

Open Photography Competition at Preston Show

Nag's Head, Sproatley Road Saturday 8 August 2026



There will be 4 classes of entry, one for 16-year-olds and under. There are trophies for the winner of each class held for one year. One of these will be our Photographer of the Year.

You can enter 1 photo in each class. Up to A4 in size, unframed and unmounted. Drop your photographs off on the day of the competition BEFORE 10.30am (9am – 10.30am) at the Show Tent.

ANIMALS – Pets, domesticated or UK countryside wildlife.

Whether a cute pet at home, a Highland cow in a field, or a squirrel up a tree, you have a wide choice of subjects in this category. We encourage you to get creative with your photographs whilst at home or on a day out. No wildlife park or zoo shots. No bird photos.

COLOURS.

Colour in a photograph can shape emotion, add meaning and create a visual impact. Your photo should use colour purposefully rather than just being incidental.

BLACK AND WHITE THEME – PEOPLE.

Whether individual portraits or groups in unusual scenes, your job is to capture people and use the lack of colour to full dramatic effect.

16 YEARS OLD AND UNDER COMPETITION – BEST PHOTOGRAPH FROM ABOVE THEMES.

16-year-olds and under should enter their best photo from the themes above: Animals, Colours or Black & White – people. Under-16s should enter this class. One photo only. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the youth competition.

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