



CASTLETOWN HERITAGE SOCIETY

Preserving the character, history and traditions of the Village of Castletown and Parish of Olrig

40th Birthday Anniversary Photo Competition

About the competition

- Castletown Heritage Society 40th Anniversary Photographic Competition is owned and run by Castletown Heritage Society, Scottish registered charity No: SCO 27858.
- The competition is open to all amateur photographers aged 17 years or under and is free to enter.
- The aim of the competition is to create interest in our children and young adults about our Caithness heritage, landscapes and people, an additional outcome being an image resource recording contemporary Caithness life and times. The occasion is the celebration of 40 years of Castletown Heritage Society.
- Entries and winning photographs will be exhibited in Castlehill Heritage Centre, Castletown Heritage Society social media channels and used in promotional material.

Terms and conditions

1. Categories

- **Landscape**

An image that captures the unique qualities and features of our Caithness landscapes. Images featuring detail elements of flora and fauna are acceptable provided such subject matter is subsidiary to, and entirely complimentary to, the context and portrayal of a Caithness landscape.

- **Heritage**

An image that captures the essence of our Caithness heritage. The choice of theme is open, but may for example represent our social, cultural, industrial, agricultural, maritime, military, commercial, local government, or built environment heritage.

- **Portrait**

An image that says something about the person you are photographing, and set within a Caithness context.

2. Eligibility

- The Castletown Heritage Society 40th Anniversary Photographic Competition is open to all, with the exception of anyone associated with the competition, namely Management Committee members of Castletown Heritage Society, and competition judges (and in each case their partners and family).
- Entrants must be amateur photographers aged 17 years or under. Entrants under the age of 16 must obtain parental/guardian permission to enter.
- The entrant must be the original artwork creator and must be the sole owner of the copyright. Castletown Heritage Society does not accept liability for publication of plagiarised entries.
- Images must not be licenced or disposed of any rights that will conflict with the competition.

3. Dates

- Competition opens for entries on Monday 13th May 2024.
- The deadline for entries is 23:59hrs on Sunday 30th June 2024.
- All images entered must have been taken in Caithness between 1 January 2024 and 30 June 2024.
- Winners will be announced at a ceremony during July or August. Detail announcements regarding the arrangements for the ceremony will be made on the Castletown Heritage Society website and FaceBook pages, and in local press and media.

4. Technical requirements

- Only one image may be entered in each category, and no single image may be entered into more than one category.
- Images may be in black and white or colour, and in portrait, landscape or square format. Images must not include watermarks, borders, or signatures.
- Images must be submitted digitally via the Castletown Heritage Society email address: castletown.heritage@talk21.com
- Image files must be in .jpg format with an individual file size limit of 5Mb. The image file name must include the photographer's name, date image was taken, and category, in the following format:

Initial_Surname_DD_MM_24_category.jpg (_ represents an underscore, not a space)

- The submitted image files must be accompanied within the same email by a scanned/photographed copy of the completed and signed entry form (file size limit 1Mb).
- Castletown Heritage Society requires that prior permission be sought before submitting images that contain people. *It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that all necessary permissions are obtained from any person featured or present in any submitted image.*

5. Ethics

- Digital adjustments that maintain the integrity of the image are allowed. Accepted digital adjustments include dodging and burning, changes to tone and contrast, and cropping, as well as High Dynamic Range imaging techniques, stitched panoramas and focus stacking.
- It is not permitted to make any physical changes to the image. You may not, for example add or remove plants, objects, animals, people, landscapes or any parts of animals, plants, objects, people or landscape.
- Computer/AI generated images are not permitted – the image must represent a true record of the scene captured by the photographer.
- Castletown Heritage Society may request the original camera image file for any submitted image if it deems that image does not follow the restrictions on digital manipulation, and reserves the right to disqualify any image that it feel lacks authenticity.
- An image will be rejected if, in the opinion of the judges, it appears that the image has been taken in such a way that wildlife law or animal welfare requirements may have been breached; protected species or habitats have been compromised; personal or property security/wellbeing has been compromised; a reckless, criminal or unsafe act is portrayed; or the image has been otherwise taken in an irresponsible manner.

6. Judging

- The photographs will be judged by a panel of three judges including an independent party, and the promoter reserves the right to withhold prizes if the standard so warrants. Entries will not be returned (please ensure that you have kept copies(s) of your image(s)).
- The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Entrants can find out the names of the winners by contacting Castletown Heritage Society by email within six months of the close of the competition.

7. Prizes

- A prize will be awarded to the winner of each category. No cash alternatives to the prizes are available.
- The prizes must be claimed within three months of the competition winners being announced or the prizes may be forfeited.

8. Copyright and Usage

- Entrants remain the copyright holder to any images submitted by themselves.
- By entering, you grant Castletown Heritage Society a perpetual, irrevocable and royalty-free licence to publish your image in any type of media, including but not limited to: exhibitions, online, in press, and in promotional items.
- The entrants agree to Castletown Heritage Society free usage sub-licensing the shortlisted images for press articles or any other external communications related to the competition.
- The photographer will be credited (e.g. © photographer's name). The photographer agrees that the Owners will not be liable to the photographer in the event of inadvertent omission of the credit.
- The entrant is entirely responsible for any claim made by a third party against the submission.
- Castletown Heritage Society excludes liability to the full extent permitted by law for any loss, damage or injury occurring to the participant arising from his or her entry into the promotion or occurring to the winner(s) arising from his or her acceptance of a prize.
- The competition is subject to the laws of Scotland.

9. Disclaimer

- The information given in these Terms & Conditions is correct, but Castletown Heritage Society reserves the right to change any of it without prior notice. By entering the competition, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these Terms & Conditions. Any breach of these Terms by an entrant will void their entry. If a breach has occurred, but is discovered after the award of a prize, then the organisers may require the return of that prize.

10. Data protection

- The personal data of entrants will be managed by Castletown Heritage Society in accordance with the principles of the General Data Protection Act 2018.
- Castletown Heritage Society will collect personal data about entrants (and the entrant's parent/guardian where applicable) at the time of entry registration, and as otherwise provided in order to administer the competition and/or all associated activities.



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Full name	
Date of birth	
Signature	
If under 16, signature of parent or guardian	
Day time telephone number	
Email address	
Full postal address	

In signing the entry form, entrants (and where appropriate the parent or guardian) will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by the Terms & Conditions of the competition. Any breach of these Terms & Conditions by an entrant will void their entry. If a breach has occurred, but is discovered after the award of a prize, then the organisers may require the return of that prize.

Image entry information

Landscape	File Name:
Image supporting information	
Heritage	File Name:
Image supporting information	
Portrait	File Name
Image supporting information	