

 **LANDSCAPE**
PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

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BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES AT BRITAIN'S BUSIEST STATIONS

Landscape Photographer of the Year exhibition travels the country

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Green & Blue, Calderdale, West Yorkshire by Robert Birkby

Over the next eight weeks, five of the country's biggest railway stations will be playing host to an exhibition of photographs from the *Take a view* Landscape Photographer of the Year Awards. The tour begins at the newly renovated Birmingham New Street station on the 29th of April.

The exhibition of sixty images, from the current Awards book, 'Landscape Photographer of the Year – Collection 9', will travel to stations across Britain. From the misty woodlands of Derbyshire to the mountain ridges of Snowdonia, the winning images showcase both the talent of their creators and some of our very best landscapes. Commuters and leisure travellers alike will be able to take a moment from their busy lives and enjoy an escape to the country.

The stations photography exhibitions will be at:

Birmingham New Street station	29 th April to 7 th May
Liverpool Lime Street station	9 th May to 18 th May
Leeds station	20 th May to 29 th May
Edinburgh Waverley station	31 st May to 8 th June
Reading	10 th June to 20 th June

The opening exhibition in Birmingham marks the launch of the 2016 [Landscape Photographer of the Year](#) competition, which is held in association with VisitBritain and the GREAT Britain #OMGB Campaign and has a top prize of £10,000. Network Rail offers a special prize, the 'Lines in the Landscape' award, which seeks to find the best railway-related photography. This year's winner will have the chance to visit the iconic Forth Bridge and take the engineers' lift to the top of the structure – a unique experience and a great opportunity for any photographer.

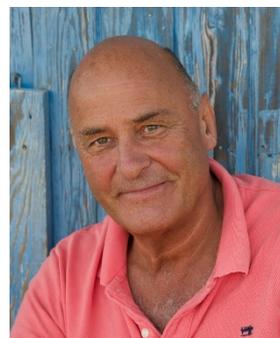
Network Rail have been a key partner of the awards for six years and the annual London exhibition moved to Britain's busiest station, London Waterloo, in 2014.

David Biggs, director of commercial property for Network Rail said:

"An important part of our Railway Upgrade Plan is creating stations that are truly exceptional places for commuters, leisure travellers and for those wanting to visit stations in their own right. The Landscape Photography exhibition proved extremely popular while on display at London Waterloo station, and we are delighted to bring it to other parts of the country where it can be enjoyed by millions more people. I hope that the exhibition inspires budding photographers to go out and capture their favourite railway image and enter into the competition."

Awards founder, Charlie Waite added:

"Britain's railways are very close to my heart and their place in the British landscape provides a great deal of visual inspiration for photographers. When the first winner of the Awards was announced back in 2007, I never imagined that we would be given the chance to showcase future competitions at some of the biggest and busiest stations in the country. Network Rail's ongoing and invaluable support has enabled our exhibitions to be amongst the most accessible in the country."



Could you be the 10th Landscape Photographer of the Year? The 2016 competition is now open and will close to entries on 10th July 2016. Full details at: www.take-a-view.co.uk

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Awards founder, Charlie Waite will be visiting exhibitions on the following days

between 10am and 2.30pm

Birmingham New Street 29th April

Liverpool Lime Street 9th May

Leeds City 20th May

www.take-a-view.co.uk

For more information, please contact: info@take-a-view.co.uk



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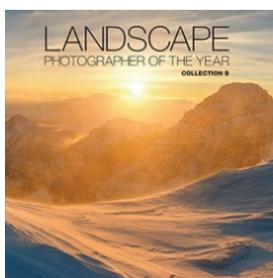


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