

Downswood Parish Council

Community Photo Competition – Rules and Entry Conditions

1. Eligibility

- The competition is open only to residents of Downswood.
- There are two age categories:
 - Under 16
 - 16 and Over
- The competition is not open to professional photographers. A professional is defined as anyone who earns income from photography or sells photographic work.

2. Entry Requirements

- The subject title of the photo competition is, '**The Beauty of Downswood**'.
- Each entrant may submit one photograph only.
- The photograph must be the entrant's own original work.
- Images may be taken on any device (camera, phone, tablet).
- Photographs must not contain material that is unlawful, offensive, or inappropriate for a community competition.
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) must not be used.

3. Submission Format

- Entries must be submitted in digital form (JPEG or PNG preferred).
- Each entry must include:
 - Entrant's full name
 - Address in Downswood
 - Age category (16 and under and over 16)
 - Title or short description of the photograph
 - Location of where the photograph was taken
 - Entries are to be submitted to the following email address: photo@downswoodpc.org

4. Judging

- The closing date for submissions is Sunday 31st of May 2026
- The winners and runners up will be notified with the prizes being awarded at the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th of July 2026
- Entries will be judged by a panel appointed by Downswood Parish Council.

- Photographs will be assessed on:
 - Creativity
 - Technical quality
 - Composition
 - Overall impact
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

5. Prizes

- Winner (each category): £50
- Runner-up (each category): £25
- Prizes are awarded at the discretion of the judging panel.
- Winning photographs may be displayed on the Downswood Parish Council website, newsletter, or noticeboards.

6. Rights and Permissions

- By entering, participants grant Downswood Parish Council a non-exclusive licence to use their photograph for community publications, displays, and promotional materials.
- The images will be stored by the Parish Clerk and may be processed off site by a third party. By submitting a photo, you are giving your permission for this.
- Copyright remains with the photographer.

7. General Conditions

- Late or incomplete entries may not be accepted.
- The Council reserves the right to disqualify any entry that does not comply with these rules.
- By submitting a photograph, entrants confirm they have read and agreed to these rules