



Belfast Parks Photographic Competition 2025/26

Tick which category you are entering:

- People in our Parks
- Buildings and art in our parks
- Seasons in our parks
- Under 16

The submission of entries shows acceptance of all conditions of entry.
Closing date for receiving entries is Friday 30 October 2026 at 4pm.

Signed: _____ (Photographer)

Please note: if you do not sign this form your entry will be considered to be ineligible.

Photographs, CDs, DVDs or memory devices should be securely packed and delivered to:

Belfast Parks Photographic Competition
Parks Events & Outreach Unit
City & Neighbourhood Services Department
4 -10 Linenhall Street
Belfast, BT2 8BP

Please note that prints, CDs, DVDs or memory devices cannot be returned to entrants.

Please ensure the following information is included on each of your prints:

- name of entrant
- category
- age (under 16s only), and
- name of the park where the photo was taken.

www.belfastcity.gov.uk/parkphotocompetition

Terms and conditions of competition

- To be eligible, your photo(s) must have been taken after 1 April 2025 and they must have been taken from an area of the park that's open to the public and is a recognisable park setting.
- No competitor, including under 16s, may enter more than one category.
- Entrants can submit up to four photos in their chosen category.
- Entrants must be the sole author and owner of copyright for all photos entered.
- Images must have been taken in one of Belfast City Council Parks & Open Spaces.
- Belfast City Council retains the right to free reproduction and exhibition of all entries. By sending a photograph to us you grant permission for the council to publish the photograph, or any part of it, for an indefinite period, in any media it chooses including the council website and social media accounts. No commercial payment will be made by the council for the use of your photograph(s).
- Entries must be accompanied by an official entry form. If you are entering online, you must include your name, category, age (under 16s only) and the name of the park where the photo was taken, along with your entry.
- Before taking an image and submitting an entry, photographers must seek permission from anyone who is recognisable in any photograph or secure the permission of parents or guardians for the photographs of minors or vulnerable adults.
- Entrants' images may be digitally edited to remove spots or scratches. However, the image should not have content added or removed digitally. Judges reserve the right to exclude any image that they believe has been excessively treated so as to alter its authenticity.
- All entries are sent at the photographer's own risk and Belfast City Council is not responsible for damage or loss sustained in delivery (either electronic or hard copy) of entries.
- No more than one prize will be awarded to any entrant.
- A panel of judges will choose the winning photos. The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- No employee of Belfast City Council and McQuillans Companies may enter the competition.
- By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules.

For queries on the competition please call 028 9091 8768 or email parklifephotos@belfastcity.gov.uk
The closing date for the competition is Friday 30 October 2026 at 4pm

An awards ceremony for the winning entrants will take place in December 2026.



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Calling all amateur photographers!

Enter our parks photographic competition to win a share of £1,000.

We are looking for photographs of your favourite views in parks. **Your photo(s) must have been taken in one of Belfast City Council's parks or open spaces** and they should focus on our park buildings, people in our parks or seasons in our parks.

You'll find a list of these parks on our website at www.belfastcity.gov.uk/parks

To enter the competition, simply select one of the following categories and either upload your entry online, or send in your photograph(s) using the attached entry form. To enter online visit

www.belfastcity.gov.uk/parkphotocompetition

You can only enter one category but you can submit up to four photographs in your chosen category.

The categories are:

- **People in our Parks:** such as people walking, jogging, cycling, attending events or using outdoor gyms, playgrounds, allotments and bowling greens.
- **Buildings and art in our parks:** for example buildings, statues and architectural features.
- **Seasons in our parks:** for example Winter weather, Springtime flowers, Summer sunsets, Autumn colours or photograph the same park setting in Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

To be eligible, your photo(s) must have been taken after 1 April 2025 and they must have been taken from an area of the park that's open to the public and is a recognisable park setting.

The competition is open to everyone, except professional photographers, employees of Belfast City Council and McQuillans Companies. We cannot accept photographs that have won prizes in other external competitions, or photographs that were entered into a previous Belfast Parks Photographic Competition.



Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

People in our Parks

First prize £150, second prize £100, third prize £50.

Buildings and art in our parks

First prize £150, second prize £100, third prize £50.

Seasons in our parks

First prize £150, second prize £100, third prize £50.

In addition there will be prizes for the best photos submitted by under 16s.

First prize £50, second prize £30, third prize £20.

To enter you should submit:

- A maximum of four photos uploaded online – for details of how to do this, visit www.belfastcity.gov.uk/parkphotocompetition, or
- A maximum of four photos in print (up to size 8" x 6") and in digital format (via CD, DVD or memory device).

The size, format and resolution of the CD, DVD or memory device should be suitable for printing and publications.

Remember, you can only enter one category.

Entry Form

Full Name:
Address:
Post Code:
Telephone:
Age: (under 16s only)
Email:

Your photograph may be published on the Council's website and social media channels. Please tick the box if you consent to your name being published with the photograph.

Privacy Notice

What we do with your information

Belfast City Council is the data controller under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) for the personal data it gathers for the purposes of entering the Parks Photographic Competition. By completing and submitting this form, you are providing your personal data to the Council on the basis of consent.

You can withdraw your consent to Belfast City Council processing the information provided on this form at any time by contacting parklifephotos@belfastcity.gov.uk or by writing to Parks Events & Outreach Unit, Belfast City Council, Cecil Ward Building, 4 – 10 Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8BP

Sharing your information with others

Your personal data may be shared between Council staff who are involved in managing this competition and between Council Departments with the purpose of supporting an effective delivery of the service. If you have provided your consent, your name may be published with the photograph on the Council's website and social media channels.

Your personal data will not be shared or disclosed to any other organisation outside the Council without your consent or unless the law places an obligation on the Council to do so.

How long we hold your information for

Your personal data will be deleted at the termination of the competition which will be no longer than 12 months from the date you provide it. However, if you place first, second or third in any of the categories and you have provided your consent for your name to be published on the Council's website and social media channels, your name and the photograph will be held and published by the Council for a period of 18 months.

Further information

If you have any queries regarding the processing of your personal data please contact:

parklifephotos@belfastcity.gov.uk If you wish to contact the Council's Data Protection Officer, please write to Belfast City Council, City Hall Belfast, BT1 5GS or send an email to dataprotection@belfastcity.gov.uk

For further information on how Belfast City Council processes personal data, you can view our main Privacy Notice at www.belfastcity.gov.uk/privacy

