



## Introducing Rooksdown Photographer of the Year!

We know you're as proud of living in Rooksdown as we are, and we'd like to showcase your photography talent by launching a new photography competition. Across the next year, we will run two categories, one closing at the end of December, and the other closing at the end of May. These will be judged by our panel, made up of volunteers from our parish council, borough and county councillors. By this time next year we'll run a public vote, to ensure you get to vote on the best of the best, and that vote will decide who is Rooksdown Photographer of the Year. We're also looking for the best Young Rooksdown Photographer of the Year - all categories are open to under 18s too and will be judged in the same way.

### **Category 1: Animals of Rooksdown.**

You have until 31 December 2023 to submit your photograph by email, and the best three photos will win a prize. Your animal should be found in Rooksdown please, any photos obviously taken elsewhere won't count. Be inspired by birds, insects, reptiles or mammals, and of course including pets.

### **Category 2: Rooksdown from a new perspective.**

You have until 31 May 2024 to submit your photograph by email, and the best three photos will win a prize. We're looking for unusual views of Rooksdown, the green spaces, the buildings, or a combination. Your photograph must be taken in Rooksdown, any photographs obviously taken elsewhere won't count. Look for secret spaces, interesting angles, or unusual views of commonplace things.

### **Special prize - the Pride of Rooksdown**

We're also looking for photographs which show something really special about Rooksdown, something that we can all be proud of. The single photograph which really sums up the Pride of Rooksdown will receive a prize. All photos received will be considered for this prize, but if you'd like to submit a photo for this prize which doesn't fit the other categories, please do so. You have until 31 May 2024 to enter.

Please make sure that any people in your photographs give their consent to appear in the photographs you submit to us. Please always stay safe when taking photographs and respect property and people when exploring Rooksdown.

Look out for reminders on social media as the deadline for submissions approaches!

**Terms and conditions** - including data protection information:

Entries must be sent to [rooksdowndownphotographer@gmail.com](mailto:rooksdowndownphotographer@gmail.com) on or before the closing date. Please send your photo as an attachment saved as your name. Please also include in the body of the email your name, your age (if you're entering the Young Photographer of the Year competition) and which category you are submitting your photo for.

You may send a maximum of nine entries, three for each category and three for the Pride of Rooksdown prize. If your email address and name together is used more than nine times, only the first nine valid entries will be judged.

You will receive an auto-reply when your email is received. Only members of Rooksdown Parish Council have access to this email address.

Valid entries are at the discretion of the judging panel. Entries which do not meet the class criteria, for example were obviously not taken in Rooksdown, will be disqualified.

If you are successful and you win a prize, and/or progress to the public vote, you will be contacted either by [rooksdowndownphotographer@gmail.com](mailto:rooksdowndownphotographer@gmail.com) or by [parish.clerk@rooksdowndown.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@rooksdowndown.org.uk). If you do not respond by email within 14 days of being contacted, Rooksdown Parish Council (and/or the judging panel, if different) may withhold any prize and choose a runner-up to progress instead. This is to ensure that prizes are awarded to residents of Rooksdown and not to any dupe or bot account.

By submitting your photo you permit Rooksdown Parish Council to store, save and reproduce your photo for the purposes of this competition and if appropriate the public vote, and you consent that Rooksdown Parish Council may reproduce your photo in the future to support Rooksdown Parish Council activities, events or publications.

If at any time you wish us to delete your photo and/or personal information that you've submitted as part of your entry, please let us know either by emailing [rooksdowndownphotographer@gmail.com](mailto:rooksdowndownphotographer@gmail.com) or [parish.clerk@rooksdowndown.org.uk](mailto:parish.clerk@rooksdowndown.org.uk). If you ask us to delete your photo and/or personal information before the competition has concluded, you will be treated as having withdrawn from the competition and you will not be eligible for any prize.