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Information Pack

Belper and Duffield Rotary is once again holding an exciting Arts competition for children and young people, aged 5 to 17 years. Full details, rules and entry forms can be found on the above website. We look forward to receiving entries in the following five categories:

- **Cartoons/ Manga**
- **Writing**
- **Photography**
- **Reel/ Film making**
- **Arts**

The theme for entries in all categories is **"Belper 250- Belper Past, Present, Future".** 2026 is a BIG year for Belper and the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site. It is the 250th anniversary of the first cotton mill opening in Belper. Visit the webpage for more information Belper 250 Festival – 2026 - Derwent Valley Mills The interpretation of the theme is totally down to the individual entrant's imagination. It is hoped that entrants will be as imaginative and creative as possible.

There are three age groups for each category. They are **Junior-** 5 years to 10 years old, **Intermediate-** 11 years to 13 years old, **Senior-** 14 years to 17 years old.

Entrants must not be over the upper age limit for their age group on **31st August 2026.** Competitors must include their age group and date of birth on the application form.

The Closing date for receipt of entries in all categories, is **Tuesday, 24th February 2026.** Entries can be forwarded to the event organisers, either through the entrant's school (where agreed), their youth group, or in special "You-Create" post boxes located at Belper and Duffield Libraries.

All entries that are received by the closing date will be judged by a professional in the particular category field, and will receive a certificate of participation. Full details of the judges can be found on the website. Prizes will be awarded to the winner (£20) and the runner up (£10) in each age group of each category. There will also be a prize (£20) awarded to an entry selected by the Belper & Duffield Rotary President (President's Choice). Any entries judged as highly commended will receive a suitable additional certificate.

After judging, all entries received will be placed on public display at "Number Twenty-Eight", The Market Place, Belper from 10am to 4pm, on **Saturday, 21st March 2026.** Local dignitaries will be invited to attend and view the exhibition too. Light refreshments will be available. There will be an official opening at **11am on Saturday, 21st March 2026,** however viewing will be possible from 10am. Subject to agreement with the organisers, winners, runners up and Highly Commended entrants will also be displayed on Belper Arts Trail- usually the Sunday/Monday of the first May Bank Holiday.

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Cartoons / Manga

The competition aims to encourage young people to be creative, develop skills, in both traditional or contemporary cartoons, demonstrate their interpretation of the subject and express personal ideas through their selected medium.

The task is to produce one original, unframed piece of cartoon work, up to a maximum size of A2, based upon the given subject. We welcome artwork in any medium, for example pen and ink, paint, digital.

Writing

The aim of the competition is to encourage young people to use their writing skills and to write with imagination and creativity. For entrants with motor control difficulties an assistant or APP may be used to record the entrant's work to paper.

Entrants should submit one piece of original work, either fiction or non-fiction, prose or poetry, related to the given theme. The entry should be up to a maximum of 500 words for prose, or a maximum of 40 lines for poetry. There should be no drawings or pictures forming a part of the entry. All entries must be clearly legible but may be either handwritten or typed.

Photography

The competition aims to encourage young people to experiment with photography, demonstrate interpretation of the theme and express their ideas through the medium of photography.

Entrants should submit one actual photograph (not a digital image) based on the given theme. Mobile phones as well as any type of camera may be used.

Please note – Any photographs that contain images of persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by written permission from the parent, guardian or carer of that young person

Reels (film making)

The competition aims to encourage young people to experiment with reel (film making). They should demonstrate their interpretation of the topic and express their own ideas through film. It is acceptable to use either a mobile phone or any other suitable recording equipment.

The task is to produce a reel (film) of no more than two minutes duration based upon the given theme.

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Arts

The competition aims to encourage young people to be creative, develop skills in traditional or contemporary media, demonstrate their interpretation of the topic and express personal ideas through a selected medium.

The task is to produce one original, **unframed and unmounted piece of artwork, no wrappings should be used e.g. cellophane**, up to a maximum size of A2, based upon the given theme. We welcome artwork in any medium, for example pen and ink, paint, collage, sculpture, craftwork or print making.

Plagiarism or close copied images

Plagiarised, "close copied", or AI generated entries are not permitted in any of the categories. It is important that we protect the work of creative individuals. Whilst we are all inspired by the work of others, there is without doubt a grey area where inspiration carries over to close copying. For our competitions "close copying" is where, to a reasonable person, the submitted entry appears remarkably similar in significant, important respects to a body of work created elsewhere. We are looking for original pieces, not copies or AI generated pieces, which match the theme of the competition.

Entry Forms

A completed entry form and media consent form, signed by a parent, guardian or carer must be submitted with every entry, in all categories (see website). Entries received without an entry form will not be judged.

Working with children and young persons

The Rotary Club of Belper and Duffield has adopted this statement of policy in working with children, vulnerable adults and those with disability:

"The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability take priority. It is the duty of every Rotarian to safeguard, to the best of their ability, the welfare of, and prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of, all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Rotarian duties."

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