

BUZZWORD

A POEM FOR BEESTON

Buzzword
Over 16 winner:

The Beekeeper
pays much attention, receives little,
despite his years of witness to the bright parade -
babies, boffins, students, shoppers,
-meeters, makers, workers, walkers -
the whole brilliant buzz of you.

He has learned the Art of the Chocolatier,
knows intimately the Land of Books,
the stories the clicks of your bicycle wheels
relate, the shush of sheltering leaves
above your fragile heads.

All hours, all weathers, he watches over you,
glad from time to time of your sweetest gifts -
red pom-poms for his heavy boots,
a blue balloon to dangle from his resting hand,
a traffic cone to warm his cold stone head -

keeps safe, perched on his knee,
someone's drunken midnight daughter,
welcomes the small boy who stares
into his inscrutable eyes
to find his one and only need -

for you to stop, just once,
let go your busy work and settle here
beside him. Sit. Be still. Be stone.

Cathy Grindrod

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Under 16 winner:

What do you see?

When you look at Beeston, what do you see? I see a
kind community, A diverse group of people, All being
friendly.

I see a handy, handful of shop, Sometimes selling
things you didn't know you needed, Or something you
want but can't find, To buy some strawberries you will
be pleaded.

I see an arty, army of artists, Ready to take on Paint
a Pot, Always getting a glossy coat, But watch out, the
kiln can be hot.

I see a busy, bustle of builders, Rushing to finish the
trams, Having a coffee and an egg cob at breaks, The
tram weighs a few thousand kilograms.

I see a meaningful, mob of musicians, Ready to show off
their confidence, Blocking out any bad comments, Just
wanting to make a difference.

Now go back to the question, When you look at Beeston,
what do you see? I hope this poem has changed your
mind, Because I hope you see the same as me

Ava Waring (aged 12)

Georgina Wilding, our first Young Poet Laureate for Nottingham



Ava Waring and her mother Janine



Cathy Grindrod & Georgina Wilding



Delighted Cathy holding her trophy with doubly delighted Georgina



Cathy reading her poem



Our heartiest congratulations to Cathy and Ava, and to Georgina on her newly bestowed title.

Now let's go tell the world about our three Nottingham and Beeston winning poets!

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