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NEWCASTLE HERALD SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

The annual Newcastle Herald Short Story competition is always a hotly contested event with hundreds of entries from all across the region.

This year's contest was no different, and the recent announcement of the winners has sparked excitement among the community.

The Wallsend electorate boasted five winners.

Stephanie Ayres from Cardiff claimed the top prize with *The Elephant in the Room*, an introspective piece about domestic violence told from a child's perspective.

Dakota Tate, from Shortland, was highly commended by judges for *The Circle*, a piece driven by its eerie atmosphere.

The Reader's Choice Award was claimed by Kendall Dieleman of Waratah West.

George Chambers of Waratah and Sally Davies of Glendale also made it into the shortlist of 23 finalists.

I would like to congratulate the winners and finalists of the competition on their achievement.

Their work stood out from the many other entrants, and each should be proud of their results.