



The Black Isle Photographic Competition 2023

Culbokie Community Trust invites entries for the Black Isle Photographic Competition 2023. The competition is open to all ages and abilities, whether you are a first-time photographer or a keen amateur.

Theme: 'Seasons of the Black Isle'

Categories:

- ✓ Best photograph (**using a camera**)
- ✓ Best photograph (**using a mobile phone**)
- ✓ Best photograph (**using any device**, for entrants aged 13 and under)

How to enter:

1. **Prepare your images:**
 - a. Check they are in jpeg format (see note below*)
 - b. Give each image a title.
 - c. If possible, resize to 1600 x 1200 pixels. (If you don't know how to do this then please ignore).
2. **Pay the entry fee** through the [CCT website](#). The fee is £5 for the first photograph and £2 for each additional photo. Entries for the category aged 13 and under are free.
3. **Submit your entry** by using the online entry form, you will be asked to upload your image(s) as part of the online process.

You may enter a maximum total of 3 digital images. They can be in the same or different categories.

***JPEG format:** your camera/phone should save automatically in JPEG format, but if you need guidance, please email Blphotocomp@gmail.com.

Orientation: As in previous years, every entry into this year's competition will be considered for inclusion in the Black Isle Calendar for 2023. Photographs in landscape layout have more impact in the design and scale of the calendar, so if you would like your entries to be judged as suitable for next year's Black Isle calendar, then landscape layout is the preferred option.

Colour: Please note, colour or monochrome photographs are eligible for all categories.

Closing Date: The closing date for entries is **6.00pm on Friday, June 30th**. No late entries will be accepted.



Copyright will always remain with the photographer, but Culbokie Community Trust would like to have the right to use the photographs for non-commercial promotion purposes with you acknowledged in the attribution. We would also like to keep copies of photographs which may become valuable historical records of the Black Isle in the future, particularly of the Culbokie area. If you do *not* want to allow such storage and future use, please tick the box on the entry form. A selection of entries will be identified for potential use in the 2023 Black Isle Calendar; the photographers will be contacted for permission before the calendar is finalised.

Pictures of people: If you choose to include *identifiable* people in your entries, you should obtain their permission before submitting them and inform them of our wish to archive images. It is not necessary to employ this precaution where the people are merely in the background.

Eligibility of images: The photos must have been taken by the entrant within the last **three** years, and not been entered into previous Black Isle Photography Competitions.

Prizes: The sponsors (Culbokie Inn, ARK Estates (Scotland Ltd) and Culbokie Store Ltd) have donated prizes for 1st (£25), 2nd (£15) and 3rd (£10) in each category. All funds raised from competition entry fees and any CCT events related to the competition will go towards the activities of the CCT (Community Market, Sharing Shed, Culbokie Green). If you would like to know more, visit the CCT website for more details.

FAQs

- ✚ **Am I allowed to edit /manipulate my entries?**
 - ✓ *Yes, you may minimally crop to remove distracting objects and straighten the image. In addition, you may alter brightness, contrast, sharpness and saturation. However, you may not add parts of other images.*
- ✚ **Can I submit *more than 3* photographs?**
 - ✓ *No, up to a maximum of three photographs only please.*
- ✚ **How will I know if I am a prize-winner?**
 - ✓ *The prize-winners will be announced on the CCT website and Facebook Page at the end of July. An exhibition of the entries will be held later in the year.*
- ✚ **Do I need to be resident on the Black Isle to enter the competition?**
 - ✓ *Not at all. We welcome entries from anyone who wishes to enter, whether a resident or not. The key is that the photographs must relate to the Black Isle.*

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