

Highworth Camera Club

Competition Rules 2023

All Competitions

Unless otherwise stated here, images must only be entered once in one competition. Entering the same image in several competitions is not allowed. For clarity:

1. Members can enter images as many times as they want into competitions involving other clubs (e.g. print battles), but only once into an internal club competition.
2. Members cannot enter a print in one club competition and a JPEG of the same image in another club competition - prints and JPEGs are considered the same image.
3. Images cannot be re-used for the Ashworth & Holt trophies - images for these two competitions must be new.
4. In summary, it should not be possible to win (or contribute to winning) two club competitions with the same image.
5. The exception to this rule is the Barbara Thorpe Challenge. In the Barbara Thorpe Challenge, if you use the set subjects, these are the monthly topics through the year and members can re-use images entered during the course of the year.

Other comments:

1. In all competitions, members should not vote for their own images.
2. In all competitions, composite images are permitted on the condition that the member entering the image owns the copyright for all component images used.
3. Note that all club trophies are the property of Highworth Camera Club and are, effectively, loaned to each winner for the year. Any member who leaves the club during the year must hand back any trophies at the time of their leaving (especially if they are moving away from the area!).
4. When submitting physical prints, the requirement is always that these pictures should be mounted. Mounts MUST include a backing sheet of some kind to protect the image. Images submitted with just a top mount and no backing sheet will be disqualified.
5. The back of the print must have -
 - a) the competition and month it is entered for,
 - b) the title of the picture (the same as the JPEG submitted),
 - c) your member number,
 - d) an indication of which way is up (if it is not obvious),or the print is likely to be disqualified.
6. In the event of a points tie in a competition voted for by members, positions will be decided on the basis of most first places gained.
7. When entering a print competition, members should also submit a JPEG copy of the image to the Competition Secretary. This can be sent via email and must be submitted prior to the relevant monthly meeting.

Competition queries or info: email Competitions Secretary, Kevin O'Donoghue (kodonoghue@btinternet.com).

Camera Club Trophy

1. Two prints per month on a set subject for that month.
2. Prints to be brought to monthly meeting. In the event that a member cannot attend a meeting, prints may be left with Peter Osborne –
7 Station Road
Highworth
Swindon
SN6 7DJ
Phone: 01793 762898
Mobile: 07710 477264
3. In addition, JPEG files for print entries must be emailed to the Club email address – highworthcamclub@gmail.com. Entrants must send a separate email for each competition you enter, and the email title should make it clear which competition and which month the images are for.
4. Any size but fitting in a mount no bigger than 20x16” (this is 50x40cm). (Prints must be mounted).
5. Age of image is not important so long as it is not clearly from years ago. It is appreciated that some members take pictures for “stock” in case certain subjects come up at a later date. Snow pictures are a good example of this.
6. Judged by members on club night and external judge on appraisal evenings. Members’ choice to go forward to print of the year. External judge points towards end of year trophies. (1st – 10pts. 2nd – 7pts. 3rd – 5pts. HC – 3pts. C – 2pts. Other entries – 1pt.)
7. Competitions held in January & February (appraised in March), April & May (appraised in June), July & September (appraised in October). No competition on appraisal evenings or in August, November and December.

Memorial Trophy

1. Two prints per month. Subject is open but there will be the occasional challenge of a “technique”.
2. Prints to be brought to monthly meeting. In the event that a member cannot attend a meeting, prints may be left with Peter Osborne
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3. In addition, JPEG files for print entries must be emailed to the Club email address – highworthcamclub@gmail.com. Entrants must send a separate email for each competition you enter, and the email title should make it clear which competition and which month the images are for.
4. Prints up to A4/12”x8” in size in a mount no bigger than 20x16” (this is 50x40cm). (Prints must be mounted).
5. Age of image is not important so long as it is not clearly from years ago. It is appreciated that some members take pictures for “stock” in case certain subjects come up at a later date. Snow pictures are a good example of this.
6. Judged by members on club night and external judge on appraisal evenings. Members’ choice to go forward to print of the year. External judge points towards end of year trophies. (1st – 10pts. 2nd – 7pts. 3rd – 5pts. HC – 3pts. C – 2pts. Other entries – 1pt.)
7. Competitions held in January & February (appraised in March), April & May (appraised in June), July & September (appraised in October). No competition on appraisal evening or in August, November and December.

Monthly Digital Image Competition

1. Two images per month. Subject is completely open.
2. Images submitted as JPEG files. File name should be the title of the image. Images to be emailed to the club email address highworthcamclub@gmail.com. - this is to ensure anonymity when displayed on Google Drive (see below). Entrants must send a separate email for each competition you enter, and the email title should make it clear which competition and which month the images are for.
3. Images to be submitted between 16th of the preceding month and 15th of the competition month (e.g. for January competition, images submitted between 16 December and 15 January). Images submitted after 15th will automatically be included in the following month's competition unless the member asks for them to be withdrawn and submits new images.
4. Images will be loaded into a folder on Google Drive and a link will be emailed to all members on 16th of the month.
5. Judged by members between 16th of the month and month end (approx. 2 weeks). Voting is by email to highworthcamclub@gmail.com stating choice of First, Second and Third.
6. Voting closes on the last day of the month when scores will be tallied and points awarded. Points awarded go towards end of year trophy (1st – 10pts. 2nd – 7pts. 3rd – 5pts. 4th – 3pts. 5th – 2pts. Other entries – 1pt.)
7. Competition runs for first 10 months of the year (Jan-Oct).

Annual Competitions:

10 K Challenge (September meeting).

Anything subject that has been taken within a 10 kilometre radius of St Michaels Church. One entry per member.

Barbara Thorpe Highworth Challenge (November Meeting).

On an A1 board, a set of prints on a single subject. Minimum seven, maximum ten. A "title" frame must be added. Prints can be any size, the only limiting factor being the requirement to fit at least 7 images on the board.

Each member may submit a maximum of two boards. The first board may be on one of the set subjects (see below), but not necessarily. The second board can be on a subject of the member's own choice.

Digital Projected Image (Submitted October for November Meeting).

Anything goes. Maximum of two images per member. These should be brought to the October meeting on a memory stick or emailed to highworthcamclub@gmail.com prior to the October meeting. Judged by an external judge at the November meeting.

Ashworth and Holt Trophies (images submitted at November meeting).

Any subject with a maximum print size of A4/12x8". The Holt Trophy entry must be in colour and the Ashworth entry in traditional black and white. The Ashworth prints are judged by the Ashworth family, and the Holt prints are judged by someone external to the Club. Two prints max per member. Prints must be submitted at the November meeting.

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If you feel that there is an issue that has not been covered, please bring it to the attention of other members and Kevin O'Donoghue, Competitions Secretary.