Berkhamsted Rotary Young Photographer 2026-2027 Terms and Conditions

- Entrants aged 18 or under when registered must provide a valid email address for their parent or legal guardian. Without this your entry will not be accepted. Parents/Guardians may be contacted by Berkhamsted Rotary to confirm on the Entrant's behalf their permission to participate and their acceptance of these Terms and Conditions. If the Entrant is 18 years of age when this form is completed, they are deemed to give such permission and acceptance themselves.
- The closing date is 31st January 2027 so don't leave it until the last minute to submit your photos.
- All images must be submitted electronically. Make sure that the image you submit is a .JPG and the highest quality image you have, but not bigger than 5MB per image for an A4 print and your three photo portfolio must not be more than 15MB. Always keep your RAW file(s) and save the original version if you make adjustments to the photos.
- Give each photo a title and remember that when a photo is uploaded it is entered into the competition and cannot be changed. The title must be

  your age – your first name – your second name – image title

  Eg. 16 - Jane - Doe - fly agaric

- Entrants are restricted to submitting three photographs with their entry and can only submit one entry.
- Proof of electronic submission of images and email is not proof of receipt by Berkhamsted Rotary; online acknowledgement of image and Entry Form receipt is provided to the entrant.
- The database of unsuccessful entries will be deleted in May 2027.
- Entries cannot be returned so please retain a copy. Transfer your mobile phone or device photo onto more than one other device in case it is accidentally deleted,
- Entries must be original photographs taken by the entrant and must be a faithful representation of what was seen at the time of taking the photo. Digital adjustments are acceptable if they are for minor cleaning work, levels, curves, colour, saturation and contrast work.
- Berkhamsted Rotary is a charitable organisation and may wish to use and reproduce submitted photographs to promote this [or similar] competitions, for raising charitable funds and related purposes. These may include on- line publications, local exhibitions, as a wall calendar and other reasonable purposes as determined by Berkhamsted Rotary. By entering the competition all entrants freely permit the use of the copyright in submitted photographs/images solely for these purposes without prejudice to the entrant's ownership or copyright.
- Berkhamsted Rotary may use and disclose [to known third parties] the originator's name and age as noted or acknowledged on the image. Berkhamsted Rotary will consult and seek the permission of the parent or legal guardian for any other disclosure that may be requested for any entrant under the age of 18 at time of entry.
- All entrants have the right to withdraw their entry prior to the closing date of 31 January 2027 by contacting the organisers at: berkorotaryyp27@gmail.com
- The entrant's account will be closed as soon as practicable thereafter.
- All finalists in the Competition will be notified by Berkhamsted Rotary by email.
- Unsuccessful entrants will not be contacted in respect of their entry as we cannot give feedback to all entrants. However all entrants will receive a certificate of participation by email.
- Progress to the District level requires the winners of the local heat to complete a hard copy Rotary International in Britain and Ireland Entry Form which provides the organisers with the original signature of the entrant or entrant's parent or guardian (depending on age).
- Each Entrant retains full responsibility for obtaining any permissions needed to display the content of their Image in the Competition, or on the Rotary websites, social online and hardcopy media outlets. This includes abiding by national and international law, seeking permits and permissions for accessing the land on which the photograph was taken and the rights to any and all brands, faces or persons featured in the Entry being legally sought. Rotary accepts no responsibility for those Entrants that fail to comply with this section and shall be held harmless by the Entrant for any liabilities associated with such infractions.

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JUDGING:

- Judging will be led by Rotarians Rollo Prendergast and John Watts, who both have extensive experience with digital photography.
- Add-on lenses can be used (including phones). Ensure you do not overuse filters.
- **The following images will not be accepted and will be disqualified:**
    1. Any entry containing images of person(s) under 18 years of age or vulnerable adults.
    2. Any entry captured in an unethical or cruel way including any animal that is suffering, disfigured, wounded, exotic animals, baited animals (incl. images captured using live bait), any animal exploited for profit or animals in cages.
    3. Any photos of cultivated plants or a staged vegetation set.
    4. Photos with watermarks, frames, borders, emoji's, stickers and the like.
    5. Any prize winning photos previously entered into a photography competition.
    6. Any photo found or suspected not to be the original work of the entrant. Note: We may ask you to provide the original image or negative or 'Raw' file to verify that it's taken with the phone or device. We may also request a copy of the picture(s) taken before and after the image submitted to the competition.
    7. Any photo found to be non-compliant with these Terms and Conditions
- The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

PRIZES:

- All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation by email.
- In addition, winners will receive the following:
    - The cash prize available for the winner in each group is not transferable. The cash, engraved plate prizes due to the winners will be awarded in 2027 and only with winners' parents or legal guardians present.
    - The opportunity for the winners to have their entry submitted to the Rotary District 1260 Competition covering Beds/Bucks/Herts.
    - The opportunity for the top photographs to be published online, displayed at local exhibitions, as a wall calendar or for other reasonable purposes as determined by Berkhamsted Rotary to raise money for charity. These will be organised as the competition progresses.

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CONDUCT:

- By entering the competition Entrants and their Parents/Guardians relinquish any rights they may have in the intellectual property in the subject matter of the competition, agree to observe the highest standards in all matters relating to the Competition and not to do or say anything that does or might damage the reputation of the competition entrants or Rotary.
- Each entrant under 18 at the time of entry must gain the permission of a parent or guardian to enter the competition.
- By submitting an entry, each entrant (and, where applicable, the entrant's parent or guardian) agrees to the Rules and these Terms and Conditions, confirms that their entry complies with them, and that they will be liable to Berkhamsted Rotary in respect of any damages or loss they may incur as a result of a breach of the Rules.

ROTARY:

- To find out more about Rotary and the work we do in Berkhamsted and the surrounding areas, please visit our website at: https://berkorotary.org