Friends of Bedford Cemetery (Foster Hill Road)

170th Anniversary

Photography Competition 2025

The Friends of Bedford Cemetery (FOBC) are delighted to announce a photography competition to mark the 170th Anniversary of the opening of Bedford cemetery. The competition is free to enter.

Amateur photographers of all ages are invited to submit up to 5 best shots celebrating the buildings, landscape, wildlife and the people who enjoy our beautiful cemetery. The age categories are as follows;

- **15 years or under**
- **16 years or over**

The competition closes on the 31 July 2025. The winners and runners up will be announced via social media at the Cemetery Heritage Open Days Weekend on 20th/21st September 2025.

If you would like to enter the competition please submit a maximum of 5 digital images taken in the cemetery using WeTransfer or other cloud-based file transfer to competition@fosterhillroadcemetery.co.uk Please name each image with your initials, image title and 16 for 16 years or over eg CAJ_Sunrise_16 . For 15 years and under add your age to the filename eg SAP_Sunrise_14 if, for example, you are 14 years old.

First prize in either category is retail vouchers to the value of £100.

Images should be a maximum of 1920 pixels wide and 1080 pixels high and a maximum of 2 MB. Images to be submitted as jpg files.

You should read these terms and conditions before entering. It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that they have read these terms and conditions. A submission to this competition is an agreement that the entrant has read and will abide by the rules of the competition, as laid out in these terms and conditions.

All category winners and runners up will be chosen by a panel of three judges. The judges' decision is final. This competition is open to amateur photographers only. It is free to enter.

1. Entrants under the age of 18 must have their images submitted by a parent or legal guardian. In doing so, the parent or legal guardian are consenting to having read these terms and conditions and are consenting to the entry.
2. Any device, including a mobile phone, may be used for photography.
3. Photographers grant FOBC the right to use their name for the sole purpose of identifying them as the author of their entry and/or as a winner of the competition.
4. Photographers maintain the copyright to any photos submitted and grant FOBC permission to use, republish, edit and/or modify their entry in any of their publications, websites, social media and/or in any promotional material relating to The Friends or the competition.
5. If FOBC wish to use any submitted image for commercial purposes other than advertising or fundraising, the photographer will be contacted for permission.

6. Whilst FOBC will endeavour to credit the photographer whenever their submitted image is used, it shall have no liability should the credit be inadvertently omitted for any reason.
7. Unfortunately, no feedback on the shortlisting process or judges' decision will be provided to winners, runners-up or those that are not successful

Photography

1. Entries must be an original photograph that the photographer has taken.
2. All photography must be of or taken in Bedford Cemetery, Foster Hill Road, Bedford
3. Faithful representation of the subject must be maintained. Minor digital adjustments are only acceptable if limited to cleaning (removing dust spots), levels, curves, colour, saturation and contrast work. Sharpening and cropping to the required size is allowed. Images should be representative of the true scene through the viewfinder without elements added or removed
4. Entries that are automatically generated by computer or created by artificial intelligence are strictly prohibited and will be automatically disqualified.
5. If anyone is identifiable in the photo, the photographer must ensure they have discussed it with them and the subject(s) are happy with the submission in this competition. We cannot accept photos featuring children under the age of 16 without written permission from their parent or legal guardian.
6. If the submission is shortlisted, then we may ask for a higher resolution image.
7. Photographers must take all reasonable care not to disturb wildlife, the historic environment, or the local environment in the pursuit of images. It is the photographer's responsibility to be aware of and comply with the laws (e.g. in the case of protected species). Wildlife law and animal welfare requirements must not be breached and protected species or habitats must not be compromised.

The winners of each category will be announced at FOBC's Heritage Weekend on 20th/21st September 2025. Winners will be contacted privately in the first instance, before an announcement is made publicly on FOBC's website, social media and email channels. This announcement will include the names of the winners and their successful entry. By submitting an entry to the competition, you are agreeing to the publication of your name at FOBC's discretion unless you specifically request to remain anonymous. Requests to remain anonymous must be included at the time of submission and can be revoked at any time. This will not affect your chances at being successful.

We cannot accept entries which do not provide contact information as we will not be able to inform the winner, should they be successful.

Prizes

Winners for each category will receive the following prizes: £100 in retail vouchers

If a winner does not respond to repeated attempts by FOBC to contact them within two weeks of the winner reveal, then FOBC reserves the right to offer the prize to another entrant. Should the prize be offered to another entrant, the time that they have to respond will be dependent on the prize, and whether or not the prize is exclusive to a specific date.