



# DUMFRIESSHIRE AND GALLOWAY NATURAL HISTORY AND ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

## D&G HERITAGE YOUNG RESEARCHER COMPETITION

### Terms and Conditions

The competition is open to students in Years S4, S5, S6, or recent school leavers, who have not yet begun higher education. The aim is for the student to produce a research paper on any topic relating to the human history or natural environment of Dumfries and Galloway. Examples of this could be to research the career of a local historical figure, the history of a significant local building/monument, a study – perhaps a census – of local wildlife or the importance of an exhibit in one of the region’s museums. But this is only a guide and is by no means meant to restrict your choice.

It is essential that the research paper is the work of the individual student and does not contain material quoted or paraphrased from another author, except where this is acknowledged in the footnotes/endnotes. Plagiarism (using another person’s ideas or work and pretending that it is your own) will result in the paper being excluded from the competition.

Initially a registration form must be completed and sent to Secretary of DGNHAS via their website: <https://dgnhas.org.uk/>. Upon receipt of the registration form, the student will be contacted to let him/her know whether the subject of research is appropriate and fits the definition set out above. The registration form must be signed by a parent/guardian. This form can be found on the Society’s website.

Papers should contain between 1,500-2,500 words, preferably in *Microsoft Word* or *pdf* format. They may contain images appropriately captioned.

Upon completion, the paper should be electronically submitted to the Secretary of DGNHAS via the website.

Timings for the competition are:

1. Launch – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025
2. Registration form to be submitted to DGNHAS by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025
3. The deadline for papers to be submitted to DGNHAS is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

The prize-winning student will see his/her paper published on the Society’s website and will receive £250. Each entrant will also receive an appropriate Certificate of completion or excellence.

Where two or more entries are regarded as of equal merit, the Society reserves the right to recognise joint winners, splitting the cash prize accordingly.

The decision of the Society in the award of the prize(s) is final, and is not subject to appeal.

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