three winning entries from each category will be chosen.

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Entry Form 2017

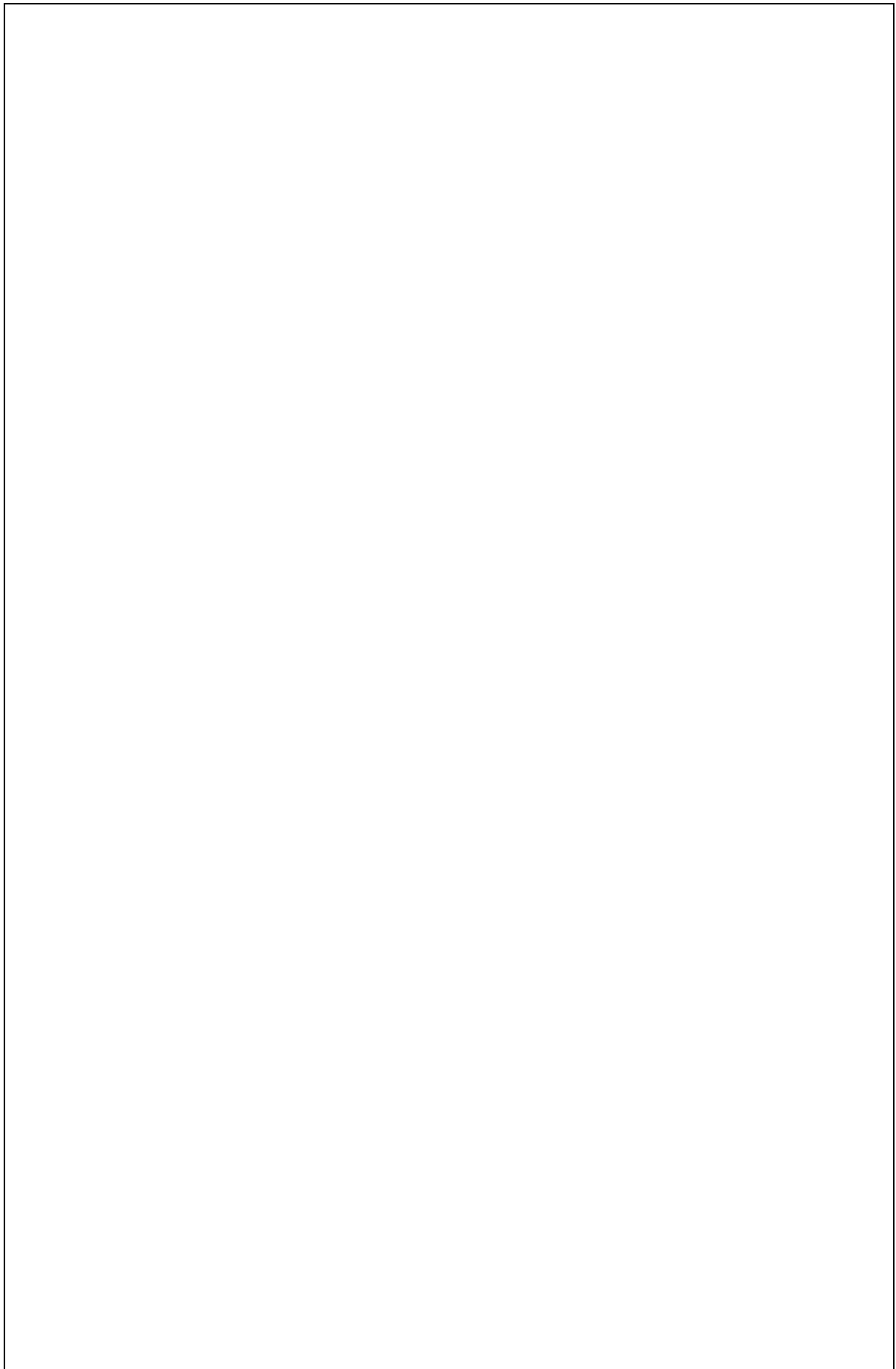
Please complete the form below by 31 December 2017 and return to the Clyde and Avon Valley Landscape Partnership by email to info@clydeandavonvalley.com, or by post to: Clyde and Avon Valley Landscape Partnership, David Dale's House, Rosedale Street, New Lanark, ML11 9DJ.

Parent / Guardian / Teacher's full name	
Address including postcode	
Email address	
Contact telephone number	

Entry Title	
Creature chosen	
Writer's full name	
Age	

Please write your 500 word story in the box below. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

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Please send all entries (only one entry per participant per class please) **with a fully completed entry form for each entry** to Clyde and Avon Valley Landscape Partnership, David Dale's House, Rosedale Street, New Lanark ML11 9DJ by the closing date of **31 December 2018**. Entry is free of charge.

CAVLP reserves the right to use entries received for promotion and publicity, including on social media. Entry into the competition is deemed acceptance of this.

If the writers name is NOT to be used in the public domain, please tick here

