

Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Council

2026 Photo Competition “This is our Parish”

Terms & Conditions for the 2026 Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Council Photo Competition

The theme for the Longwick-cum- Ilmer Parish Photo Competition 2026 is “This is our Parish”. You can interpret the theme as you like but we’re looking for eye catching photographs of our parish, its wildlife, landscapes, or subjects of human interaction with the environment around us. It’s up to you how you interpret “This is our Parish”.

We are looking for a selection of high quality images with which to illustrate the Parish Council website and potential publications.

The winning 3 Photographs selected by the judging panel will appear in the **Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Newsletter and on the website from late October 2026**, The winners will be voted for by Longwick-cum- Ilmer Parish Councillors (The Judging panel). The judging panel will choose their favourite photograph, a second and third placed entry for prize purposes. You can enter as many photos as you like. The closing date for entries is **Monday 5thst October 2026**. The person who takes the winning photo will receive an Amazon gift card to the value of £250. The person who takes the photo that is judged second will receive an Amazon gift card to the value of £100. The person who takes the photo that is judged third will receive an Amazon gift card to the value of £50. Good luck and happy shooting. Please read the rules below before entering.

GENERAL RULES

1. The theme for the Longwick-cum- Ilmer Parish Photographic Competition 2026 is “This is our Parish”. The theme is open to your personal interpretation but we’re looking for beautiful photographs that show off the best of the Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish, its notable architecture, its wildlife (whether in the countryside or in a more urban setting), agriculture and recreation.

This photographic competition is being run and managed by Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Council (The COUNCIL). The COUNCIL’s decision as to the eligibility of individual photographs will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Entrants must be aware when photographing nature and must not cause injury or do anything to distress any animal, or bird or damage its habitat, either deliberately or inadvertently, while trying to take a photograph.

Entrants must also be aware when photographing in the Parish that they should observe laws pertaining to trespass and landowner rights, while trying to take photographs.

2. Photographs must be taken within 5 miles of the Longwick-cum-Ilmer parish boundaries and be taken by a person who either lives or works within the Parish boundaries.

3. Entrants can submit any number of photographs (preferably in landscape orientation and as JPEG, PNG or GIFF format) to the competition website. To enter your photos, please send these attached to an email to clerk@longwickcumilmer.org.uk

4. The COUNCIL is aware that digital photography does allow for image enhancement. You can enter images that have had blemishes removed. You can have worked on the colour, contrast or enhanced the image for the sake of the composition. You can also crop the image to improve composition.

We will not accept the use of AI during the creation, design or development of the images.

We want you to stay faithful to the spirit of the competition and never deceive the viewer or misrepresent the subject being portrayed.

5. The competition is open to **any resident of Longwick-cum-Ilmer parish** or those working within the Parish. Employees or Councillors of Longwick-cum-Ilmer Council are not eligible to enter. Entrants under the age of 18 need the permission of a parent or guardian to enter.

6. Entrants must not be professional photographers. For the purposes of this competition, a professional photographer will be considered to be someone who makes more than half their annual income from their photographic works.

7. On submitting the entry by email, entrants must include:-

- The name and contact details of those submitting the image
- The title of each image
- Where the image was captured
- If people are present in the image, individual agreement of those in the image must be obtained, in order that the photo can be placed on the Parish Council website or used in Parish Council publications.
- Entrants under the age of 18 will need their parents or guardians approval and include their parent's name, phone number and email address. (Note All future contact from COUNCIL will be made through the parent/guardian).

8. The competition submission period closes on **Monday 5th October 2026**. Entries received after this time will not be considered. The COUNCIL, cannot accept any responsibility for any problem with any system which may result in any entry being delayed or not received.

9. All photographs will be judged on the following criteria:

- Composition and overall look
- Clarity of image (focus & resolution)
- Public appeal
- Does it match the theme of the competition
- Suitability for inclusion in a COUNCIL public-facing publication or website

10. The photographs will be judged through the following process. All entries will be assessed in the first instance by members of the COUNCIL. Should more than 30 images be received, a shortlist of 30 images will be chosen for the final judging. The Judging Panel will then review all the entries on the short-list and select the 3 best, based on the above criteria. The panel will also rank these three entries as First, Second and Third.

Each of the winners will be contacted by a member of the COUNCIL within a week of judging. The judging will take place within Five weeks of the competition closing date to allow for any personal holidays.

11. The prize for the overall winner will be an Amazon gift card to the value of £250 The entry selected as Second will receive an Amazon gift card to the value of £100. The entry selected as Third will receive an Amazon gift card to the value of £50. The prizes are as stated and cannot be deferred or transferred. There will be no cash alternatives.

12. All entries must be the work of the entrant and must not infringe rights of any other party. The entrants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photographs entered and must have the permission of any people featured in the entries or their parents/guardians if children under 18 are featured. Where an individual or a residential or commercial property, belonging to someone other than the photographer is featured, or it has been taken on private land the photographer must seek permission and be prepared to provide evidence of consent to the COUNCIL if requested. Additionally, entrants must not have breached any laws when taking photographs.

13. By entering the competition All ENTRANTS grant to the COUNCIL the non-exclusive right to publish and exhibit their photographs on the COUNCIL Website, on social media, in the Longwick-cum- Ilmer Parish Newsletter and on printed COUNCIL publications 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 and therefore entrants waive any rights that may exist in the photographs.

14. By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules and the COUNCIL reserves the right to exclude any entry from the competition at any time and in its absolute discretion if the COUNCIL has reason to believe that an entrant has breached these rules, acted fraudulently in any way or brings the COUNCIL into disrepute. When an entry is submitted by a parent or guardian on behalf of an entrant, the parent and/or guardian shall be responsible for the entrant's compliance with these rules.

15. The COUNCIL reserves the right to cancel this competition or alter any of the rules at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, and if circumstances arise outside of its control.

16. If the winner is unable to be contacted after reasonable attempts have been made, the COUNCIL reserves the right to either offer the prize to a runner up, or to re-offer the prize in any future competition.

17. These rules are governed by the laws of England and Wales. This competition is administered by the COUNCIL.

Photographs must be taken responsibly adhering to all current government guidelines and local rules.

We will only accept JPEGs, PNGs or GIFFs sent to the COUNCIL Photo Competition email, we will not accept hard copies sent through the post.

For information about how we handle personal data, visit the Privacy pages on <https://www.longwickcumilmer.org.uk/privacy>