

**Standing up for Hertfordshire's countryside**

February 2019

Our Ref: CHILDRENS ART  
COMPETITION/2019  
Competition entry invite  
letter

Dear Headteacher/Art Co-ordinator

**CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION 2019 - *Trees of Hertfordshire***

The Hertfordshire branch of Campaign to Protect Rural England is again inviting over 200 Primary Schools in Hertfordshire to enter our annual Children's Art Competition.

The theme this year is about trees: what they look like from a distance or close up, the ecosystems they support and how trees help to keep a balance in nature and the benefits they bring to health and wellbeing.

We are asking the schoolchildren to think about the trees they come into contact with; during countryside walks, in their garden, school grounds or anywhere else and to use research and observation to help them produce a piece of artwork which tells us about the tree.

The competition is open to Primary School children in Hertfordshire. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in years 0-2, years 3-4 and years 5-6. Our judge, local artist Val Cansick will display winning artwork on her website ([www.artvalcansick.co.uk](http://www.artvalcansick.co.uk)) after the final judging.

Send us the children's original artwork in any medium, *size must be A4*. All winners will receive certificates and vouchers and the school submitting the highest number of winning/commended entries will receive £100 in gift vouchers for their art department.

The winning pictures will be on display at our CPRE Hertfordshire Rural Living Awards Evening in October. We will be inviting the prize winners to see the display and to be presented with their prizes. There will be a photo call from 6.30pm. Please be aware that photos may be used for publicity purposes.

The closing date for the competition is **Monday 20 May**. I should be grateful if you could pass this letter to your Art Co-ordinator. Notes for Art Co-ordinators and Rules for Entry are overleaf. We look forward to receiving your entries.

Yours sincerely



GILL BRYANT  
Office Manager

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**NOTES FOR ART CO-ORDINATORS:**

The theme this year is Trees of Hertfordshire. This could cover what trees look like from a distance or close up; the ecosystems they support; how trees help to keep a balance in nature and the benefits they bring to health and wellbeing.

Ideas for artwork might be generated by encouraging students to:

- Think about the trees they see, wherever they see them
- Depict their favourite tree, trees, copse or woodland
- Think about landscapes containing trees
- Identify different trees by the different shaped leaves
- Identify trees by different bark patterns - sketches or bark rubbings
- Use words to help tell the story of the tree
- Show what happens below ground as well as above
- Think about the insects and other wildlife trees support
- Research how trees help keep a balance in nature and how they affect our health and wellbeing
- Get help from their families

**CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

1. Entrants are asked to create a piece of A4 artwork in any medium, providing it is original artwork (*no computer generated images, please*)
2. Each entry should be clearly marked on the reverse side with the entrant's name, age, school year and school. Together with the location of the tree/s.
3. Artwork should NOT be mounted
4. Each entry should be the work of one entrant only.
5. This year's theme is *Trees of Hertfordshire*
6. There are three age groups: Years 0/2, Years 3/4 and years 5/6.
7. Prizes: Certificates and vouchers for all winners
8. The school submitting the highest number of commended/winning entries will receive £100 in gift vouchers to spend on art and craft materials.
9. All prize-winning entries will be displayed at the CPRE Hertfordshire Rural Living Awards Evening in October.
10. All prize winners will be invited to attend the Awards Evening to see the display and to be presented with their prizes. Photos will be taken and may be used for publicity purposes.
11. Our judge, local artist Val Cansick, will display winning artwork on her website ([www.artvalcansick.co.uk](http://www.artvalcansick.co.uk)) after the final judging.

Please send all entries to Gill Bryant, CPRE Hertfordshire, 31a Church Street, Welwyn, Herts AL6 9LW Tel 01438 717587, email [gill@cpreherts.org.uk](mailto:gill@cpreherts.org.uk)

To arrive **by no later than Monday 20 May 2019.**