



Heighington Photographic Society

Competition Rules

Please see the programme of events for competition themes.
It will clearly show the deadline dates for submission of photographs to a given competition.
Competition results will be announced within two meetings of the closing date.

Competition Entry Submission:

Only members of the society are allowed to enter unless the competition is declared as "OPEN" to non members.

Images taken at any time may be submitted for competitions, so long as they have not previously been entered in another HPS competition.

Each entrant may enter up to 3 images.

All competition entries are to be submitted by email by the competition deadline after which no further submissions will be accepted for that competition.

Competition email address: **compentry@heighingtonps.org.uk**

Entries should be emailed to the competition email account or given to the judging executive member at the meeting.

Format:

Entries **MUST** be in JPEG format.

Entries **MUST** be saved with names in the following format:

Forename_Surname_Number(1-3) e.g. Fred_Bloggs_1

All images **MUST** be electronic and must be submitted on or before the final submission date using the guidelines below:

Images not following the submission criteria will not be judged, if any member requires help or clarification it can be sought at any club meeting or by contacting a member of the committee. We are here to help.

There will be no restrictions on format, square, 5:4, panoramic etc will all be acceptable.

File Size:

Entries should be sized so that the longest side of the image is between 1600 – 2000 pixels and saved at maximum quality (giving a file size of between 1 – 2 Mb). This will ensure sufficient quality to judge the picture. Information on resizing is given at the end of this document.

No restriction within reason but please notify the entry e-mail address if you are submitting files larger than 10mb.



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Judging:

A panel will be chosen consisting of 1 member of the executive and 2 club members. Club members will be selected at the competition deadline meeting by drawing names out of a bag of the members present.

Judging Criteria:

Each Photo will be judged on a 10 point scale 10 giving an overall score out of 40 for the following criteria

Technical Quality

Impact

Composition

Subject matter

The photograph with the highest score will win and be awarded a Gold Award
2nd and 3rd places will receive Silver and Bronze Awards with other images being highly commended at the panel's discretion.

Images must, in the opinion of the judging panel, meet the theme of the competition and will be judged against a common set of photographic criteria.

Competition Results' Night:

All the photographs will be reviewed.

It will be the role of the exec member on the judging panel to offer objective comment on the pictures based on the scores from the judging criteria and to announce the Gold Silver and Bronze award winners.

Photographer of the Year:

On the basis of the following:-

1. Gold = 3 points
2. Silver = 2 points
3. Bronze = 1 point

The person with the highest total of points at the end of the year will be photographer of the year.

Preparing Images For Competition Entry Using Photoshop

1. Open the image you wish to size, having previously done any editing required. (File – Open)
2. Select the image sizing panel. (Image – Image size)
3. In the “pixel dimensions” area of the panel select the largest of the two numbers, this will vary dependent on the format of the picture.
4. Replace the largest value with a value between 1600 and 2000. Photoshop will automatically change the other number to avoid distortion.
5. Click “OK”
6. Now save your sized image using the competition naming convention. (File – Save As)

Preparing Images For Competition Entry Using GIMP

1. Open the image you wish to size, having previously done any editing required. (File – Open)
2. Select the image sizing panel. (Image – Scale Image)
3. In the panel select the largest of the two numbers in the width or height fields, this will vary dependent on the format of the picture.
4. Replace the largest value with a value between 1600 and 2000. Gimp will automatically change the other number to avoid distortion.
5. Click “Scale”
6. Now save your sized image using the competition naming convention. (File – Save As)