



Rules of the Diarmaid MacCulloch Essay Prize

1. An author may submit one paper on any aspect and any period of Suffolk history, landscape history, archaeology (but excluding reports on excavations), buildings, or place-names.
2. A paper must consist of no more than 10,000 words (inclusive of references but exclusive of bibliography) and must comply with the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History (“SIAH”) Notes for Contributors, which are available from the SIAH website. An author is welcome to include tables, graphs, figures or photographs, but captions and other words/numbers shall count towards the word limit.
3. A paper must be the author’s own work, using primary sources, and secondary sources where appropriate, and must make an original contribution to Suffolk history or archaeology. A paper must not have been published or be under consideration for publication in whole or substantial part in any book, journal, or other publication or online.
4. An author who has previously had material published in a book or national or county journal shall be ineligible for the prize.
5. Submissions from early career and new researchers are particularly welcome.
6. The prize shall be £500.
7. The decision of judges as to the winner of the prize shall be final and binding, and judges will not enter into correspondence over their decision. However, at the absolute discretion of the judges as to its form and content, authors will receive some feedback on their respective papers from the judges.
8. If a paper wins the prize, then it will normally be published in the SIAH Proceedings. If it is, the paper must not be published elsewhere in whole or part. The judges shall not be obliged to award a prize or publish a paper in any year if, in their opinion, none of the papers is of sufficient quality to merit publication in the SIAH Proceedings.
9. An author must submit their paper to proceedingseditor@suffolkinstitute.org.uk no later than 31 December in any year to be included in the prize competition for the following year. Whenever possible, the result will be announced no later than 30 June.