

# The Friends of Manning's Pit



## Saki Short Story Competition

Manning's Pit is a magical piece of countryside on the edge of Barnstaple that the writer Hector Hugh Munro (Saki) could see from his bedroom window as he grew up.

He loved the countryside and the wild things that inhabited it. This competition aims to raise awareness of Saki's short stories and the importance that places like Manning's Pit can play in a writer's imagination.

### How to Enter

Write a short story of no more than 3000 words. It doesn't have to be in the style of a Saki story or about Manning's Pit itself, but it needs to show originality and a link to the natural world. The competition closes June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Full entry details are on our website at [www.manningspit.com](http://www.manningspit.com)

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### Prizes:

First prize £500, second prize £200, third prize £100.

### Judges:

Sir Richard Eyre, James Lovelock, Peter Christie.

### Saki quote:

“My favourite plant is the periwinkle, my favourite animal is the kingfisher and my favourite bird is the hedge-sparrow.” All three can be found in Manning's Pit.

