

## Trust is now inviting entries to photography competition

Suffolk Wildlife Trust's annual competition is back with seven new categories and a share of £1500 worth of prizes for winning entries.



Suffolk Wildlife Trust's annual photography competition is back with a brand new look, featuring a raft of new categories and a share of £1,500 worth of prizes for winning entries.

The Trust is inviting entrants to <u>submit up to three photographs</u> in the following categories :

- Young photographer Under 12 years old Any British Wildlife
- Young photographer 12-18 years old Any British Wildlife
- Pin Up Portraits or other images framed to suit a front cover or fullpage main feature of a wildlife magazine or similar piece of literature. The subject can include people engaged with the natural environment. (New category)
- Simply Suffolk Landscapes that capture the uniqueness and distinctiveness of Suffolk's natural beauty including farmland, urban, marine, nature reserves, coast and estuary. (New category)
- Strictly come wildlife Wildlife in action. (New category)
- On the doorstep The image must be taken within 300 metres of where you live and should celebrate the wildlife that plays a part in your day to day life. (New category)
- Out-of-sight Suffolk Revealing wildlife normally hidden to the human eye due its size, obscurity, popularity, lifecycle or habitat. (New category)
- Unearthed Wildlife having, quite literally, come from the earth. (New category)
- Eastern Angles Wildlife structure and forms, patterns and textures from an abstract or illustrative viewpoint, or wildlife from an artistic perspective that inspire new ways of seeing or challenging familiar views. (New category)

The competition is open until 10am, Monday 31 October and category winners will be announced on Saturday 5 November. A panel of judges, which includes award-winning photographers Jamie Hall and Lee Acaster, will choose one

winner and one highly commended from each category and these will go through to the public vote.

## Winners

From Saturday 12 November to Monday 28 November, people will be given the chance to vote for their favourite image at <a href="http://www.suffolkphotography.org/">http://www.suffolkphotography.org/</a>. The public vote winner will receive a holiday at Upthorpe Lodges and the judge's choice overall winner will receive a £500 cash prize. Each category winner will also receive a prize.

A prize giving event will be held on Friday December 2 at Brooke House, Ashbocking.

Michael Strand, Development manager at Suffolk Wildlife Trust, said: "The photography competition seems to go from strength-to-strength every year and we hope the new categories will give people extra inspiration to capture images of Suffolk's wildlife and wild spaces.

"I have been consistently impressed with the high standard and creativity of people's entries and I'm really looking forward to see how people respond this year."

Wildlife photographer Jamie Hall said: "Being asked to be part of the judging panel for this year's Suffolk Wildlife Trust annual photographic competition is a real honour for me.

Living in this beautiful county we are surrounded by such a diverse array of plants and animal life. When I see the photos being produced in some of the younger categories, it's heart-warming to know there is a whole generation of youngsters being inspired by wildlife.

"Some of the images are so inspiring and creative, it's a reminder that I need to get out and about to discover more of it for myself."

The main sponsor of the competition is Ipswich Building Society.



## Photography COMPETITION

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