

OTLEY CAMERA CLUB

HOW TO ENTER COMPETITIONS



INTRODUCTION

Competitions are an enjoyable and important part of club life at Otley Camera Club. They provide an opportunity to share your photography, receive constructive feedback from experienced judges and see the wide variety of images produced by other members.

Taking part in competitions is a great way to develop your photography skills and try new ideas.

TYPES OF COMPETITION

During the season, Otley Camera Club holds seven competition nights.

Each competition has a set theme, and members can enter up to four images across two categories: Projected Digital Images (PDI): Images are displayed on screen during the competition evening.

Print Competitions: Printed photographs are displayed and judged on the night.

All competitions are judged by an external judge, who will review each image and provide helpful feedback. Judges will then award:

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place
- Highly Commended (this can be more than one)
- Commended (this can be more than one)

Each placing earns points, and these are added together throughout the season to determine the club's Photographer of the Year.

CHECK THE PROGRAMME AND RULES

Before entering a competition, make sure you:

- Check the competition deadline in the club programme.
- Read the competition rules and definitions.

Images that do not meet the rules may unfortunately need to be withdrawn from the competition.



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PREPARING YOUR PDI IMAGES

PDI images must meet the following requirements:

- File format: JPEG
- Maximum width: 1600 pixels
- Maximum height: 1200 pixels
- Maximum size: 2mb

There is no fixed aspect ratio, but the image must not exceed these dimensions.

Examples:

- ✓ 1600 × 1000 pixels – acceptable
- ✗ 1600 × 1300 pixels – too tall

If an image exceeds the maximum size, it must be resized before uploading.

Each image must also have a title of no more than 32 characters. Do not use any special characters or punctuation other than - .

ENTERING YOUR PDI IMAGES

You enter your PDI images via our [Success website](#).

Watch the video on our website for full instructions.

PREPARING PRINT ENTRIES

- Prints can be any aspect ratio.
- The print must be no larger than A3.
- On the back of the print (top right corner) write: The title of the image (maximum 32 characters) and your membership number (not your name)

It is recommended to write this information on a label or sticker and attach it to the back of the print. Each member will be given an envelope with their name on it.

Place your prints inside the provided envelope and put it into the competition box in the clubhouse before the hand-in deadline.





SUBMITTING PRINT ENTRIES ONLINE

When entering a print competition, you must also upload a PDI version of the image to the Success website.

This is done in the same way as entering a normal PDI, but you select the Print category.

The digital version is used for record keeping and projection during the results evening.

Make sure the title uploaded online matches exactly the title written on the back of the print.

GIVE IT A GO!

We look forward to seeing your images in the next Otley Camera Club competition.

If you are unsure about anything, please ask – there is always someone at the club happy to help.

RESIZING IMAGES

Resizing Images in Lightroom Classic

- Select the image in Lightroom Library or Develop.
- Click File → Export.
- In the Export window:
 - Set File Settings → Image Format: JPEG
 - Set Colour Space: sRGB
- In Image Sizing:
 - Tick Resize to Fit
 - Choose Width & Height
 - Enter 1600 pixels width and 1200 pixels height
- Click Export.
- Lightroom will automatically scale the image so it does not exceed these dimensions.

Resizing Images in Adobe Photoshop

- Open your image in Photoshop.
- Go to Image → Image Size.
 - Make sure Resample is ticked.



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- Enter:
 - Width: 1600 pixels
 - Height: 1200 pixels
 - Click OK.
- Save the image:
 - File → Save As
 - Format: JPEG
 - Colour profile: sRGB

Resizing Images in Photoshop Elements

- Open the image.
- Click Image → Resize → Image Size.
- Ensure Resample Image is selected.
- Enter:
 - Width: 1600 pixels
 - Height: 1200 pixels
- Click OK.
- Save the file as a JPEG.

Resizing Images in Affinity Photo

- Open the image in Affinity Photo.
- Go to Document → Resize Document.
- Enter:
 - Width: 1600 pixels
 - Height: 1200 pixels
- Ensure Resample is enabled.
- Click Resize.
- Export the file:
 - File → Export → JPEG
 - Colour space: sRGB

