



**Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Environmental Records Centre
Annual Recorders' Seminar 2022
Saturday, 2nd April 2022**

**Wildlife Photography Competition 2022
Making Connections**

APPLICATION FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS

Thank you for your interest in the BMERC Wildlife Photography Competition 2022. By entering BMERC Wildlife Photography Competition 2022, you are agreeing to abide by the terms and conditions (see page 2).

There are 3 prizes to be awarded to the **winner and runners up: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.**

To book your place please fill in the form below with the competing photographs in a digital format and email to: erc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Phone: 01296 382431 web: www.bucksmkerc.org.uk

Please return completed form and competing photograph(s) by Monday, 14th March 2022.

Your Details:

Your name: Phone number:

Email address:

Photograph entering:

First photograph

Name/title of photo

Description of image (max 100 words)

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Second photograph (optional)

Name/title of photo.....

Description of image (max 100 words)

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Entering the Competition

- 1) The competition is **free** to enter and open to all amateur photographers. Attendance at the BMERC seminar is not a requirement of entry.
- 2) A maximum of two photograph entries may be submitted under the broad category of 'Making Connections'.
- 3) There is only one category being judged this year: 'The People's Choice' and voting will take place during the seminar.
- 4) All images must be submitted as a **digital** copy as a **JPEG 8MB or less**. Any problems submitting photos please contact the BMERC team.
- 5) Permission of anyone pictured in the image must be obtained.
- 6) All photographs are entered with an application form (page 1 of this document) to BMERC email address (erc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk). If submitting 2 photos that together exceed 8MB, please send the second photograph in a separate email to the same address, with the same application form (to ensure both photos are received without faults).
- 7) A **confirmation email** will be sent within 5 days of receipt of the photos. If you have not received a confirmation email within 5 days, please contact us directly.
- 8) Closing date for entry is **Monday, 14th March 2022**.

Photograph Specifications

- 1) All images must be located within Buckinghamshire and/or Milton Keynes and taken between 1st January 2021 and 14th March 2022.
- 2) **Maximum of 2** photos can be accepted into the competition from each competitor.
- 3) Faithful representation of the subject must be maintained. Minor digital adjustments are only acceptable if limited to cleaning (e.g. removing dust spots), levels, curves, colour, saturation and contrast work. Sharpening and minimal cropping is allowed. Images should be representative of the true scene through the viewfinder without elements added or removed.
- 4) Borders are not accepted on photographs.
- 5) No names, company signatures or watermarks are to be displayed on the photo to allow fair judging.
- 6) It is the photographers' responsibility to be aware of and comply with the national (Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) or international legislation (e.g. in the case of protected species).

Judging and Prizes

- 1) This year the photos will be judged by the seminar attendees voting for their favourite.
- 2) The photographs will be displayed as a rolling display during the breaks and at lunch.
- 3) The winner and runners up will be those with the most votes on the day and will be announced during the seminar, 2nd April 2022. If for any reason (e.g. technical fault), winners are not able to be announced at the seminar, results will be announced in the BMERC Spring newsletter.
- 4) Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and winners will be contacted by email with the prize.

Use of Photographs

- 1) You must be the solo author and owner of the copyright for all the images entered. You will retain copyright of your entries at all times.
- 2) After voting closes, your name will be shown alongside your photograph during the seminar.
- 3) The winning photographs may be displayed at future BMERC seminars and events with consent.
- 4) Images will not be passed onto third parties.