

Soul of Sutton Photography Competition

Photography Competition for the Residents of Royal Sutton
Coldfield

About the Competition

Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council runs the competition, and entry is free. The competition aims to engage with the local community and inspire everyone in the Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield to share their passion for photography and capture its essence in photos. If you have any questions regarding the competition, please get in touch with the Town Council at **enquiries@suttoncoldfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk** or on **0121 663 1765**.

Terms and Conditions

The Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council ("Town Council") will hold a prize competition ("the Competition"), (Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council, 62 Anchorage Road, Sutton Coldfield, B74 2PG) ("we", "us" or "our") as more particularly described in the competition details ("Competition Details"). The Competition is to win the prize described in the Competition Details ("the Prize"). By entering the Competition, you agree to the following additional terms and conditions:

Dates

- The deadline for submissions is midday on Wednesday, 9 September 2026.
- The winners will be contacted at the latest by Monday, 21 September 2026.
- The winning images will be featured and announced on our social media channels. They will also be featured in our marketing communications and on The Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council's website.
- You must enter the Competition during the dates stated in the Competition Details. Entries received after this will not be eligible for the Prize.

Prize

By entering the Competition, you will be in with a chance of winning a One4all Gift Card Voucher. The competition will run from 19/08/2026 to 09/09/2026. Entries must be received by midday on 09/09/2026.

There will be three winners selected in each category, 13-17 years and 18 years and over. The First Prize winner in each category will receive a **£100** One4all Gift Card, the Second Prize winner will receive a **£50** One4all Gift Card, and the Third Prize winner will receive a **£25** One4all Gift Card.

The prizes must be claimed within 12 months of the competition end date by providing the address to send the One4all Gift Cards to once the winner has been confirmed.

Unless stated otherwise in the Competition Details, the Prize cannot be substituted for a cash alternative and cannot be transferred to a third party.

Judging

1. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, relevance to the theme, storytelling and technical quality.
2. Cllr Nitish Raut, Mayor of the Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield, will be involved in selecting the winning entries.
3. The decision of the judging panel is final, and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into consideration.

Eligibility

1. The competition is open to amateur photographers who are residents, pupils, or students of our Royal Town. To enter the competition, you must be aged 13 years and over.
2. By submitting an entry into this competition, you confirm that you are a resident, pupil, or student within Sutton Coldfield and are aged 13 years or over.
3. If you are under 18, your parent and/or carer and/or guardian must complete and sign the Town Council's Consent Form, giving consent and agreeing to the use of the entry as described in these terms and conditions and the rules. By submitting an entry, Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council will assume that any consent needed has been given.

Conditions of entry

1. Entering your details at the location specified in the Competition Details will automatically enter you in the Competition.
2. Only complete and clearly legible entries will be entered into the Competition.

3. The entry will be rejected if it appears (at the sole discretion of the Town Council) to have been taken in such a way that any law may have been broken, or that the entry has been otherwise taken irresponsibly.
4. The Town Council reserves the right to remove or refuse any entry from the competition for any reason.
5. The competition is free and open to all apart from the Town Council employees, Judges, Councillors, Committee members and those of our associated companies and agents and their families and friends. In entering the Competition, you confirm that you are eligible to do so and eligible to claim the Prize. We may require you to provide proof that you are eligible to enter the Competition.
6. The entry must not contain identifiable people unless consent is obtained. Where the entry shows any person under 18 years of age, a completed Consent Form, signed by that person's parent, carer or guardian, must be submitted with the entry, regardless of the entrant's own age. By submitting an entry, Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council will assume that any consent needed has been given.
7. Where consent is necessary, by submitting an entry, The Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council will assume that any consent needed has been given. You will indemnify the Town Council against any claims made by any third party in respect of such infringement.
8. All entries must be sent via email to enquiries@suttoncoldfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk or delivered by post to 62 Anchorage Road, Sutton Coldfield, B74 2PG, with your name, the location and a short description of the photo. You can also submit entries via the Town Council's social media channels on [Facebook \(@RoyalSuttonColdfieldTownCouncil\)](#), [Instagram \(@RoyalSutColTC\)](#), [LinkedIn \(@Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council\)](#) and [X \(@RoyalSutColTC\)](#), by direct message or by tagging the Town Council using #SoulOfSutton, with your details and a short description.
9. Entrants aged 13–17 must also submit a completed Consent Form, signed by a parent, carer or guardian, together with their entry. The Consent Form is available from the Town Council.
10. If a photograph shows any other identifiable person under 18 years of age, a separate Consent Form, signed by that person's parent, carer or guardian, must also be submitted with the entry, regardless of the entrant's own age.
11. Entrants can submit up to 5 images in total.

12. Images can be submitted digitally or as an A4 hard copy.
13. Images must not be digitally manipulated in a way that adds, removes or substantially alters people, animals, buildings or landscape features. Basic photographic adjustments such as cropping, exposure, colour balance, contrast and sharpening are permitted.
14. All photographs must be taken in the Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield or the surrounding area, and judges reserve the right to visit the location and reserve the right to disqualify any image that they feel lacks authenticity.
15. Entries must be photographs taken by the entrant and must not be wholly or substantially generated using artificial intelligence.
16. The Town Council reserves the right to request the original image file (including metadata) to verify authenticity.
17. We will not accept responsibility for Competition entries that we do not receive for any reason.
18. The entry must be submitted without a watermark.
19. By submitting a photograph to the competition, you confirm and warrant that:
 - You are the original creator of the entry and solely hold the copyright. That means that the entry is original and is not copied from someone else.
 - You own the copyright and any other intellectual property rights of the entry.
 - You have not licensed or disposed of any rights in the entry that would conflict with uses to be made by the Town Council.
 - You have received any necessary consents from the owner(s) of objects, including buildings, included in the entry for the usage rights acquired by the Town Council.
 - You will indemnify the Town Council against any claims made by any third party in respect of a breach.

Categories

- 13-17 years
- 18 years and over

Theme

The competition is aligned with World Photography Day on 19 August every year, which marks a global celebration of all types of photography. Each year, there is also an optional theme, and the theme for World Photography Day 2026 is "HOME".

Disclaimer

1. By entering the competition, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these Terms & Conditions.
2. Any breach of these terms, conditions, or rules will void your entry and may require the return of any prize awarded.
3. The entrant is responsible for any claim made by a third party against the submission.
4. The Town Council reserves the right to cancel or suspend the competition if it becomes necessary to do so for whatever reason.
5. The Town Council reserves the right to change any of these terms and conditions and the rules at any time without notice.
6. If there is any reason to believe that there has been a breach of these terms and conditions, we may, at our discretion, exclude you from participating in the Competition.

Law and jurisdiction

1. The Competition and these terms and conditions are governed by English law, and any claims or proceedings arising out of or in connection with these terms (including non-contractual disputes or claims) will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.
2. The competition, the rules and these terms and conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law.
3. You and the Town Council irrevocably agree that the courts of England shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any claim or matter. You agree to settle any dispute which may arise in relation to these terms and conditions, rules, or the competition, and consent that proceedings may be brought to such courts.

Indemnity and limitation of liability

1. To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Town Council 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. Nothing in these terms and conditions shall exclude the Town Council's liability for death or personal injury arising from the Town Council's own negligence or any other liability that cannot, as a matter of law, be excluded.
2. You agree to indemnify the Town Council and keep the Town Council indemnified against any loss, damage, injury, cost or expense suffered by the Town Council 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.

Winning

1. Three entrants will be selected as winners in each category on the date set out in the Competition Details.
2. The winners will be notified by telephone or email. We will send the names of the winners to anyone who writes within one month of the Competition's closing date, requests details of the winners, and encloses a self-addressed envelope to the address set out in the Competition Details.

Copyright and usage

1. If you are a winner of the Competition, you agree that we may ask to use your name, image and ward of residence to announce the winner of this Competition and for any other reasonable and related promotional purposes. By entering the Competition, you agree that any personal information provided by you with the Competition entry may be held and used only by us or our agents and suppliers to administer the Competition.
2. You remain the copyright owner of any entry submitted.
3. By entering this competition, you agree to grant Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council a perpetual royalty-free licence to use images for Town Council publicity and promotion.

Data

1. When entering the competition, you will need to provide your name, age, email address and, if you are under 18 years old, a completed Consent Form signed by

your parent, carer or guardian. A separate Consent Form is also required, signed by the parent, carer or guardian of any other identifiable person under 18 shown in your photograph(s).

2. The Town Council is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy and will only process your personal information in accordance with the terms and conditions and the [council's privacy notice](#) for the competition.
3. If you request that the Town Council remove your entry from Facebook, the Town Council will request that Facebook remove the entry. However, such a request is subject to Facebook's privacy policy. The Town Council will not be held liable if, for whatever reason, a request to Facebook to remove an entry is not successful: [Facebook privacy policy \(facebook.com\)](#)
4. If you request that the Town Council remove your entry from Instagram, the Town Council will request that Instagram remove the entry. However, such a request is subject to Instagram's privacy policy. The Town Council will not be held liable if, for whatever reason, a request to Instagram to remove an entry is not successful: [Instagram privacy policy \(instagram.com\)](#)
5. If you request that the Town Council remove your entry from Twitter (X), the Town Council will request that Twitter (X) remove the entry. However, such a request is subject to Twitter's privacy policy. The Town Council will not be held liable if, for whatever reason, a request to Twitter (X) to remove an entry is not successful: [Twitter \(X\) privacy policy \(x.com\)](#)
6. If you request that the Town Council remove your entry from LinkedIn, the Town Council will request that LinkedIn remove the entry. However, such a request is subject to LinkedIn's privacy policy. The Town Council will not be held liable if, for whatever reason, a request to LinkedIn to remove an entry is not successful: [LinkedIn privacy policy \(linkedin.com\)](#)
7. Please note that social media subscribers should be aged 13 and over.
8. We will only use the information you provide to us in entering this competition for the purposes of administering this Competition and to carry out data analysis. If you're not an existing social media follower or subscriber, we will only send you direct marketing with your permission, which we will obtain from you in a follow-up email from a member of our team, where you will have the option to opt out.