

## **Local Nature Recovery Strategy** **Photograph Competition Rules**

### **1. The Promoter**

The promoter is Nottinghamshire County Council of County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP.

### **2. The competition**

2.1 The title of the competition is **Local Nature Recovery Strategy Photograph Competition**.

2.2 We're inviting amateur photographers of all ages to take part in an exciting photo competition for a chance to be featured in the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS). The winning photograph will be featured on the front cover of the LNRS, while up to five runners-up will have their images showcased throughout the document.

2.3 Photographs submitted to the competition should showcase the beauty and diversity of Nottinghamshire's natural habitats and native species. Photos could include images of the county's landscapes, people enjoying nature or focus on a plant or wildlife species found in Nottinghamshire (not including domestic animals).

#### **2.4 Eligibility:**

Open to all residents of Nottinghamshire.

#### **2.5 Photo Requirements:**

- (a) Images entered into the competition must be landscape.
- (b) High resolution (minimum 300 dpi).
- (c) JPEG or PNG format.
- (d) Ensure that your photos are your original work and do not infringe anyone else's copyright.
- (e) Taken in the last 12 months

#### **2.6 Judging Criteria:**

- (a) Creativity and originality.
- (b) Quality and clarity of the image.
- (c) Relevance to the theme.
- (d) Overall impact.

### **3. How to enter**

3.1 The competition will open at 9:00am on 7 July 2025 and run until 11:59pm on 29 August 2025 (**Closing Date**) inclusive.

3.2 All competition entries must be received by the Promoter no later than 11:59pm on the Closing Date. All competition entries received after the Closing Date are automatically disqualified.

3.3 To enter the competition:

- (a) enter the competition online by submitting the online entry form provided on [Notts Nature Recovery](#) by Closing Date; or

- (b) send an email to [LNRSNN@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:LNRSNN@nottsc.gov.uk) with your name, address and phone number. Attach your photograph for entry into the competition and use 'LNRS Photograph Competition' in the subject line.
- 3.4 The competition is free to enter.
- 3.5 The Promoter will **not** accept:
  - (a) responsibility for competition entries that are corrupted, not successfully completed or transmitted, lost, mislaid, damaged or delayed in transit, regardless of cause, including, for example, as a result of any postal failure, equipment failure, technical malfunction, systems, satellite, network, server, website, computer hardware or software failure of any kind; or
  - (b) proof of posting or transmission as proof of receipt of entry to the competition.
- 3.6 By submitting a competition entry, you are agreeing to be bound by these terms and conditions.
- 3.7 For help with entries, please contact the LNRS team at [LNRSNN@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:LNRSNN@nottsc.gov.uk) or see [\*Notts Nature Recovery\*](#).
- 3.8 Please see [\*Notts Nature Recovery\*](#) for a copy of these competition terms and conditions.
- 3.9 The competition entries will be judged by a panel of three judges based on the creativity and originality, quality and clarity of the image, relevance to the theme and overall impact. The decision of the panel of judges (acting reasonably) will be final. Judges of the competition include Madam Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council, a representative from the Strategic Oversight Group of the LNRS and a representative from the Advisory Group of the LNRS.
- 3.10 A list of names of the judges can be viewed on [\*Notts Nature Recovery\*](#) from the Closing Date for a period of 30 days.

#### **4. Eligibility**

- 4.1 The competition is only open to residents of Nottinghamshire.
- 4.2 You must not be a professional photographer.
- 4.3 The following are not allowed to enter:
  - (a) employees of the Promoter;
  - (b) employees of agents or suppliers of the Promoter who are professionally connected with the competition or its administration.
- 4.4 In entering the competition, you confirm that you are eligible to do so and eligible to claim the prize. The Promoter may require you to provide proof that you are eligible to enter the competition.
- 4.5 If you are under the age of 18, you must obtain written parental or guardian consent to enter and claim your prize. The Promoter may ask the winner to provide proof of age.
- 4.6 The Promoter will not accept competition entries that are:
  - (a) automatically generated by computer or created by artificial intelligence (including but not limited to chatbots such as ChatGPT or similar software applications);

- (b) completed by third parties or in bulk;
- (c) illegible, have been altered, reconstructed, forged or tampered with;
- (d) photocopies and not originals; or
- (e) incomplete.

- 4.7 There is a limit of one entry per person. Entries on behalf of another person will not be accepted and joint submissions are not allowed.
- 4.8 The Promoter reserves all rights to disqualify you if your conduct is contrary to the spirit or intention of the prize competition.
- 4.9 Competition entries cannot be returned.

## **5. The prize**

- 5.1 Winning photograph on the front cover of the LNRS 'Statement of Biodiversity Priorities' document and one overnight stay in a deluxe pod at Holme Pierrepont Country Park for up to 3 people (not including Friday or Saturday nights, valid for 12 months).
- 5.2 The prize is not negotiable or transferable.

## **6. Winner**

- 6.1 The decision of the judges nominated by the Promoter is final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.
- 6.2 The Promoter will contact the winner personally as soon as practicable after the Announcement Date, using the telephone number or email address provided with the competition entry.
- 6.3 The Promoter must either publish or make available information that indicates that a valid award took place. To comply with this obligation the Promoter will publish the names of the winners and runners-up and, if applicable, their winning entries on Nottinghamshire County Council's website and social media pages by the end of September 2025 (**Announcement Date**).

## **7. Ownership of competition entries and intellectual property rights**

- 7.1 All competition entries and any accompanying material submitted to the Promoter will become the property of the Promoter on receipt and will not be returned.
- 7.2 By submitting your competition entry and any accompanying material, you agree to:
  - (a) assign absolutely to the Promoter all your intellectual property rights held in the competition entry with full title guarantee; and
  - (b) waive absolutely all moral rights,

in and to your competition entry and otherwise arising in connection with your entry to which you may now or at any time in the future be entitled under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 as amended from time to time and under all similar legislation from time to time in force anywhere in the world.

## **8. Data protection and publicity**

- 8.1 The Promoter will only process your personal information as set out in our [Privacy Statement](#). See also [6.3](#), with regard to the announcement of winners.

## **9. General**

- 9.1 If there is any reason to believe that there has been a breach of these terms and conditions, the Promoter may, at its sole discretion, reserve the right to exclude you from participating in the competition.
- 9.2 The Promoter reserves the right to hold void, suspend, cancel, or amend the competition where it becomes necessary to do so.
- 9.3 These terms and conditions are governed by English law. If any entrants to this promotion wish to take court proceedings, then they must do this within the courts in the United Kingdom.