

## Joint Bracknell Forest Council/ESDP Photographic Competition

# Capturing Bracknell Forest's Natural Wonders

The 2021 joint Bracknell Forest Council/ESDP Photographic Competition, sponsored by the **ESDP, Duncan Yeardley Estates and Bracknell Camera Club**, received a record number of entries. The competition's theme 'natural wonders' clearly captured local residents' imagination having generated an amazing 230 photo entries from 36 talented amateur photographers.

The top spot, and winner of an £80 gift voucher, was awarded to Jessica McKean from Jennett's Park for her photo of a deer captured in pre-winter dusk at Peacock Meadows. The judges scored the image highly across all categories, feeling that this beautiful photo perfectly captured the natural wonders of the Borough.

Second prize was awarded to a beautiful sunrise scene at Cabbage Hill in Warfield, captured by Gareth Fish; with third prize going to a striking image of sunlight through trees at Swinley Forest by Katie Ackling. The judges special award went to a delightful picture of Nasrin King's young daughter enjoying reading a book at the Newt Reserve in Warfield. Altogether 13 photographers have had their photos shortlisted to feature in an exhibition this winter.

The ESDP's chair, Bob Collis, joined the judging panel in scoring the entries. He was joined by representatives from **Bracknell Forest Council, Duncan Yeardley Estate Agents and Bracknell Camera Club**.

Cllr John Harrison, Executive Member for Culture, Delivery and Public Protection, said: "Congratulations to our worthy competition prize winners and finalists and thank you to everyone who has taken part this year.

"I hope our residents and visitors have relished the opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy some of the amazing natural wonders the borough has to offer."

Paul Hendley from Bracknell Camera Club said: "I speak on behalf of the judges in saying that we were impressed by the quantity and quality of the photos entered this year.

"This made our job to shortlist this year's finalists hard, but we feel confident that the best photos have been awarded the top spots in our competition. They perfectly capture the natural wonders of the borough, and how it is a special place in which to live, work and play."



**Winner:** Pre-winter dusk, at Peacock Meadows, by Jessica McKean, 2021



**Second:** Sunrise at Cabbage Hill, by Gareth Fish, 2021



**Third:** Stunning morning for a run, by Katie Ackling, 2021



**Special award:** Newt Reserve (Warfield), picture of my daughter, by Nasrin King, 2021

The winning and shortlisted photos from the competition are available to view on Bracknell Forest Council's YouTube channel.

Further information about the competition can be found at: [Bracknell Forest Photo Competition](#)

**Bob Collis, December 2021**