



## Could you be the next Landscape Photographer of the Year?

The 2018 Competition is open - Enter by 7<sup>th</sup> July

16<sup>th</sup> May 2018



Could you be the twelfth holder of the title, 'Landscape Photographer of the Year' and win the top prize of £10,000?

The competition is open for entries and the search is on to find the next winner of one of the nation's most exciting photographic competitions, founded by renowned landscape photographer, Charlie Waite.

Entrants have until the 7<sup>th</sup> of July to enter the 2018 Awards by submitting their photographs of the British landscape. The prize fund is worth £20,000, with £10,000 for the overall winner and there is also a special class for those under 17, so the whole family can get involved.

Unlike many other photographic competitions, the Landscape Photographer of the Year Awards celebrate the United Kingdom only, offering photographers worldwide the opportunity to showcase their images of this richly varied and fascinating country.



*Photo: Jenifer Bunnett*

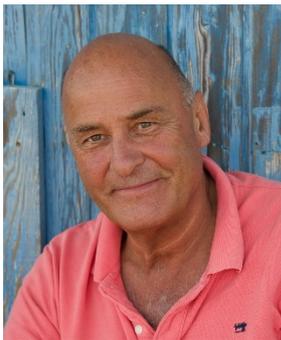
The competition is open to everyone and you can enter up to 25 photographs across four categories. There are categories for urban views, landscapes with people, close-up details and conceptual landscapes, as well as more classic views, so there is plenty of scope for your imagination. The UK's landscapes are diverse and ever-changing; providing a wealth of opportunities for photographers and visitors alike. From the urban patterns of Britain's cities and the mountains of Snowdonia to the white sands of the Hebrides and the beautiful coastline of Northern Ireland, there is inspiration wherever you travel.



Photo: Robert France

Key supporter and exhibition host, Network Rail is again offering the 'Lines in the Landscape' Award for the best image of the contemporary rail network shown within its landscape setting. Previous winners have shown both rural and urban scenes from England, Scotland and Wales proving that the 20,000 miles of track covered by Network Rail provides many opportunities for landscape photography, wherever you are based.

Winning images from the 11<sup>th</sup> year are currently touring Britain, visiting some of the biggest railway stations in the country, giving thousands the opportunity to enjoy wonderful landscape photography in one of the most accessible exhibitions of its type.



**Awards founder, Charlie Waite, commented:**

"Every year, I am overwhelmed by the positive response that the Awards receive; both from entrants and those who visit our exhibitions. Everybody is photographing and I am convinced that these individual moments of creativity help us in our everyday lives. The arrival of spring this year was particularly welcome and has added fresh colour to our landscape. It is a wonderful time to escape with a camera and seek that winning image."

An exhibition of winning entries will premiere in November 2018 and around 150 of the best photographs from the competition will appear in the Awards book – Landscape Photographer of the Year: Collection 12 - by AA Publishing.

All entries to the Awards must be uploaded via the competition website, [www.take-a-view.co.uk](http://www.take-a-view.co.uk) and the closing date is 7th July 2018. Entry fees apply. Full terms and conditions can be found on the site.

*Image shows the eleven previous winners: Simon Butterworth (2012), Benjamin Graham (2017), Jon Gibbs (2007), Emmanuel Coupe (2009), Robert Fulton (2012), Tony Bennett (2013), Mark Littlejohn (2014), Gary Eastwood (2008), Andy Farrer (2015), Antony Spencer (2010).*

**[www.take-a-view.co.uk](http://www.take-a-view.co.uk)**

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**(Exhibition tour dates below)**

**Exhibition Tour 2018 (Dates may be subject to late change, please check website before travelling):**

- Edinburgh - 14 March to 31 March
  - Leeds - 2 April to 22 April
  - Manchester - 23 April – 5 May
  - Birmingham - 7 May to 19 May
  - Victoria - 21 May to 3 June
  - Paddington - 5 June to 24 June
  - Charing Cross – 25 June to 8 July
  - Cardiff - 11 July to 20 July (TBC)
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