

## **GET YOURSELF PUBLISHED!**

### **Local History Writing Competition**

#### **- RULES -**

- The competition is open to all secondary school pupils in Lecale and surrounding parts of County Down.
- Your article should be based on a story of historical interest connected to Lecale or County Down (for example, your town, village, or townland, a person or group of people, an interesting artefact, a building/ruin etc.).
- Your article should be between 1,000 and 2,000 words in length.
- You can use any form of research available, but references to where you obtained your information should be included at the end of your article under the heading 'Notes & References'. Please see our Guidance Sheet for notes on referencing and our list of research starting-points.
- Photographs, diagrams or maps to accompany your article would be welcome but not necessary, and judging will be based on the contents of the article only.
- The winning article will be published under your name in the Society's journal, *Lecale Review* in November 2018 and the winning author will receive a prize of £100. The winner's school will also receive a £100 prize.
- A 'Highly Commended' prize of £50 will also be available, with a matching amount going to the winner's school.
- The winning article becomes copyright of the author and the Lecale & Downe Historical Society.
- The winner should be available for publicity purposes (photographs etc.).
- Your article should be submitted in Microsoft Word format – see the attached Guidance Sheet.
- Entries should be submitted on or before 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to the official competition email address: [ldhscompetition@live.co.uk](mailto:ldhscompetition@live.co.uk)
- The winner will be announced in May 2018.

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Lecale & Downe Historical Society

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### Tips on Writing Your Article

The Lecale & Downe Historical Society has been publishing a record of local history since 1983. In 2018, we will be celebrating not only our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary but our 35<sup>th</sup> year of publishing an annual journal.

500 copies of Lecale Review are printed every year and are sent to people as far away as Australia and the USA. Copies of the journal are also kept on record at several important libraries – Trinity College, Dublin; Cambridge University, Edinburgh University and the Bodleian Library in Oxford. Here's your chance to get involved...

As part of our celebrations, we are inviting you to submit your own article which will be published under your name in the 2018 edition of Lecale Review, launched in November. The winner will be selected by the Society's Committee of volunteers and will also receive £100 for themselves and their school!

### What can your article be about?

You can write about anything of historic interest in the area of Lecale and surrounding parts of County Down; that could be any of the following:

Your town, village or townland, a building or ruin, an interesting person or group of people, an interesting artefact or item (whether it's in your family or in a museum), a tradition or folk story, or you could even write about the importance of preserving local history!

Ideally we are looking for an article that is 1,000 to 2,000 words in length.

You can submit photographs, diagrams or maps to accompany your article, but judging will be based on the contents of the article itself. We can help the winner in getting images etc if needed.

Don't worry about the layout of your article; we have a team of designers who will lay out the article for you including any photographs, diagrams or maps you may have to accompany it.

Some places where you can start your research include:

- The Lecale & Downe Historical Society website – [www.lecalehistory.co.uk](http://www.lecalehistory.co.uk)
- The Heritage Collection at Downpatrick Library
- Down County Museum

- Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) website – [www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni)
- The Lecale & Downe Townlands Map – available for free at Down County Museum
- Your Local Library
- Your School Library
- The Internet
- Ask you parents and grandparents what they know too!

### How to Reference Your Article

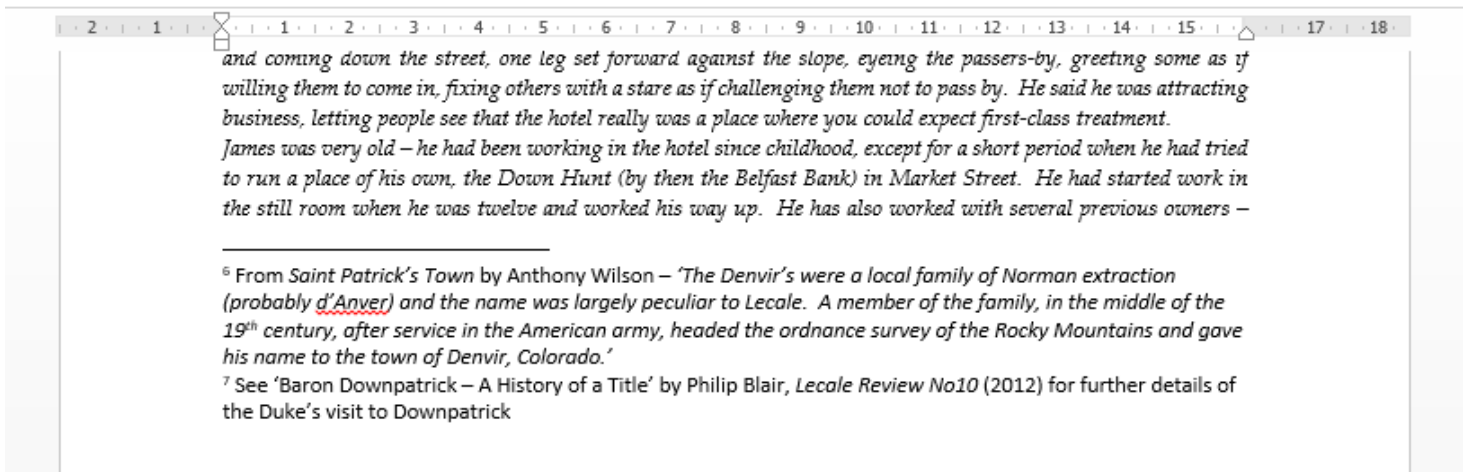
It is important that you reference your article. This means that anyone who wishes to check or view for themselves the source of your information, they can do so easily – and it proves you aren't making it up! This section will show you how to reference your research within your article.

If you use a quotation from someone else's work, it should be referenced to acknowledge that person's work. Any other statements of fact should also be referenced to support your own work and research.

To insert a reference, using MS Word:

- Place the curser at the end of the quotation/sentence
- Under the 'References' heading along the taskbar, click on the 'Insert Footnote'
- This will automatically insert a small number after your desired text and will bring you to the bottom of that page – this is where you will type your reference
- If your reference is from a book for example, include the title of the book, it's author and the year the book was published in brackets
- Repeat this process for each of your references.

Your references at the bottom of the page will look something like this:



### How to submit your article

Using Microsoft Word, please write your article in font 'Palatino Linotype' or 'Arial', size 10. Your text should be single-line spaced, justified and with no indents at the beginning of paragraphs. Quotations should be in italics using single quotation marks ('...').

Please submit your finished article in Microsoft Word, formatted as above, to the official competition email address – [ldhscompetition@live.co.uk](mailto:ldhscompetition@live.co.uk). Don't forget to have your entry form completed and signed too!

# 'Get Yourself Published' Writing Competition

## Entry Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

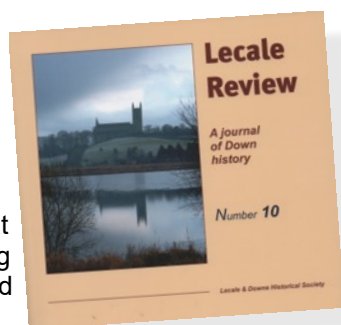
School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Your Article: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGN BELOW:**

I confirm that the above details are correct and that the above named pupil can take part in this writing competition and give consent for the above named Society to take photographs for publicity purposes.



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_