

THE CONWY VALLEY CIVIC SOCIETY 2025-26 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The Conwy Valley Civic Society is inviting entries to its 2025-26 photography competition.

THE THEME

The Society was set up to promote interest in the built and natural environments of the Conwy Valley.

The theme of the competition is the special qualities of the Conwy Valley.

The theme is open to individual interpretation.

The special qualities may include but are not limited to:

- villages and towns, buildings, stone walls and other structures both old and new including examples of sympathetic restoration of old buildings.
- trees, woodlands, hedgerows, rivers, lakes, valleys and mountains that make up the wider landscape.
- other features of public interest for example, memorials.
- the farming community and human impact on the landscape.

There are two categories. The YOUTH category is open to entrants who are 16 years of age and under on the 9th August 2025. The ADULT category is open to those 17yrs of age and over on the 9th August 2025.

By entering this competition entrants agree to abide by the competition rules.

COMPETITION RULES

1. Photographs entered in the competition must:
 - 1) capture some aspect of the competition theme
 - 2) be taken within the competition boundary - see below

- 3) have been taken at some time in the past 10 years (since July 2015)
- 4) be the result of photographic process using a camera, smart-phone or any other digital means of taking photographs
- 5) be in high quality JPG with a minimum size of 1MB and a maximum size of 7MB. High quality scans of transparencies or negatives are also acceptable
- 6) not contain watermarks, borders, or signatures
- 7) be the original work of the entrant, who must own the copyright
- 8) be submitted digitally using the upload facility on the Society's website

2. Entrants must:

- 1) complete in full the entry form provided on the Society's website.
 - 2) state where the photograph was taken
 - 3) have obtained the prior permission of any individuals who can be identified in any of the images (or the permission of their parent/guardian if children are involved).
3. A maximum of two photographs may be submitted by each entrant.
 4. Photographs may be in black and white or colour and in any aspect ratio - in landscape, square or portrait format.
 5. Retouching and editing of digital images is acceptable provided all works are original works and not copies of other people's works.
 6. The competition is open to all.
 7. The entrants grant the Society further rights to adjust, reproduce, publish and exhibit their photographs in any medium (including but not limited to physical copies, electronic copies and on social media) to promote and assist the work of the Society. No fees will be payable for any of the above uses.
 8. Entrants will retain ownership of the copyright of the photograph(s).
 9. Entries will be judged by a panel selected by the Executive Committee of the Society.
 10. The panel has the right not to accept photographs that do not comply with the rules.

11. The decision of the panel is final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the judging process.
12. The Society will collect personal data about the entrant (and the parent/guardian where applicable) in order to administer the competition and associated activities. The Society will only use this data to administer the competition and to credit the photograph where appropriate.
13. Photographs submitted will not be returned.
14. The Society will not be liable for any loss or damage suffered by the entrant in relation to this competition.

CLOSING DATE

The competition will close at mid-day on Saturday the 1st NOVEMBER

Entries received after this deadline will not be accepted

The winning images will be announced in January 2026

PRIZES

The winners in the youth and the adult category will each receive £75.

The runners-up (Highly Commended) in the youth and adult category will each receive £50.

The awards will be presented at an award ceremony in January 2026. Winners and runners up will be notified prior to this date.

The Society will only contact the entrant if the photograph wins or comes runner-up in the competition.

COMPETITION BOUNDARY

The photograph must have been taken in the Society's area of interest. A map showing the area of interest - THE COMPETITION BOUNDARY - is available on the Society's website – www.conwyvalleycivicsociety.org – and is shown below.

