

Steyping Downland Scheme

Photography Competition

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility

To qualify for entry to a competition, photographs must:

- * Have been taken within the official boundaries of the Steyping Downland Scheme.
- * Be of the natural history of the land - wild species or landscape views only. Pictures of people, domestic livestock and pets do not qualify.
- * Have been submitted to one of the following WhatsApp Groups:
 - * SDS Butterfly Surveyors
 - * SDS Volunteers
- * The WhatsApp post (or context of the post) must include the date and time of the photo, and a brief description of where the photograph was taken.
- * The Project Manager is entitled to refuse an entry if he deems that it has not been taken within the relevant period or is otherwise inadmissible.

Subject to the preceding sentence, all photographs which meet these criteria will be deemed to have entered a Competition, unless the photographer specifically requests otherwise.

Key Dates & Responsibilities

There is a competition several times a year between the publication of each Steyping Downland Scheme e-newsletter. This period may vary from publication to publication. No prior notice of publication will be given.

No responsibility is accepted for network, computer hardware or software failures of any kind which may restrict or delay the sending of your entry. No responsibility is accepted for entries not received, lost, delayed, misdirected, incomplete, or which cannot be entered for technical or other reasons.

Entry details / Images

Entries may be in black and white or in colour. Retouching / manipulation of images is accepted provided that all works are original and not copies of other people's work.

Prizes and Judging

Each winning image will be announced and displayed in the Steyping Downland Scheme e-newsletter, website and through our social media channels.

The judges are the current trustees of the Steyning Downland Scheme and a person (who is preferably but not necessarily independent, ie not a Trustee or Steering Group member) nominated by the Trustees as a judge by virtue of their technical knowledge and photographic expertise (the 'Nominated Person').

In the event of a tie, the Nominated Person shall have the casting vote.

The judges' decision is final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into in respect of their decision.

Each person whose image is chosen as our winner will receive £50 cash, to be paid either:

- * Direct into their bank account via BACS
- * By cheque

The winner will be contacted via WhatsApp and will need to provide their full name and address (and bank details if paying via BACS) in order to claim the prize. We will always handle your personal data in accordance with our [Data Protection Policy](#).

Copyright and Usage

By submitting an image to a competition, you confirm that:

You are the sole author of each entry and that it is your original work.

You own the copyright and any other intellectual property rights of each image.

You grant the the Steyning Downland Scheme a non-exclusive, irrevocable and royalty-free licence to reproduce, enlarge, publish or exhibit the image. This includes:

- * SDS Newsletter
- * SDS website
- * SDS social media
- * SDS displays
- * SDS publications - leaflets, reports, etc.

You will retain full copyright for your image and, wherever possible, will be credited if your image is published.

Cancellation or Amendment

The Steyning Downland Scheme reserves the right to cancel or amend a competition, including the terms and conditions of entry at any time and without prior notice.

The organiser of the competitions is: The Steyning Downland Scheme, Wiston Estate Office, Wiston Park, West Sussex, BN44 3DD. Please email sds@wistonestate.co.uk with any queries.

