WILD MARLOW PHOTO COMPETITION 2023/2024

In association with Marlow Camera Club

Intent

Wild Marlow would like to encourage residents and visitors to take a greater interest in the flora, fauna and landscapes which surround them throughout the seasons. The Wild Marlow Photo Competition is for all ages. Everyone is encouraged to enter regardless of their experience in photography. It is intended to be a fun project with no restraints on creativity. The hope is that, by displaying a selection of the photos taken, Wild Marlow will stimulate interest in others to appreciate the wildlife and habitats of their local area.

The Competition.

- Open to everyone, except professional photographers.
- Still photos – colour or black and white – taken by camera or smart phone/tablet.
- Entries must be entirely the work of the named originator.
- Pictures must be taken within the Marlow (SL7) area.
- Covers all times and seasons of the year.

The Categories

- Three categories will be assessed by the judges:
  1. Junior school child (2023/2024 school year)
  2. Senior school child (2023/2024 school year)
  3. Adult.

How to Submit.

- All photos must be submitted by email to wildmarlowphoto@gmail.com with one photo per email. Submissions will be acknowledged.
- Photos should be submitted according to the period they are taken, with the following deadlines applying.

  1. July, August, September, and October – submit by the end of October 2023.
  2. November, December, and January – submit by the end of January 2024.
  3. February, March, and April – submit by the end of April 2024.
  4. May, June, July, and August – submit by the end of August 2024.

  No more than **two** photos may be submitted by any one person for each period.

- Photos must be JPEGs in **landscape format** with the longest edge between 1800 and 2400 pixels.

- When submitting a photo, the following must be provided:
  Title/caption (max 6 words).
  Location and month the photo was taken.
  Originator's name, age category and contact details.

Judging

- Wild Marlow and the Marlow Camera Club will be represented in the judging panel together with at least one invited external guest judge. The judging panel's decisions will be final.
- They will select winning and runner-up photographs in each age category.
- One overall winner will also be selected.
- Judging will be based on a broad range of criteria including subject, composition, technical skill, originality, and relevance to Wild Marlow's intent, as above.

Prizes

- It is intended that photographs selected by the judges will be featured in the Wild Marlow Calendar for 2025. All winning photo originators will receive a certificate.
- Best photos winners in each of the three categories will receive gift vouchers to the value of £50. Runners-up will receive £25 in gift vouchers.
- The overall winner will also receive an additional £50 voucher.
- At the Wild Marlow Photo Exhibition, a 'People's Choice' vote will take place.

Displaying Selected Entries

- As well as being featured in the Wild Marlow calendar all winning photographs, together with some selected other entries, will be exhibited at local events.

Copyright

- The originator retains copyright for each photograph but, by submitting, gives Wild Marlow permission to use the image on social media platforms, in local news media, exhibitions and the Wild Marlow calendar.
- Every endeavour will be made to credit the photo originator, but the organisers cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions.

For further information on Wild Marlow, visit www.wildmarlow.org.uk

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