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## World Heritage poetry competition winners announced

Waterways and wellbeing charity Glandŵr Cymru – the Canal & River Trust in Wales – has picked three winners for the children’s poetry competition held to celebrate ten years since the Llangollen Canal became a World Heritage site.

The ‘Go with the Flow’ poetry competition was open to young writers aged five – 11 with the focus being on poems that have been inspired by visiting the Llangollen Canal. The competition was judged by staff and volunteers from Glandŵr Cymru and Wrexham Council.

The winners from each age category are:

- Poppy Valentine, age 6, from Cross Lanes, Wrexham
- Tomos Evans, age 8, from Llangollen
- Megan Mascarenhas, age 11, from Llangollen

The prize included a special 45-minute VIP horse drawn boat trip from Llangollen Wharf with friends and family along this famous world heritage site.

Lynda Slater, from the Canal & River Trust, said: “We had some fantastic entries into our poetry competition and it was a tough job picking just one winner from each of the age categories. The winning poems were excellent and really captured the beauty and fun of the Llangollen Canal.

“We hope these poems will encourage people to come and visit the Llangollen Canal, and with research showing that being by water makes you feel happier and healthier, now is a good time as any to come and explore this world heritage site.”

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## Notes to Editors

The winning poems are:

Poppy Valentine, age 6

### The Canal

I like to walk across the bridge to see something that floats  
They are long and they are colourful  
They are canal boats

A long walk with my family  
I like very much  
I look into the water  
And I see a family of ducks

When we go for walks  
Our doggy comes too  
My daddy has to follow her to pick up her dog poo  
I like to do some exercise  
I like to get fresh air  
I feel very lucky to have the canal there

Tomos Evans, age 8

### Llangollen Canal

If you likes Wales and a great day out  
Llangollen Canal is a very good shout  
You will get to rise on a very long boat  
Some pulled by horses, they always float.

The ride along the canal is so very nice  
You will have a wonderful time, for a very good price!  
You will get to see all of the sights  
Our aqueduct too, I hope you like heights.

You are guaranteed a fantastic time  
You could even take your fishing line.  
The mountains, the sunshine and lots of ice cream  
Will make your day out go like a dream.

Megan Mascarenhas, age 11

The beautiful picturesque landscape  
Happy and peaceful  
Everything just perfect

Canals make me calm  
Always so gentle  
Never ever is it rough  
And is always gently flowing  
Lovely place for knowing.

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