

Rotary **YOUNG**
PHOTOGRAPHER
COMPETITION



Young Photographer 2024



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THEME – ‘Nature’

The ‘Nature’ Theme can be interpreted as broadly as the Young Photographer wishes and does not need to conform to the dictionary definition of the word.

‘Nature’ is a Key theme of New Mills, Marple and District Rotary Club.

The Theme for the Young Photographer competition is simply ‘Nature’ so it gives young people the widest opportunity to share their creative talents in showing us what it means to them.

Introduction

The Rotary Young Photographer Competition is organised and promoted by the New Mills, Marple and District Rotary Club.

It is hoped that the competition will help support and encourage the development of photographic skills.

Aims and Objectives

The competition aims to encourage young people to:

- experiment with photography
- use digital and/or traditional methods of photography
- demonstrate interpretation of the topic
- express personal ideas through the medium of photography

Who can take part?

The competition is open to all young people in the age groups shown below.

They may be an individual or from any group or community organisation including schools and colleges, home educated, other young peoples’ community organisations, for example, community RotaKids, community Interact, Scout Groups, Girl Guides, etc.

The three age groups are:

- Junior: Up to and including 10 years old
- Intermediate: 11 to 13 years old
- Senior: 14 to 17 years old

Entrants must not be over the upper age parameter for each group on **31st August 2023**.

With the age qualifying date of 31st August 2023, it should be noted that some junior entrants may be 11, intermediate entrants may be 14 and some senior entrants may be 18 at the time of the competition e.g.,

A competitor who was 17 on 31st August 2023, but turned 18 on 1st September 2023 is allowed to enter.

Competitors must include their age on the application form.

Entrants need to complete an entry form, available from the New Mills, Marple and District Rotary club and submit it along with their photograph, to the local organiser, by the date and time specified by them. It is essential that the name of the competitor and their photographic work is clearly linked with the right entry form and any necessary consent forms for photographic images used if applicable.

Competition Guidelines

- **Task**

To produce one photograph based upon the theme, **'Nature'**. Mobile Phones or cameras may be used.

To accompany the submission, each entrant MUST provide a brief sentence describing the relationship of the photograph to the theme.

Failure to do so will mean the entry is ineligible and the entrant therefore disqualified.

The photograph must be submitted via Digital Format and be at least 1500 pixels in size on the longest length.

The entries and supporting information sent electronically **MUST NOT EXCEED** 15Mb per email sent. Photographs that are part of a current educational exam portfolio are not eligible for the competition, due to educational exam board regulations.

Please Note: Photographs which incorporate images of people under 18 years or vulnerable adults must be accompanied by consent forms for the use of those photographic images.

- **Plagiarism or Close Copied Images**

Plagiarised or 'close-copied' images are not permitted in any competition. It is important that we protect the work of creative individuals. Whilst we are all inspired by the work of others, there is without doubt a grey area where inspiration carries over to close copying. For our competitions 'close copying' is where, to a reasonable person, the submitted entry appears remarkably similar in significant important respects to a body of work created elsewhere. We are looking for original pieces, not copies, which match the theme of the competition.

- **Judges**

The judges will be people with appropriate skills appointed by the organisers at the **New Mills, Marple and District Rotary club and will include at least one club member.**

The judging criteria is as set out below.

Judging Criteria Judges will consider:

- technical merit
- content and composition
- imagination and style.

The judges will not enter any discussion or correspondence regarding their decision; the decision of the judges will be final and not subject to any appeal.

- **Recognition**

All competitors will receive a certificate of participation.

Winners: will receive a £20.0 book/gift voucher.

How to enter

Entrants are required to complete an entry form (copy below) or which can be downloaded at:

<https://www.nmdrotary.co.uk> and submit it along with their photographs, to the organizer;

Mr. John Delany: nmdrotary@gmail.com

Working with Children

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland has adopted this statement of policy in working with children, vulnerable adults and those with disability: The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability take priority. It is the duty of every Rotarian to safeguard to the best of their ability, the welfare of and prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Rotarian duties.