

2026 Wildlife Photo Competition T&Cs

Terms and conditions

These terms and conditions govern the Cornwall Wildlife Trust 2026 Wildlife Photography Competition. The competition organisers are Cornwall Wildlife Trust. By accepting the terms and conditions of the competition and subsequently submitting your photographs, you agree to abide by these terms and conditions.

The organiser reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions without notice.

Eligibility

- 1) The competition is free of charge and open to residents of the UK but not to those of Cornwall Wildlife Trust's senior management team and fundraising & communications department, or members of the judging panel.
- 2) The organiser cannot be held responsible for any problems uploading images.
- 3) Photographers must ensure they have the permission of anyone pictured in the image (or, where the image shows any persons under 18, the consent of their parent/guardian) and do not infringe the copyright of any third party. Cornwall Wildlife Trust is not responsible for seeking this permission.
- 4) Photographers will be asked to declare that the images they are submitting comply with the competition rules and that the picture information they provide is complete, true and accurate. Images that do not comply with all specifications will not be considered by the judges.
- 5) If you are under the age of 18 your parent or guardian will be required to submit the application on your behalf. By submitting an entry for the competition, consent has been granted to the use of the entry as described in these terms and conditions.
- 6) In addition, photographers who are successful in making the final round must be able to provide and/or upload images that are suitable for A1 or A0 print. Recommended requirements are; minimum image size - 4032 x 3024 pixels (12MP), file type - maximum quality jpeg file. If an image(s) is unsuitable for A1 or A0 print, Cornwall Wildlife Trust will be in contact for a satisfactory version(s). Failing to provide a suitable image(s) may reduce your chances of progressing to the final round.
- 7) Those in doubt as to their eligibility must contact the organisers for clarification before entering. The organiser's decision on eligibility is final. Please email wildlifephotocompetition@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk

What to enter

- 8) **All images must have been taken in Cornwall.**
- 9) Recommended image size: 4032 x 3024 pixels (12MP)
- 10) Required file format: maximum quality jpeg file. **Please do not compress the image file.**
- 11) Landscape and portrait format accepted.
- 12) Entries submitted must not have won any previous Art & Photography competitions or placed as finalists in Cornwall Wildlife Trust's 2023 or 2024 Wildlife Photography competition, or have been entered into any current competition, which restricts entry to other competitions.
- 13) Photographers must take all reasonable care not to disturb wildlife and the local environment in the pursuit of images. Subjects photographed in a studio setting or a captive environment are not eligible. Domestic pets are not eligible. **The welfare of the wildlife subject of any photograph is of greater importance than the photograph itself – entries which show evidence of undue disturbance or stress imparted on the subject by the photographer will be disqualified. Please take care to avoid damage to the environment in the process of your photography.**

How to enter

- 14) Open date for entries is 5 August 2026. Closing date for entries is 7 September 2026. Finalists to be contacted and announced by 21 September 2026. Winners announced from 28 October 2026.
- 15) All images must be entered via the form on the Cornwall Wildlife Trust 2026 Wildlife Photography Competition Entry Page: <https://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/2026-wildlife-photography-competition-entry-page> **Any other form of entry will not be accepted.**
- 16) Up to four images may be entered per person. Any further images submitted will not be accepted.
- 17) Images must be entered into either of the 1-5 categories below. The 'Young Photographer' category is only open to those under 18 years of age. No image can be entered into more than one category. Any images submitted into a 1-5 category by an entrant under 18 years of age, will be relocated to the 'Young Photographer' category.
 1. Nature on the edge
 2. Beneath the surface
 3. Coasts & tides
 4. Nature in your pocket
 5. A Cornwall where nature thrives
 6. Young photographer (under 18 only)
- 18) Images submitted must include the name and contact details of the photographer/entrant or parent/guardian if entrant is under 18 years old, the category you are entering and information on the subject e.g., species and location.
- 19) 'Young photographer' category (6) photo entries can be any of the 1-5 categories above. A parent, guardian or responsible adult will be required to submit the application on behalf of the entrant. Those entering this category on their behalf will be required to submit photos to the 'Young Photographer' category only, and include their name, contact details, address, date of birth and entrant's name. Photos submitted to the Young Photographer category will only be eligible for this category.
- 20) 'Nature in your pocket' category (4) photo entries must be captured using a mobile phone or smartphone. Basic editing on the device or using standard photo editing software is permitted, provided the image remains a faithful representation of the original scene and complies with the competition's editing rules below. Organisers may request original image files or metadata to verify that an image was captured on a mobile device.
- 21) Faithful representation of the subject must be maintained. Minor digital adjustments are only acceptable if limited to cleaning (removing dust spots), levels, curves, colour, saturation and contrast work. Sharpening and minimal cropping is allowed. Images should be representative of the true scene through the viewfinder without elements added or removed.
- 22) Images must originate from a photograph taken by the entrant, not from artificial intelligence. Images that are wholly AI-generated, or that contain AI-generated elements added to the original photograph, are not permitted. AI-assisted editing tools may only be used for minor adjustments that comply with the permitted editing rules above, such as exposure, colour correction, sharpening, noise reduction or dust spot removal. Cornwall Wildlife Trust reserves the right to request original image files to verify compliance with these requirements.
- 23) Images must not include any date stamp, watermark, signature or professional logo.
- 24) All photographers must comply with Natural England legislation when photographing protected species. See <https://naturalengland.blog.gov.uk/category/protected-sites-and-species/>

Judging and prizes

- 25) The final round will consist of one winning photograph and four runner-up photographs per each category. 30 in total.

Category	Nature on the edge	Beneath the surface	Coasts & tides	Nature in your pocket	A Cornwall where nature thrives	Young Photographer (under 18s only)	People's Choice*
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Winner	One	One	One	One	One	One	One
Prize	Trophy 2027 Calendar	Trophy 2027 Calendar	Trophy 2027 Calendar	Trophy 2027 Calendar	Trophy 2027 Calendar	Trophy 2027 Calendar	Trophy 2027 Calendar
Runners up	Four	Four	Four	Four	Four	Four	None
Prize (per runner up)	Certificate 2027 Calendar	Certificate 2027 Calendar	Certificate 2027 Calendar	Certificate 2027 Calendar	Certificate 2027 Calendar	Certificate 2027 Calendar	n/a

- 26) Judges will be appointed by the organiser and will select winning images based upon technical skill, originality and creativity. Judging will be anonymous. Names of entrants will be removed during the judging process.
- 27) Judging will take place in September and photographers who are successful in making the final round will be notified directly by 21 September. Entrants must provide an email address and telephone number when submitting images for this purpose. In the event that a winner is non-contactable, their entry will be forfeited, and another will be chosen. We will not post the names and details of entrants aged under 18 years online without the entrant's parental or guardian's consent. Unsuccessful entrants will be notified via email.
- 28) *The People's Choice Award will be chosen by public vote. Winner announced 3 December 2026.
- 29) To facilitate public voting, shortlisted images may be displayed and promoted via Cornwall Wildlife Trust's website, social media channels, email communications, digital advertising, outdoor advertising (including bus shelter advertising), exhibitions, press coverage, and other promotional materials connected with the Wildlife Photography Competition and People's Choice Award.
- 30) Cornwall Wildlife Trust reserves the right to investigate and remove votes suspected to be fraudulent, automated or otherwise intended to manipulate the outcome of the People's Choice Award. The organiser's decision shall be final.
- 31) The organiser's decision on all matters relating to the competition is final, and no correspondence will be entered into concerning the competition's judging and organisation.
- 32) The organiser reserves the right to substitute prizes. No alternative, cash or otherwise, will be given for any prizes. The prizes are non-transferable.
- 33) Due to the high number of entries expected individual feedback is not possible.
- 34) A list of winner prizes can be found above.

Ownership, copyright and use of images

- 35) Cornwall Wildlife Trust is the sole owner of the Cornwall Wildlife Trust 2026 Wildlife Photography Competition.
- 36) You must be the sole author and owner of the copyright for all images entered. You will retain copyright of your entries at all times. Cornwall Wildlife Trust will make every effort to ensure that name credits are given to any photograph published in any medium for any purpose.
- 37) By entering your images into the competition and should your image(s) be shortlisted for the final round, you grant Cornwall Wildlife Trust permission to reproduce the images to display at an exhibition (at a chosen location or locations) and any other marketing purposes (e.g. press and media, Wild Cornwall Magazine) **connected to the 2026 Wildlife Photography Competition and future Cornwall Wildlife Trust Wildlife Photography Competitions.**
- 38) By entering your images into this competition, media and press will be allowed to use photographs that make the final round, free of charge for purposes connected to the competition. The organiser will insist that images are credited to the photographer but cannot be held responsible for errors and omissions.
- 39) Where consent has been given via the optional opt-in question on the entry form, you grant Cornwall Wildlife Trust a non-exclusive, irrevocable licence to freely use your submitted image(s) for display at any of their sites, or in any future fundraising and marketing materials (printed and online) that are not linked to the Wildlife Photography Competition. All images will

be credited to the photographer and will not be passed on for use by third parties without prior permission.

Indemnity and Limitation of Liability

- 40) To the maximum extent permitted by law, Cornwall Wildlife Trust excludes its liability for any loss, damage, injury, cost or expense suffered by you, whether directly or indirectly and howsoever caused, in connection with the competition and use of any prize. Nothing in these terms and conditions shall exclude Cornwall Wildlife Trust's liability for death or personal injury arising from Cornwall Wildlife Trust's own negligence or any other liability that cannot, as a matter of law, be excluded.
- 41) You agree to indemnify Cornwall Wildlife Trust and keep Cornwall Wildlife Trust indemnified against any loss, damage, injury, cost or expense suffered by Cornwall Wildlife Trust as a result of your entry in the competition, including (but not limited to) any claim of infringement of intellectual property rights made by any third party.

Privacy and data protection

- 42) Cornwall Wildlife Trust processes personal data in accordance with applicable UK data protection legislation, including the UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.
- 43) We will keep your details on our secure database to enable us to administrate the competition, use your images (see usage rights) and contact you with news directly relating to this competition.
- 44) We value your privacy and promise to keep your personal details safe and secure, and we will never sell your data. You can read our full privacy policy at <https://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/privacy-policy-and-tcs>
- 45) The promoter of this competition is Cornwall Wildlife Trust whose registered office is Five Acres, Allet, Truro, Cornwall TR4 9DJ. Registered charity number 214929.

General

- 46) The information given in these Terms & Conditions is correct, but Cornwall Wildlife Trust reserves the right to change any of it without prior notice. By entering the competition, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these Terms & Conditions. Any breach of these Terms by an entrant will void their entry. If a breach has occurred but is discovered after the award of a prize, then the organisers may require the return of that prize.
- 47) Cornwall Wildlife Trust's Web Privacy Policy applies to the competition and use of the Cornwall Wildlife Trust Photography Competition website.
- 48) You agree that if you are a winner or a runner-up you will take part in and cooperate fully with reasonable publicity and to the use of your name and photograph in such publicity, for example, the publication of photograph(s) with your name in Wild Cornwall Magazine.
- 49) These Terms and Conditions shall be governed and construed in accordance with English Law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.