



Environment and Biodiversity Photo Competition – Terms and Conditions

1. Organiser

The Environment and Biodiversity Photo Competition ("the Competition") is organised by Thurston Parish Council.

2. Theme

The theme of the Competition is **Environment and Biodiversity**. Photographs should celebrate the natural environment, wildlife, habitats, plants, landscapes, or other aspects of biodiversity within Thurston.

3. Eligibility

- The Competition is open to amateur photographers.
- There are two entry categories:
 - **Adult** (aged 14 years and over)
 - **Under 14** (aged under 14 years on the closing date for entries).
- Entrants under the age of 18 must have the permission of a parent or guardian to enter.

4. Photograph Requirements

- All photographs must:
 - Be taken within the parish of Thurston.
 - Clearly relate to the competition theme.
 - Be the original work of the entrant.
 - Have been taken by the entrant.
- Images must not include domestic pets or captive animals. Wild animals, birds, insects and other naturally occurring wildlife are encouraged.
- Minor editing such as cropping, adjusting brightness, contrast and colour balance is permitted. Images that have been significantly altered or generated using artificial intelligence (AI) may be disqualified.
- We can only accept photos in JPEG, PNG or GIFF format and recommend file sizes up to 10MB.

5. Entry Limits

- Each entrant may submit one photograph.
- Each photograph may only be entered once.

6. Submission

You can enter by sending your digital photos along with the entry form to: projects@thurstonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Entries will only be accepted accompanied by the Photo Competition Entry Form

Entries must be received by 30th September 2026.

7. Judging

- Entries will be judged on:
 - Relevance to the theme.
 - Creativity and originality.
 - Composition and visual impact.
 - Technical quality.
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

8. Copyright and Usage

- Copyright remains with the photographer.
- By entering the Competition, entrants grant the organiser a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to use submitted photographs for promoting the Competition and future environmental or community initiatives, including display, print, websites and social media. The photographer will be credited wherever reasonably practicable.

9. Permissions

Entrants are responsible for ensuring:

- They have permission to photograph on private land where required.

10. Disqualification

The organiser reserves the right to disqualify entries that:

- Do not meet the theme.
- Were not taken in Thurston.
- Include domestic pets.
- Are offensive, inappropriate or unlawful.
- Breach these terms and conditions.

11. Liability

The organiser accepts no responsibility for lost, late, corrupted or incomplete entries, or for technical issues affecting submission.

12. Acceptance

Submission of an entry constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.