

Photo competition 2025

Rules and instructions

The competition is open to all members of the Society. Any non-members who would like to participate are welcome to join the Society in order to take part; you can join online: <https://mknhs.org.uk/26432-2/>

Only digital images can be entered. There is no print competition this year.

The closing date for entries is **14 January 2025**

There are five categories, and each member may enter a maximum of 2 images per category. (That's a maximum of 10 images in total.)

The five categories are:

1. Birds
2. Invertebrates
3. All other animals, including mammals, fish, etc.
4. Plants and fungi
5. Habitats, geological, astronomical

Domestic animals and cultivated plants are not eligible.

People must not be a major subject of any photograph.

May the best photograph win! It could be yours!

Specifications

Images for all categories should have been taken in the UK between 1 January 2024 and 14 January 2025

Maximum size of photo file: **4MB**
(A 4MB image can produce a good A4 print, which is what we have used in the past.)

Recommended maximum dimensions: **2048 pixels by 1536 pixels**

We also recommend **Medium quality**

Photos can be horizontal (landscape) or vertical (portrait).

How to submit your entries

Send your entries to the mailbox (photocomp@mknhs.org.uk) by **11pm on Tuesday 14 January 2025**.

Please state the category of entry for each image and provide a brief caption for each photo stating species if known/relevant, and when and where taken. If you submit 10 photos with one email, make sure it is clear which caption goes with each photo!

When submitting a number of photos together, please use a file transfer method, such as WeTransfer or FileTransfer, to avoid problems with large files via email.

Please note that by submitting photos you are agreeing to your images being displayed on the Society website. Images displayed in the Society gallery after the

How the 2025 MKNHS Photo competition will be run:

1. Entries received in the mailbox (photocomp@mknhs.org.uk) by **11pm on 14 January 2025**
2. Members photos will be posted in the five categories on the website photo competition page two weeks after the deadline (i.e. on **28 January 2025**)
3. **Round 1 voting:** Members have a week to decide their choice of top two per category for Round 1. Members send in their choices by email to the same mailbox. (Votes to be received by **04 February 2025**)
4. The votes are counted and the top 8 photos selected. The top eight photos are posted on the website one week after the deadline for voting in Round 1. (i.e. by **11 February 2025**)
5. **Round 2 voting:** Members have one week to send in their votes for the top three photos. (Votes to be received by **18 February 2025**)
6. Votes are counted and the top 3 selected.
7. Winners are announced at the MKNHS meeting on **25 February 2025**, one week after the deadline for voting for Round 2.

Winning photos will be shown at this meeting and winners will be asked to say something about their photos.

8. The final 8 will be put on the website gallery page for the photo competition winners 2025.

Please Note! Photos **MUST** be sent in by **11pm on 14 January 2025** at the latest! Entries will **NOT** be accepted **after 14 January**.

Votes will **NOT** be counted **if received after the Round 1 and Round 2 deadlines!**