

Hemyock Queen's Diamond Jubilee Photo Competition

1. The overall subject for the Hemyock Diamond Jubilee Photo Competition is the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in Hemyock. The theme is open to individual interpretation. Individual Categories are given below.
2. The competition is open to anyone. Members of the Hemyock Diamond Jubilee Committee, as well as their immediate families are not eligible to enter. Entrants under the age of 16 years need to have parent or guardian consent to enter.
3. Entrants must not be professional photographers and, for the purposes of this competition, a professional photographer will be considered to be someone who makes more than half their annual income from the sale of their photographs.
 4. Each entry must be on the official entry form. It must have a Title of up to 100 characters.
5. Photos must be taken in the environs of Hemyock, certainly within the Blackdown Hills. Entrants can enter each photo in one of the following Categories;
 - ⤴ Queen's Diamond Jubilee Events
 - ⤴ previous royal occasions
6. Entrants can submit **up to four photos**. They can be as paper prints or digital, in colour or black and white. Digital prints should be;
 - ⤴ a minimum of 2000 pixels in any one dimension.
 - ⤴ in JPG or PNG format.Paper prints should be a minimum of 250mm x 200mm, and printed on suitable paper. The whole image will be scanned at 72 dpi at a 1:1 scale for inclusion in the competition. Entries in the 'previous royal occasions' category do not need to comply with these requirements
7. Costs: the entry of each photo is chargeable. The cost of entering a paper copy is £3, the cost of entering a digital image is £2. Paper copies should be sent or delivered, with the form, to: Photo Competition, Cheritons, Culmstock Rd, Hemyock, Devon, EX15 3RJ. Digital entries should be sent to photos@hemyock.org. Entry fees must be included for paper copies, a Paypal invoice will be sent for digital entries. The entry will not be accepted until the time the money is received.
8. Images may be digitally enhanced to remove spots or scratches, but not manipulated. Entrants can enhance the picture to make it brighter, clearer etc, but not manipulate the content. The judges reserve the right to exclude any image they believe may have been excessively treated so as to alter its authenticity.
9. All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. The entrants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photographs entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries or their parents/guardians if children under 16 are featured. Further, entrants must not have breached any laws when taking their photographs.
10. Prior to submission, entrants must not have offered any of their entries for sale, been paid for any publication of any of their entries or won or been a runner up in any other photographic competition with any of their entries.

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11. Entrants will retain copyright in the photographs that they submit to the Hemyock Diamond Jubilee Committee. By entering the competition all entrants grant to the Hemyock Diamond Jubilee Committee the right to publish and exhibit their photographs on the Hemyock Diamond Jubilee Committee's appointed website.
12. The competition closes for entries at midnight on **Friday 29th June 2012**
13. No entries can be returned and proof of posting is not proof of receipt. The organisers accept no responsibility for entries lost, damaged or delayed in the post.
14. By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules and the Hemyock Diamond Jubilee Committee reserves the right to exclude any entry from the competition at any time and in its absolute discretion if the Hemyock Diamond Jubilee Committee has reason to believe that an entrant has breached these rules.
15. All entries will be posted on the Jubilee Photo Competition folder of the Photo Gallery of www.hemyock.org as soon as possible after the end of the competition entry phase. The photo will be described by Title and Category, but will be anonymous.
16. Any member of the public can vote for up to three of the displayed photos electronically at hemyock.org. The system detects and excludes multiple votes automatically. In the event of an attempt to cast excess votes, all votes from that person will be deleted. In the event of collusion being suspected, rule 14 may be applied.
17. The top 3 photos in each Category, as judged by public votes cast, will be judged by a panel of judges. The judges will select a shortlist of twelve photographs (the 'Finalists') which, in their opinion, best illustrate the theme of the competition. There may not necessarily be an equal number from each Category. They will consider a range of factors including composition, technical ability, originality, interpretation of the brief and the commercial appeal of the photographs. From the shortlist the judges will choose the top three photos. The top three Finalists will receive a cash prize of 50% of the entry fees, in the ratio; 50:30:20
18. The remaining entry fee monies will be used by the Hemyock Queen's Diamond Jubilee Committee to defray costs.
19. In the event of a technical problem or evidence of impropriety with regard to the viewers' vote, the judges shall have the final decision. If the viewers' vote results in a tie, the judges shall have the casting vote. The judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence can be entered into.
20. Entrants whose photographs are one of the Finalists or selected to appear in the Hemyock Diamond Jubilee Committee Calendar grant to the Hemyock Diamond Jubilee Committee the further rights to publish and exhibit their photographs in print, on their respective websites or in any other media. No fees will be payable for any of the above uses. Entrants whose photographs are one of the finalists also agree to take part in post-competition publicity. While we make every effort to credit photographers, including in printed reproductions of their work, we cannot guarantee that every use of the photographs will include photographers' names.

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21. The Hemyock Diamond Jubilee Committee reserves the right to cancel this competition or alter any of the rules at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, and if circumstances arise outside of its control.
22. If the winner is unable to be contacted after reasonable attempts have been made, the Hemyock Diamond Jubilee Committee reserves the right to either offer the prize to a runner up or to re-offer the prize in any future competition.
23. These rules are governed by the laws of England and Wales. This competition is administered by the Hemyock Diamond Jubilee Committee