**THE CLEVELAND AND TEESSIDE**

 **LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY PRIZE**

***The J.T.Packett Prize***

The Cleveland and Teesside Local History Society holds a competition*,* to encourage original research and writing on local history relevant to the Cleveland and Teesside area.

**The next closing date for receipt of entries is 31 March 2021.**

The prize was made possible by a bequest from the late Mr. John Packett, who was a Member of the Society for many years.

**The prize for the winning essay is £250 for a newly researched essay on a local history topic.**

**The judges, at their discretion, may award additional prizes of £50 for essays which, in their view, show potential.**

Essays may also be published, in whole or part, in the Society’s journal, *Cleveland History*, the CTLHS Newsletter, or another appropriate place, including the Society web site, at the Society’s discretion.

The competition is open to any amateur historian or student whether they are a member of the Society or not.

All entries will be judged anonymously.

Your subject must be a local history topic, related in some way to the Cleveland and Teesside area. It could be something which relates to the whole district, or just to a small part – a town, a village, a street or a building. It could be about a person, a place, an activity, or a comparison between things. The possibilities are legion!

If you are not sure whether your chosen subject is suitable, or if you’d like to write about something more than about 20 miles from the River Tees, please contact our Secretary to check whether your choice will be acceptable.

Your sources of information must be clearly identified. You can include illustrations if you wish, but your entry will be judged on what you have written, so an essay with no illustrations will stand just as much chance as any other. You’ll be expected to confirm that your entry is original and has not been submitted for publication anywhere else, or for any other prize. The length of your essay isn’t important really. The judges will be looking for quality, not length. As a rough guide, you should be aiming at somewhere between 2,000 and 5,000 words, but that’s only a very rough guide. Longer or shorter essays will be accepted. Each entrant will be expected to give permission for his or her essay to be published by the Society, in whole or part, in the Society’s journal, *Cleveland History*, the CTLHS Newsletter, or another appropriate place, including the Society web site, at the Society’s discretion. Even if you don’t win the £250 prize, you might still have the satisfaction of seeing your work in print.

If you are interested, the next step is to send for a Competition Entry Form and more details.

You can get these from the Secretary to the Cleveland and Teesside Local History Society by e mail to martin@peagam.co.uk or by writing to the following address: The Secretary, CTLHS, 13 Tasman Drive, Hartburn, Stockton on Tees TS18 5LA.

Alternatively, this information is available on the Society’s web site [www.ctlhs.co.uk](http://www.ctlhs.co.uk)

Please remember that this competition is not open to professional historians.

The prize is intended to encourage amateurs and first-time writers to have a go.

Even if you don’t win, you will have the satisfaction of researching your chosen subject, and you may see your finished work published in *Cleveland History.*