

## Terms and Conditions for Alton Town Council's 2022 Calendar

The photos selected will appear in the Alton Town Council calendar for 2022 sold in aid of Hart Wildlife and will feature in a local exhibition. You can enter up to three photos in total. The closing date for entries is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

### GENERAL RULES

1. The title for the Alton Town Council's 2022 Calendar is "Go Wild! For Alton". The theme is open to your personal interpretation.

Farm animals are allowed, but photos of pets and zoo animals are not. Images of wildlife in captivity are also ineligible. That includes photographs of wildlife taken in cages, enclosures, pens or in any situation where the animal has been captured or restrained.

Entrants must not cause injury or do anything distress to any animal or damage its habitat, either deliberately or inadvertently, whilst trying to take a photograph. This includes the flying of drones, which should not be flown too close or too noisily to wildlife, or their habitats or nest sites.

Entrants – including those using drones – must have the necessary permits and licences for photographing wildlife, and should, where necessary, have permission from the landowners to be on their land.

2. Photographs entered must be taken in Alton or from the surrounding countryside.

3. Entrants can submit up to three photos in total in JPEG, Tiff or PNG format.

4. Alton Town Council acknowledges that digital photography does allow for some image enhancement. You can enter images that have had spots, scratches or other blemishes removed. You can have worked on the colour or enhanced the image for the sake of the composition. You can also crop the image to improve composition.

We will not accept composite images - entries that stitch two or more separate photographs together to make one image, or entries that superimpose elements photographed separately onto an image.

Alton Town Council reserve the right to not choose any image they believe may have been excessively treated so as to alter its authenticity.

5. Entrants may be submitted by amateur and professional photographers.

6. Entrants must complete all sections of the entry form, under 18's will need their parents or guardians to fill out the sections and also provide their parents name, phone number and email address, and to tick the box permission to their child's participation. All contact from production will be made through the parent/guardian.

7. Closing date for entries is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Entries received after this date will not be considered. Those who have no access to the internet should contact Alton Town Council on 01420 83986.

8. Entrants will retain copyright in the photographs that they submit to Alton Town Council. By entering the competition all entrants grant to Alton Town Council the right to publish and exhibit their photographs.

9. The chosen images may be published and used by ATC for promotional mat, to be sold in aid of the Town Mayor's charities appeal. The chosen images may also be published and used in other promotions by Alton Town Council.

10. We are looking for original photographs, so entries must not have won any national or international competition previously.

The entrants whose photographs that are selected to appear in the Alton Town Council Calendar 2022 grant to Alton Town Council the further rights to publish and exhibit their photographs in print, on their website or in any other media in perpetuity. No fees will be payable for any of the above uses. 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 the photographers' names.

11. By submitting an image entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules and Alton Town Council reserves the right to exclude any entry at any time and in its absolute discretion if the Alton Town Council has reason to believe that an entrant has breached these rules, acted fraudulently in any way or brings Alton Town Council into disrepute.

19. These rules are administered by Alton Town Council.

20. Please take your photos responsibly and always follow the Countryside Code. You can find more information here;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code>

[http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140605090108/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/images/photography-guidance\\_tcm6-35807.pdf](http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140605090108/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/images/photography-guidance_tcm6-35807.pdf)

21. For information about licences for photographing wildlife please follow the guidance here;

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/protected-species-when-to-apply-for-a-licence-to-survey-film-or-photograph-them>

22. Current Government guidance regarding Coronavirus must be adhered to at all times when taking photographs.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

For health and safety reasons relating to Coronavirus we will only accept images sent in digitally, we will not accept hard copies sent through the post.