



**NatWest Island Games 2011**  
**25 June – 1 July**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Winners Announced for Story Competition Judged by Acclaimed Children's Authors**

Winners of a story writing competition for school children themed around the NatWest Island Games were announced at a special prize-giving ceremony at Quay Arts today. The competition was devised to get children writing imaginatively about the cultures of the 25 islands taking part in the Games which will be held on the Island in June.

The competition was organised in conjunction with the Council's Arts Unit, and judged by authors of the acclaimed Warrior Sheep children's stories, Christine and Christopher Russell. Organisers have praised the hard work of the children from Island Primary and Middle Schools, who sent in over 360 stories featuring islands far and wide, from Shetland to Cuba. The children were encouraged to research the islands' culture and history on the NatWest Island Games website to help inspire their stories.

The judges were very enthusiastic about the competition right from the start, and say they were "hugely impressed by the enthusiasm and imagination shown in almost all of the children's stories and only wish they could have awarded a prize to each and every one."

They carefully read each entry to find six winning entries, and two additional judges' awards. Organisers have commented that it was a real honour for the children to have their work judged by such accomplished professional writers, with Christopher's background in writing for TV's *The Bill* and *A Touch of Frost*; their successful children's books and belief that story telling should be encouraged from a young age, they were the ideal judging team.

David Ball, Chairman of the Island Games Association was present at the ceremony to speak about the forthcoming NatWest Island Games taking place on the island from 25<sup>th</sup> June – 1 July.

The winning entries are:  
Primary School Category

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Phillipa Andrews, *Marvellous Minne*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Charlotte Goddard, *The Mystery of Cuba*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Samuel Marchbank, *Disaster and Something Else*  
Additional Judges Prize – Che Edge, *Mystery Bermuda*

#### Middle School Category

1<sup>st</sup> prize – Jack Millward,  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Hermione Salter, *Train Ride Through Time*  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize – Andrew Swallow, *The Battle of St Helena*  
Additional Judges Prize – Sam Lapham, *The Runner*

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NOTE TO EDITOR :

#### Background – NatWest Island Games :

- The International Island Games were established in the Isle of Man in 1985 and today include 25 member islands in, or associated with, the nine sovereign nations of Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Norway, Spain, Sweden, UK plus the Caribbean :

Aland (Finland)	Alderney	Bermuda
Cayman Islands	Falkland Islands	Faroe Islands
Froya (Denmark)	Gibraltar	Gotland (Sweden)
Greenland	Guernsey	Hitra (Norway)
Isle of Man	Isle of Wight	Jersey
Menorca (Spain)	Orkney	Price Edward Island (Canada)
Rhodes	Sark	Saareem (Estonia)
Shetland	St Helena	Western Isles
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- In 1999, NatWest became the title sponsor of the Island Games which has become one of the largest participation events in the world behind the Olympics and Commonwealth Games.
- The NatWest Island Games 2011 are being run by the Island Games Association (Isle of Wight) supported by the IW Council, which is also a sponsor.
- The 25 member islands compete every two years around the world in a range of up to 14 sports chosen by the host island from a list of 18.
- Sports for 2011 : archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, cycling, football, golf, sailing/windsurfing, shooting, squash, swimming, table tennis, tennis, volleyball
- The NatWest Island Games were last held on the Isle of Wight 18 years ago in 1993.
- Further information available at [www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk](http://www.natwestislandgames2011.co.uk) and [www.islandgames.net](http://www.islandgames.net)

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