



## 2023 Photo Competition

# Graven Hill through the Seasons

## Terms and Conditions

1. The theme of the competition is “Graven Hill through the Seasons”. We are looking for beautiful photographs that show the best of Graven Hill, its community, landscape, wildlife and recreation. Photographs entered must have been taken on or of Graven Hill and can go back over the years. The competition is open to all current residents of Graven Hill of all ages and those who have reserved plots.
2. There will be three prizes: First prize £50, second prize £30 and third prize £20. Each entrant can only win one prize.
3. Entrants can enter up to five photos in total. JPEG images should be at least 2MB and a maximum of 5MB **in landscape format** 4 x 3 or 16 x 9. When submitting photos, entrants agree to have read and understood these terms and conditions. You can enter the competition by visiting <https://www.lowephoto.co.uk/upload>
4. We are aware that digital photography does allow for some image enhancement. You can enter images that have had spots, scratches or other blemishes removed. You can have worked on the colour or enhanced the image for the sake of the composition. You can also crop the image to improve composition. We will not accept composite images (entries that stitch two or more separate photographs together to make one image) or entries that superimpose elements photographed separately onto an image.
5. The competition closes on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Entries received after this date will not be considered. Unsuccessful entrants will not be contacted and no feedback on any entry will be provided.
6. All photographs will be judged on the following criteria:
  - Composition
  - Technical ability
  - Originality
  - Public appeal
  - Theme
7. Judging: There will be three stages to the judging process:
  - Stage 1: all entries received will be anonymised by the two Organisers (Christine Clynes and Clare Lowe). The Organisers will not take part in any stages of the judging process.
  - Stage 2: The anonymised photos will be judged by the GHRA Committee and Events Group Members who will select around 30 photos for a shortlist.
  - Stage 3: The shortlisted photos will be put to the residents of Graven Hill for final judging in the GHRA “Graven Hill Residents and Self Builders – Official” Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gravenhillcommunity>

No resident or member of the GHRA Committee and Events Group taking part in the judging can vote for their own photos. In the event of a technical problem or evidence of impropriety in regards to the residents' vote, the Organisers shall have the final decision. If the residents' vote results in a tie, the members of the GHRA Committee and Events Group shall have the casting vote. Any decisions made by the Organisers will be final and no correspondence can be entered into.

8. All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. The entrants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photographs entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries or their parents/guardians if children under 16 are featured. Where a property is featured that belongs to someone other than the photographer, the photographer must seek permission and be prepared to provide written consent, when requested.
9. Entrants will retain copyright in the photographs that they submit. By entering the competition all entrants grant to GHRA and the GHRA Events Group the right to print, publish and exhibit their photographs in perpetuity. This may include the production of a Graven Hill Calendar, if it is decided to produce such a calendar. No fees will be payable for any of the above uses.
10. The GHRA Events Group reserves the right to cancel this competition or alter any of the rules at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, and if circumstances arise outside of its control.

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