Photographic Competition

The West End Residents’ Association is holding a Photographic Competition to raise funds for our local community. The winning entries will be featured in a community calendar for 2023.

# How to Enter

Entry will be open from 1st April to 30th September 2022. No late entries will be accepted (all required forms and payments **must** be submitted before 11:59 pm on Friday 30th September 2022).

1. Read this document in full
2. Take your photograph
3. Fill in an entry form (downloadable from the WERA website <https://www.wera.org.uk/>). Adults should complete and return the form for children under their care.
4. If your photo features any persons, complete a consent form for each person within the photograph, this must be signed by the person in the photograph or by the parent/guardian of any person under 18.
5. Send your completed forms to weraphotocomp@gmail.com
6. You will receive a code, which will be your payment reference, along with the details for payment
7. Once your entry fee has been received, you will be sent a label for your entry

## Entry Fees

Each submission will be subject to an entry fee, depending on age bracket. Pricing will be as follows:

* 5 to 10: £1
* 11-17: £2
* 18+: £5

This entry fee will be payable via PayPal or Bank Transfer and must be paid prior to the closing date.

# The Judging

* There will be an event at which the judging of the photographs will take place (time and venue TBC)
* Prior to the event, you will need to send your printed, mounted and labelled photographs to:

15 Albert Crescent
Lincoln
LN1 1LX

* On arrival, the community voting will begin. This will happen using Google Forms, a link will be provided to the voting form so make sure you bring your phones.
* Following this, we will leave the display space for the judges to make their decisions. The judging panel will consist of representatives of local organisations.
* Finally, the evening will culminate in a short presentation of the winning entries

# If you Win

* You will be asked to provide a high-quality digital copy of your work so that we can compile the calendar for printing

# Terms and Conditions

* Competitors must live within the Carholme and West End Areas
* No entries from professional photographers will be accepted
* All photos must follow the guidance for Parental Guidance ratings, with no nudity. Advice on these ratings may be found on the BBFC Website (<https://www.bbfc.co.uk/rating/pg>)
* Images must be of a high resolution. Details on this can be found below.
* Consent forms **must** be completed for any individuals featured within the photograph. Permission must be sought from parents/guardians where the subject is under 18 years of age. The document for this may be found on the WERA website.
* Adults must not take a photograph for a child but may support children in taking the photograph themselves.
* All photographs must be taken between 1st April 2022 and 30th September 2022. This excludes any historic photos used in conjunction with entries for the Jubilee.
* Photos must not be edited, excluding the inclusion of older photographs for the Jubilee category.
* Photos must be printed at A4 size, mounted onto card and labelled for the judging event.
* Once paid, entry fees will not be refunded.

# Photograph Requirements

To ensure that all winning photos are at a suitable resolution for the calendar, we have some guidelines for the quality of the photograph that will make sure your photos look the best that they can.

* Photos need to be around 300 pixels per inch. Most newer smartphones will have a setting to make the quality of the photo visible – it is worth having a play with your camera settings
* Photos need to be taken landscape (width longer than the height) as this is the orientation the photos in the calendar will be

# Top Tips for Taking your Photograph

* Try to not take photos with light sources in the background, this can make the rest of the photo dark or cause lens flare
* Try to keep your hands as steady as possible and do not be scared to use props to hold the camera/phone steady (this is especially good with children)
* Most of all have fun and play around with taking photos, this competition is meant to be a fun celebration of our community!