

Terms and Conditions for Alton Town Council's 2021 Calendar

The title for the Alton Town Council's 2021 Calendar is "In Harmony with Nature". The theme is open to your personal interpretation but we are looking for stunning photographs of landscapes, gardens, plants, or wildlife in a natural setting and have been taken within Alton or looking over Alton from the surrounding countryside.

The photos selected will appear in the Alton Town Council calendar for 2021 sold in aid of the Town Mayor's charities appeal and feature in a local exhibition. You can enter up to three photos in total. The closing date for entries is Monday 31st August 2020. Please read the rules before entering.

GENERAL RULES

1. The title for the Alton Town Council's 2021 Calendar is "In Harmony with Nature". The theme is open to your personal interpretation but we're looking for beautiful photographs that show off the best of Alton's countryside, parks and open spaces, its plants and wildlife

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 looking towards Alton from the surrounding countryside.

3. Entrants can submit up to three photos in total in JPEG, Tiff or PNG format. Photographs must be taken in a Landscape 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 Monday 31st August 2020. 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. The chosen images will appear in the Alton Town Council 2021 calendar, 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.

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

10. 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.

The entrants whose photographs that are selected to appear in the Alton Town Council Calendar 2021 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. Entrants must ensure that the photograph is not used to publicise or promote companies, individuals, organisations or causes – other than the Alton Town Council 2021 calendar until the 1st January 2022.

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

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.