**‘My Wild Life’ - Calling all budding photographers!**

We are excited to launch the ‘My Wild Life’ photography competition, inspired by the return of the Natural History Museum’s *Wildlife Photographer of the Year 56* from which will come to Newbury on 5 February 2021.

Budding photographers of all ages and expertise can enter – whether it’s capturing an image of insects in your back garden, wildlife discovered on a family walk or snaps of your beloved pet… we are looking for creative thinking when it comes to capturing the wonders of wildlife that surrounds us in town and country.

Please consider the well-being of wild creatures and ecosystems. Respect wildlife by not disturbing or moving the subjects you are photographing. We are looking for authentic images of nature. Please do not use apps or image editing software to manipulate your images.

Finalists from two age categories (under-18s and over-18s) will be chosen by a panel of expert judges and the winning entries from each category will be chosen by the general public in an online vote!

We want to showcase the best local talent that celebrates our wildlife and the natural world and so the winning entries, along with 2nd place and Highly Commended entries, will be displayed in The Base’s Runway Gallery for all to see and admire.

The two winning photographers will win a Base Pass Plus, which gives them unlimited entry to The Base Gallery for a whole year, as well as discounts on selected workshops and courses! They will also see their photographs printed in the Newbury Weekly News and published on The Base and Corn Exchange’s websites and respective social media platforms.

**PRIZES** (for both adult and under-18s categories)

**1st prize:**

A **Base Pass Plus** card giving you unlimited access to The Base Gallery for a year, discounts on selected workshops or courses and 10% off at Honesty owned outlets\* (value £25)

Photo exhibited in The Base’s Runway Gallery

Photo printed in the Newbury Weekly News

**2nd Prize:**

Photo exhibited in The Base’s Runway Gallery

Photo printed in the Newbury Weekly News

**Highly Commended:**

Photo exhibited in The Base’s Runway Gallery

***Judging conditions***

* Entries will be judged by nominated judges – Phil Cannings (Newbury Weekly News photographer, Philip Tull, professional photographer and a selection of staff team members from The Base)
* Images will be judged on artistic merit, originality, subject and style.
* The decision of the The Base judges and online poll is final.

**HOW TO ENTER**

Entries must explore or capture the theme of ‘My Wild Life’. Each entrant may enter a maximum of 5 photos. Email a completed entry form (including the communication release form below) and your photo/s attached to admin@thebasegreenham.co.uk by Sunday 21 February 2021 at 5pm.

Please ensure you have read the terms and conditions and also ensure your photo meets these guidelines:

* Your entry/entries must be saved as JPEG file (JPG) at a setting of 10 (100%) or higher
* The filename must contain your full name and age, for example: **LastName\_FirstName\_Age.jpg**
* no watermarks / copyright units / logos on images
* If images of people are submitted, all those in the photograph need to give their consent

**ENTRY FORM**

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| Name |  |
| Email |  |
| Phone number |  |
| Address |  |

Please indicate which one of the following categories you are entering under:

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| Young person (aged 18 or under) - please include your age |    |
| Adult   |    |
| Group / Organisation  |   |

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| **Entry title** |  |
| When was the image taken and what type of camera was used |  |
| Please let us know more about this image and why you chose it (maximum 100 words) |  |
| **Finalists will be announced on The Base Greenham’s Facebook page on Friday 26 February 2021 at 10am. Online voting will finish at 8pm on Sunday 28 February 2021.**  |

**Communication Release Form**

In signing this form, I give the The Base Greenham permission to use the following on the understanding that it/they will only be used in an appropriate manner and to support the work of the The Base.

I agree that any photographscan be used by The Base Greenham for the following purposes:

● Internal and external communications, publications, online and social media

● I understand that resources may be in circulation for a number of years

● I agree that the above may be kept on file for future use until such time as I declare otherwise by withdrawing my consent.

* I agree that it is my responsibility to keep The Base Greenham updated with any changes in my circumstances.
* I understand that I have a right to withdraw my consent at any time and to exercise that right I must contact admin@thebasegreenham.co.uk
* I understand that on withdrawing my consent all appropriate steps will be taken to remove the materials as quickly as possible, but that it may not be possible to stop their use completely.

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| **Name** |  | **Date** |  |
| **Signature** |  | **Contact Information:****(Email/ Phone)** |  |

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ‘MY WILD LIFE’ PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

**1.** Deadline for submissions is Sunday 21 February 2021. **2.** Online voting will start on Friday 26 February 2021 and deadline for votes is Sunday 28 February 2021 at 8pm. **3.** Winners will be notified by 10am on Monday 1 March 2021 via email. **4.** Winners will receive a Base Pass Plus card, giving them unlimited access to The Base’s Gallery for 12 months from the date of reopening. **5.** One winner will be selected from the under-18s age group and one from the over-18s age group. **6.** Finalists will have their names and ages published on The Base’s website and social media platforms, as well as in the Newbury Weekly News and in the Runway Gallery at The Base. **7.** The parents or guardians must consent to a photograph being taken of the winners in the under-18s category which will be used by Newbury Weekly News and The Base Greenham for publicity purposes, including on their respective websites and on social media. **8.** No family of current employees are eligible to enter the competition. **9**. There will be no cash or other alternative to the prize offered and prizes are not transferable. **10.** All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. **11.** The entrant must be the sole copyright owner of all photographs entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries (or their parents/guardians if children under 16 are featured). **12.** The entrant must not have breached any laws when taking their photographs. **13.** Finalists must be able to provide a high-resolution digital file in order to have their photo exhibited in the Runway Gallery at The Base. **14.**\*terms and conditions apply, see The Base website for full details.