



The *Wild About Cookham* Photography Competition

In conjunction with the Cookham Festival

What's it all about?

WildCookham was set up in 2014 to give Cookham people a focus for their interest in local wildlife and their habitats, to stimulate others in the community to appreciate these and how precious they are, and ultimately to have some influence on public opinion. So the idea behind the photo competition is to encourage people to take photographs that tell a story about the relationship between wildlife and the places it inhabits and our relationship with them.

1. The competition is restricted to still images in black and white or colour. Subject to the following rules there is no restraint on your creativity, however you must be the person who takes and submits the photos.
2. The judges will not know who took each picture. They will select in each category based on its contribution to the overarching aims (see above), the composition, technical quality, and originality of the images. Their decisions will be final.
3. There will be three categories:
Junior: 16 or under on 1st May 2019
Adult: 17 or over on 1st May 2019
Smartphone/Tablet: All ages
4. There are no restrictions on where an entrant lives but the photos must have been taken within the civil parish of Cookham. Each person may submit up to four photos, if possible covering the four seasons.
5. The competition is open to everyone except professional photographers (defined as those who make more than half of their annual income from the sale of their photographs).
6. How to submit your entries: All photos must be submitted electronically with one email per photo to the email address wildcookham@cookhamfestival.org.uk at any time during the year after 1st May 2018. You will receive a confirmation that your entry has been received. Last date for submissions will be midnight Monday 22nd April 2019. Any submitted late for whatever reason will not be eligible for the competition.
7. When submitting a photo you must provide your name, contact details, category (Junior, Adult, Smart phone/Tablet), date the photo was taken and a caption, in up to 10 words. If chosen, the

photo's caption will be used in the exhibition and calendar. A factual description of the subject or event and location, in up to 100 words, is also required.

8. Images must be JPEGs with a maximum size of 10MB.
If an image with a low resolution is chosen for the exhibition or calendar, we may contact you early in May 2019 to obtain a higher resolution version. This will be required urgently and if we cannot contact you we may exclude the image.
9. You may digitally enhance an image, but each submitted picture must be from a single original image.
10. The originator of each image will retain its copyright, but by submitting an image to the competition you are giving the Cookham Festival and WildCookham the right freely to display the image on their websites, to use it in the Festival's Wild About Cookham 2019 exhibition and in the WildCookham 2020 calendar if chosen, and to offer it to media such as local newspapers to promote the project. We will always endeavour to credit you as the originator.
11. In entering the competition you acknowledge that, if any of your photos are placed on the long list and will therefore be exhibited at the Festival exhibition, you will pay £5 per photo to cover the cost of mounting/framing. You may keep the framed photo after the exhibition.
12. Judging
 - a. All photos correctly submitted will be entered for an initial long list selection which will take place before the end of April 2019. These selected photos will then be mounted ready for the Festival Exhibition.
 - b. The selected photos will also be submitted to a panel of judges who will select the images for the 2020 calendar.
 - c. The judges will comprise representatives from WildCookham, Cookham Festival and at least one other including a notable wildlife expert.
 - d. Visitors to the exhibition will be able to enter their votes for the three category winners until 5pm on the 16th May.
13. Prizes for the 'popular' vote winners:
Adult category: £100
Junior category: £50
Smart Phone/Tablet category: £50
14. The organisers reserve the right to change the rules at any time.