

Bucks Photography Open Competition and Exhibition

Open to ages 18 and over

(For young people 17 years and under please see our Young Photography Open)

Exhibition dates: 18 January to 4 May 2025

Closing date for entries is 4 November 2024

Call for entries

Discover Bucks Museum is delighted to announce their first Bucks Photography Open Competition and Exhibition. Whatever your photographic ability you can enter up to 3 images with a chance to be selected for our exhibition in January 2025 in our stunning art gallery. Prizes will also be awarded for the best interpretation of the exhibition theme.

Exhibition theme

The theme of the exhibition is 'Celebrating Buckinghamshire'. You may be inspired by its landscape, people, heritage, wildlife or another aspect that inspires you, but your entry must have some connection to the county of Buckinghamshire.

We will endeavour to show as many entries as possible in the exhibition but will carry out an initial selection process after the closing date for entries using digital images that you send with your Entry Form.

Work that is selected for the exhibition will be judged by an independent judging panel and the following awards will be made:

First prize £200, Second prize £100, Third prize £50 will be awarded at the opening event for the photographs that in the judges' opinion best capture the theme of 'Celebrating Buckinghamshire'.

There will also be a People's Choice Award of £50 which will be voted for by visitors to the exhibition and be awarded after the last day of voting which will be 21 April 2025.

There will be an opening launch and awards presentation on Saturday 18 January 2025 to which all exhibitors are invited.

The exhibition runs from Saturday 18 January to Sunday 4 May 2025 and the standard opening times are Wednesday to Friday 10am – 3pm, Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 12-4pm. Entry to the museum and exhibition is adults £6.50, children 15 yrs and under free. Exhibitors who have their work on display in the exhibition will receive a free pass for themselves for the duration of the exhibition.

How to enter

To enter the competition please read the steps and terms and conditions below carefully before making a submission.

Entry forms must be sent by email together with digital copies of your photographs in JPEG format. JPEGs should be a minimum of 1MB and a maximum of 3MB per image.

Send your entries to **exhibitions@discoverbucksmuseum.org**

There is a £5 per photograph submission fee which is non-refundable that must be paid via the Museum website.

Entries must be received no later than 4 November 2024. Any entries received after this date will not be considered.

Each JPEG image must be labelled with a filename as follows: YOURSURNAME_INITIAL_IMAGE NUMBER

For example, John Smith's image number 1 would be: SMITH_J_1 and if he enters a second image then it would be labelled SMITH_J_2

The image number refers to the image number and title of the image on your Entry Form.

All entries will be reviewed by a selection panel after the closing date. Entrants will be notified if their work has been accepted for the exhibition by 23 November 2024.

If your photograph is selected for the exhibition, you must organise and cover the cost of having your photograph printed and framed ready for display in the exhibition. The frame must have suitable fixtures for hanging. **There are many off-the-shelf frames available from stores and online as well as bespoke framing services. No clip frames will be accepted for safety reasons.** The minimum size of print is either A4 or 10 x 8ins and maximum size either A1 or 30 x 20ins.

Terms and Conditions

Entrants must be 18 years and over to enter the Bucks Photography Open Competition and Exhibition and be a UK resident.

Photographic entries must have been taken in Buckinghamshire and have been taken in the last 5 years. Entrants can submit up to a maximum of 3 images.

Submissions for this exhibition will only be accepted by email from entrants who have completed the authorised Entry Form and sent in JPG image/s of each item submitted together with a payment of £5 per image. No other forms of entry will be accepted.

Entries received after the closing date of 4 November 2024 will not be considered.

Photographs must be a minimum of 1MB and no larger than 3MB for the selection process.

All entries must be the original work of the entrant who must be the sole owner of the copyright and must not have infringed the rights of any other party. The entries must not have been previously published or have been prize winners in other photographic competitions.

Entrants must not have breached any laws when taking their photographs.

Entrants must ensure that photographs that show people have been taken with the permission of the subject/s where necessary and if under 18 the consent of the subject's parent/guardian.

By submitting a photograph/s to this competition entrants agree that Discover Bucks Museum has the right to free reproduction of the image in all media to promote the exhibition.

If you are a prize winner then you agree to take part in any publicity and to use your name and photograph in such publicity across all media to promote the exhibition.

The copyright of the photograph remains with the photographer.

Digital adjustments of an image are acceptable but the use of AI to create images is not allowed.

Judges appointed by Discover Bucks Museum will make the initial selection for the exhibition and later judge the 3 best entries that interpret the theme of 'Celebrating Buckinghamshire'. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

All entries are sent at the entrant's own risk and the organisers accept no responsibility for entries lost, damaged or delayed when sent by email.

The museum exhibition staff will be responsible for the hanging of the show.

Work can be for sale and the museum will charge 35% commission on sales. Work must remain on display for the duration of the exhibition. Payment to entrants for any work sold will be organised after the conclusion of the exhibition.

Every effort is made to ensure the security and safety of the exhibition, however work is left at the entrant's own risk. Entrants requiring insurance for their work must arrange their own insurance cover.

If your work is selected for the exhibition then you must be able to deliver it to the museum in Church Street, Aylesbury, on Monday 13 January 2025 between 10am and 3pm. At the end of the exhibition unsold work must be collected from the museum on Tuesday 6 May 2025 between 11am – 3pm.

Personal contact details will only be used for the purposes of administering the competition and exhibition and will not be shared with any organisation outside the organisation without your permission. However, your name will be used with the title of your photograph in the exhibition and may also be used in publicity across all media. If you do not want this information to be used, you must make us aware.

Discover Bucks Museum reserves the right to refuse any entries which are considered to be discriminatory or inappropriate for our audiences.

By entering the competition you agree to the rules and we reserve the right to exclude any entry from the competition at any time if we have reason to believe that an entrant has breached these rules, acted fraudulently in any way or brings us into disrepute.

Discover Bucks Museum reserves the right to cancel this competition or alter any of the rules at any stage if deemed necessary, for example if circumstances arise outside our control.

Completed Entry Forms and JPEG images must be emailed by 4 November 2024 to exhibitions@discoverbucksmuseum.org

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