

# The Sefton Saga!

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Sefton is launching a story writing competition for its Borough of Culture of year with different people becoming the author each month!

Sefton Saga will be a living story run by Sefton Library Service which grows each month with the next instalment supplied by members of the public and judged by a panel.

Renowned story teller, John Kirk, will start the story off and will form part of the judging panel along with other library staff.

Adults aged 16 and above will be asked to submit a 1,000-word instalment, which must take the story further along its journey while leaving the ending open for the next instalment.

Children under 16 will be asked to submit a 500-word instalment along the same lines.

Each month contributors will write their instalment with the one that fits the story best being selected by the judging panel.

Sefton Council's Borough of Culture sponsor, Cllr Trish Hardy, said: "The Sefton Saga story writing concept is one that can really engage with people's creativity as part of our Borough of Culture year.

"The activity will run from February to October with both the adults and children's version taking different twists and turns over the months.

"Different authors will be used, and people can follow the story and contribute if they wish. Popular story teller John Kirk will get the ball rolling and then it's up to our communities to shape the rest of the stories.

"At the end, the completed story will be turned into a booklet with contributors listed as co-authors and will be made widely available across the borough."

The Borough of Culture (BoC) title is awarded by the Liverpool City Region's Combined Authority to one of its six local authorities (Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral) on a rotating, annual basis. Sefton has the prestigious honour for 2020.

Story entry forms can be collected from any local Sefton library with John Kirk's first installment ready from Monday, January 27. Over time these will be updated to include the previous months story, ready for budding writers to continue the saga.

Alternatively, you can use an A4 paper version for a submission. Please remember to include your



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LIVERPOOL CITY REGION

name, age, contact details – email/telephone number and entries can be emailed to [library.service@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:library.service@sefton.gov.uk)

The monthly winners will be announced on social media and displayed in libraries:

Facebook: @Sefton Libraries and @Sefton2020

Twitter @seftonlibraries and @Sefton2020

For more information on story teller, John Kirk, visit [www.john-kirk.co.uk/](http://www.john-kirk.co.uk/) and [www.mysefton.co.uk](http://www.mysefton.co.uk) for information on Sefton's Borough of Culture year.

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