



Harrogate Photographic Society Yearbook 2025/26

It is with great pride and pleasure that I introduce the Harrogate Photographic Society yearbook for 2025/26.

The images shown here exemplify our Society's chief aims, to inspire our members, to encourage them share their enthusiasm and expertise and to prompt others to join us, to share our enjoyment of photography. In particular, shown on these pages are images by our digital and print competition winners and runners up; all champions.

Our various competitions, colour and monochrome, attract an impressively wide field of participants from amongst our members. We have annual and monthly single image PDI contests, as well as annual print single image ones.

We also have a panel competition, inspiring members to create an array of images to illustrate their stated theme. The 2025/26 winning panel, by Michelle Bray is of Gannets at Brampton Cliffs, a truly worthy winner.

In 2022, we started our Centenary Medal competition, to celebrate our Society's 100th year. The aim is to identify the 'supreme champion' from amongst competition winners in the current year and the previous two. The image by the 2025/26 winner, Alistair How is Lake Bled at Dawn.

Our 2026 Society exhibition is online, a new departure. This showcases the inspiring creativity of our members and enables us to reach a wider audience, for a longer period.

I proudly commend this yearbook to you, for you to enjoy.

Steve Preston

President

Thanks go to Alistair How for producing it and Vinci for funding.



Centenary Medal Winners

2022/23 - Simon Hill - Street Protest, Kill the Bill

2023/24 - Mike Morley - Icelandic volcano at sunset

2024/25 - Kelvin Smith - Winter by the River

2025/26 - Alistair How - Lake Bled



Print Awards

Trophy			Winner		Certificate		
Brotherton	Portrait and Figure	Print	Alistair How - The Queen of Hearts	Duncan Snell - The boys are back in town			
Cartmel	Landscape	Print	Steve Oxley - Muker Flower Meadows	Steve Oxley - The Langdales from Elter Water	Graeme McGibbon - Towards Anoch Eagach		
Newey	Pictorial	Print	Steve Oxley - Bird's Eye View	Len Downes - Stairwell	Katrina Brayshaw - Shattered		
Murgatroyd	Sport and action	Print	Michelle Bray - Motorbike racing at Oliver's Mount	Mike Morley - Training for the bed race	Duncan Snell - Hayabusa drag bike		
Bass and Bligh	Travel	Print	Katrina Brayshaw - Filling up, Sahel style, Mali	Alistair How - Cathedral Island, Wroclaw			
Ackril	Architecture and Manmade	Print	Len Downes - Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral	Robert Steemson - L'Anneau at Dusk, Montreal	Robert Steemson - The Altar of the Basilica of Notre-Dame, Montreal		
Menwith	Creative	Print	Steve Oxley - Sunset	Len Downes - Fritillary Family			
Ogden	Mono	Print	Katrina Brayshaw - Tranquillity	Kelvin Smith - Winter Falls	Duncan Snell - Leading lines		
Carter	Nature	Print	Duncan Snell - Grey crowned crane	Kelvin Smith - Four-spotted Chaser	Kelvin Smith - Fox Cub	Steve Oxley - Mycena Fungi	Michelle Bray - A Curlew in flight, Nidderdale
Alan Steel	Outings	Print	Robert Steemson - Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral	Robert Steemson - The Royal Liver Building, Liverpool	Ralph Woodhead - Frogeye		
Vessey	Street	Print	Simon Hill - Back of Victoria Street, Nelson, Lancashire	Graeme McGibbon - Back streets Venice			



Brotherton Trophy - Portrait and Figure

Winner

Alistair How - The Queen of Hearts

Commended

Duncan Snell - The boys are back in town



Cartmel Trophy - Landscape

Winner - Muker Flower Meadows - Steve Oxley



Commended



Graeme McGibbon - Towards Anoch Eagach

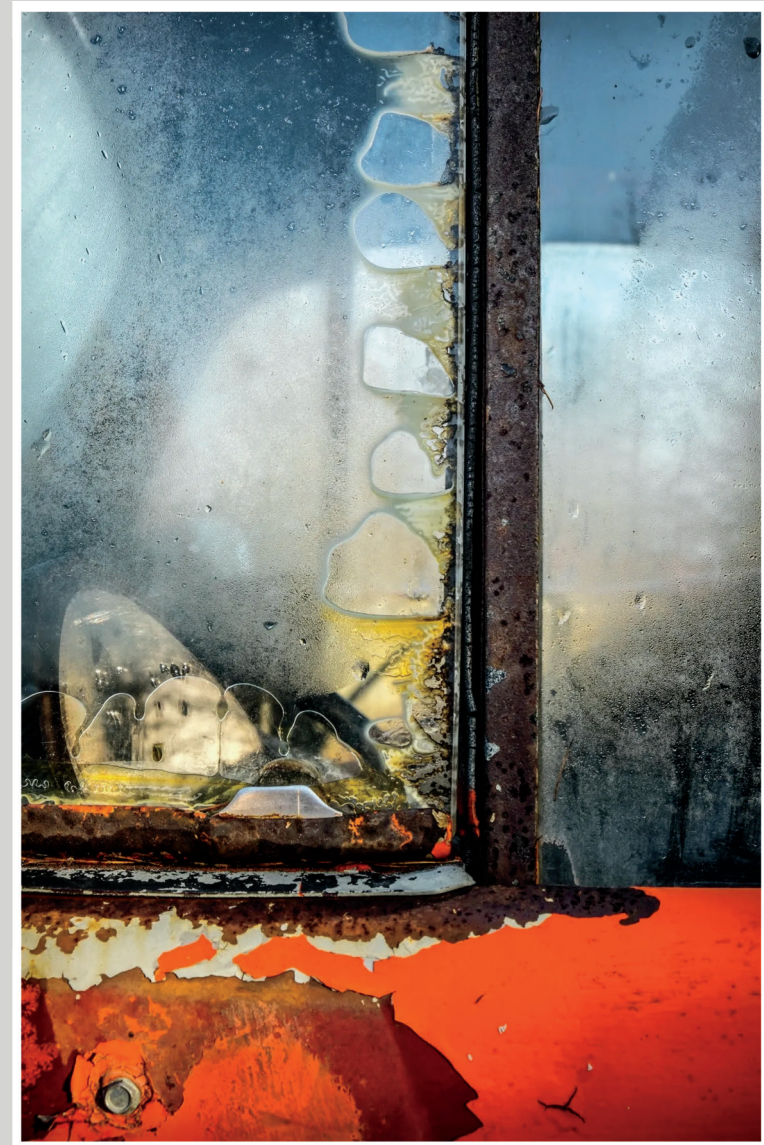
Commended



Steve Oxley - The Langdales from Elter Water

Newey Trophy - Pictorial
Winner - Steve Oxley - Bird's Eye View





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Len Downes - Stairwell Katrina Brayshaw - Shattered

Murgatroyd - Sport and Action

Winner - Michelle Bray - Motorbike racing at Oliver's Mount





Mike Morley - Training for the bed race

Commended

Duncan Snell - Hayabusa drag bike



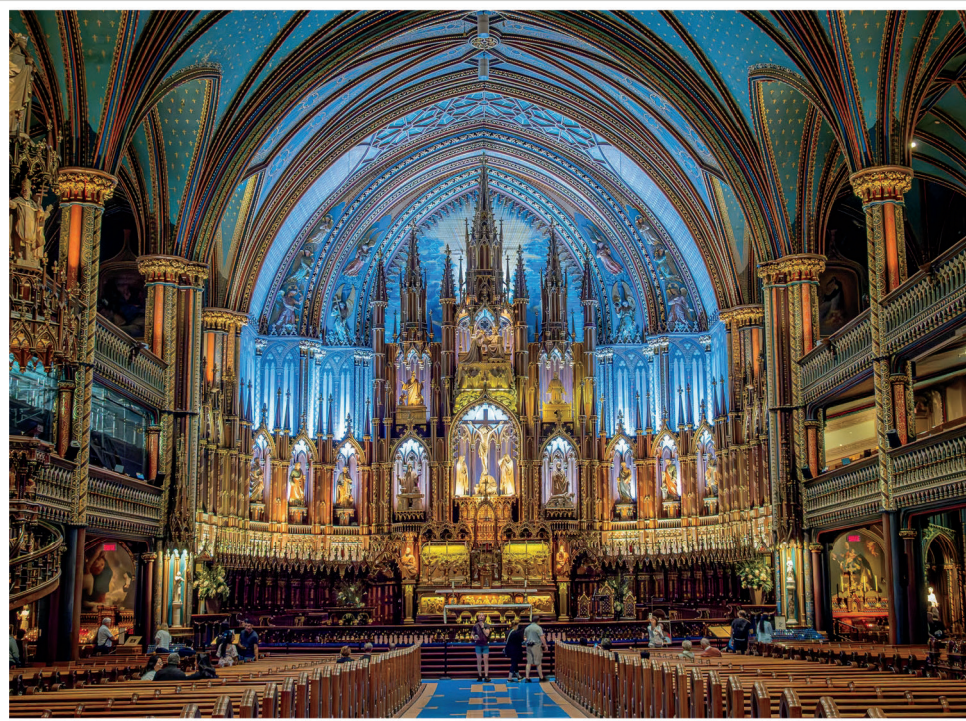
Bass and Bligh Trophy-Travel
Winner - Katrina Brayshaw - Filling up, Sahel style, Mali



Commended
Alistair How - Cathedral
Island, Wroclaw

Ackril Trophy - Architecture and Man Made
Winner - Len Downes - Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral





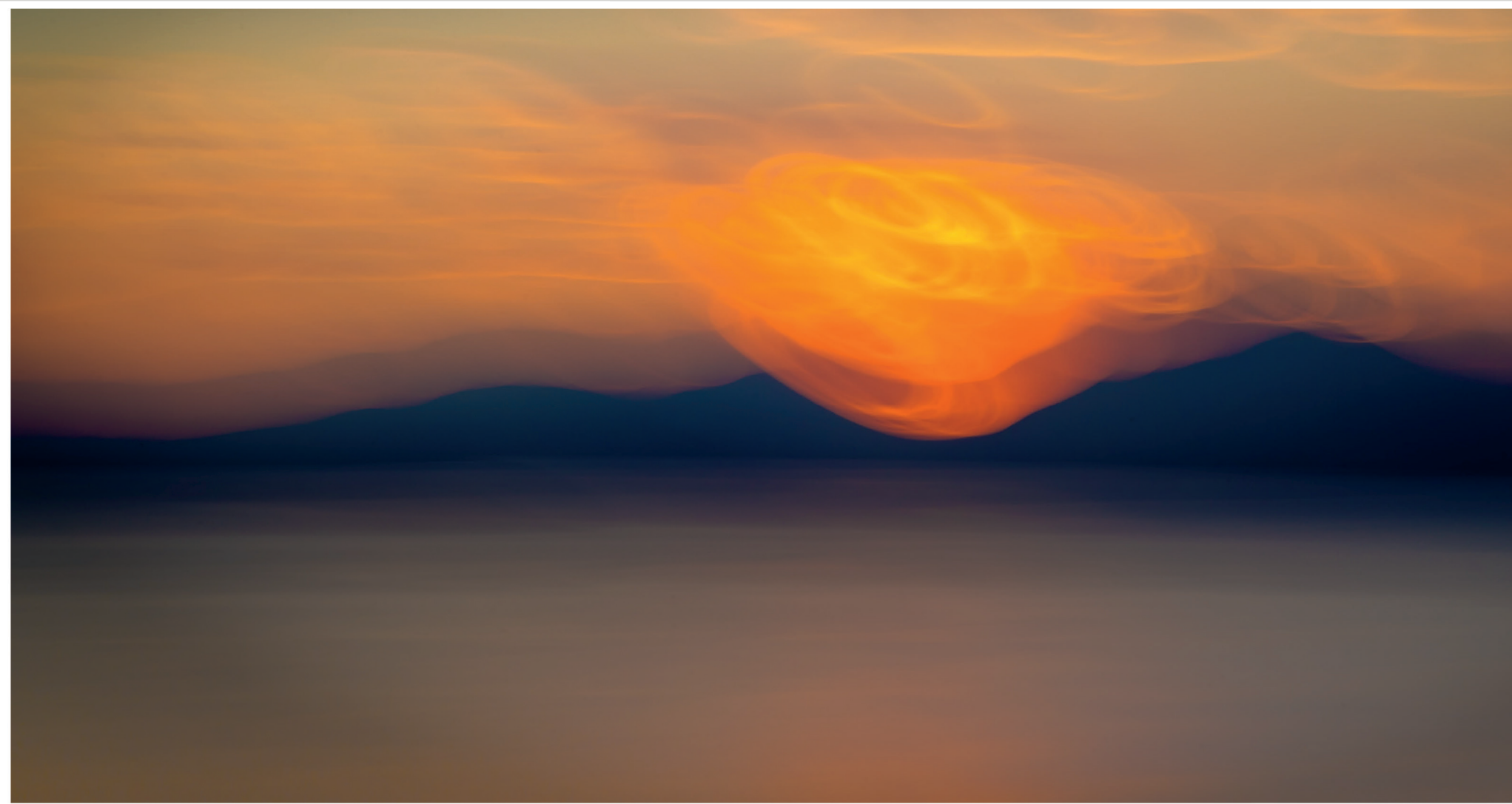
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Robert Steemson - The Altar of the
Basilica of Notre-Dame, Montreal

Robert Steemson - L'Anneau at Dusk,
Montreal



Menwith Trophy - Creative
Winner - Steve Oxley - Sunset





Commended - Creative

Len Downes - Fritillary Family

Commended - Mono

Duncan Snell - Leading lines

Kelvin Smith - Winter Falls



Ogden Trophy - Mono

Winner - Katrina Brayshaw - Tranquillity



Carter Trophy - Nature
Winner - Duncan Snell - Grey crowned crane





Commended
Kelvin Smith - Four-spotted Chaser
Michelle Bray - A Curlew in flight, Nidderdale
Kelvin Smith - Fox Cub
Steve Oxley - Mycena Fungi



Alan Steel Trophy - Outings

Winner - Robert Steemson - Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral





Commended Outings

Ralph Woodhead -
Frogeye

Robert Steemson - The
Royal Liver Building,
Liverpool



Commended Street

Graeme McGibbon - Back
streets Venice



Vessey Trophy - Street
Winner - Simon Hill - Back of Victoria Street, Nelson, Lancashire



Trophy			Winner	Commended				
Marshall	Portrait and Figure	PDI	Len Downes - Madame Butterfly	Len Downes - Showaddywaddy	Simon Hill - The Hon Alexandra Shackleton FRGS, London			
Counter	Mono	PDI	Ian Beck - Otter Island, Derwent water	Steve Colbourne - Fountains Abbey	Simon Hill - Walking on the Bright Side, Sheffield	Steve Oxley - Garda Boat	Steve Preston - Water! Must be a mistake	Paul Barnard. - Contemplation
Dabell	Street	PDI	Mike Gosling - The Discussion	Clive Beake - I hope you're listening to me	Simon Hill - Giving the Side Eye, Horden, County Durham	Steve Preston - Let's not look at him		
Harrogate Corporation	Nature	PDI	Duncan Snell - Sparrow hawk on the attack	Duncan Snell - Heron catching a perch	Mike Morley - Brown Hare	Robert Chandler - Brown-throated Sunbird	Ian Beck - Red Stags, Rutting Season	
Simmonds	Pictorial	PDI	Rozalia Szatanik - Portrait of Rolo	Rozalia Szatanik - Flamingo	Mike Morley - Dearly beloved	Len Downes - Looking Down		
Brown	Creative	PDI	Kelvin Smith - Gravitational Pull	Steve Oxley - Flower power	Ralph Woodhead - Colourful bottles			
Civil Service	Landscape	PDI	Michelle Bray - Reflections on Still water	Len Downes - Zig Zag Breakwater	Michael Gough - The Great Wall of China	Mike Morley - Aurora over Icelandic volcano crater		
Davidson	Travel	PDI	Katrina Brayshaw - After the rain	Alistair How - Squeezing through the back streets of Lisbon				
Allen	Architecture and Manmade	PDI	Paul McGrath - Tobacco Warehouse Detail, Liverpool	Alistair How - Hotel Atrium, Barcelona	John Brown - Lubricators on Black Five steam loco			
Eric Downer	Outings	PDI	Hazel Graves - Sealed Knot, Facing the Enemy	Ian Beck - Albert Dock Area from The Big Wheel				
Preston	Sport and Action	PDI	Len Downes - Ecstasy	Steve Colbourne - Racing for the line	Michelle Bray - The Water Jump at Bramham Horse Trials	Ian Beck - Canoe Slalom, Tees Barrage		

Marshall Trophy - Portrait and Figure
Winner - Len Downes - Madame Butterfly





Commended

Len Downes - Showaddywaddy

Simon Hill - The Hon Alexandra
Shackleton FRGS, London

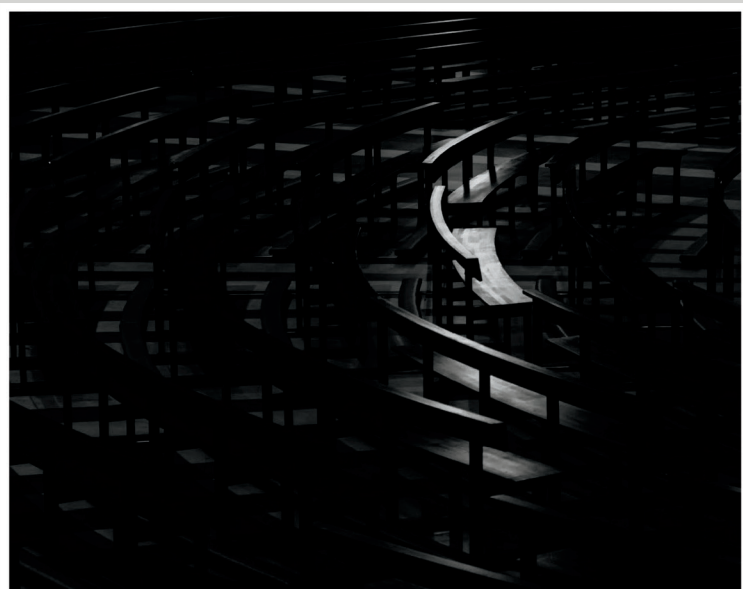
Counter Trophy - Mono
Winner - Ian Beck - Otter Island, Derwent water





Commended Mono
Simon Hill - Walking on the Bright Side, Sheffield
Steve Colbourne - Fountains Abbey
Steve Oxley - Garda Boat

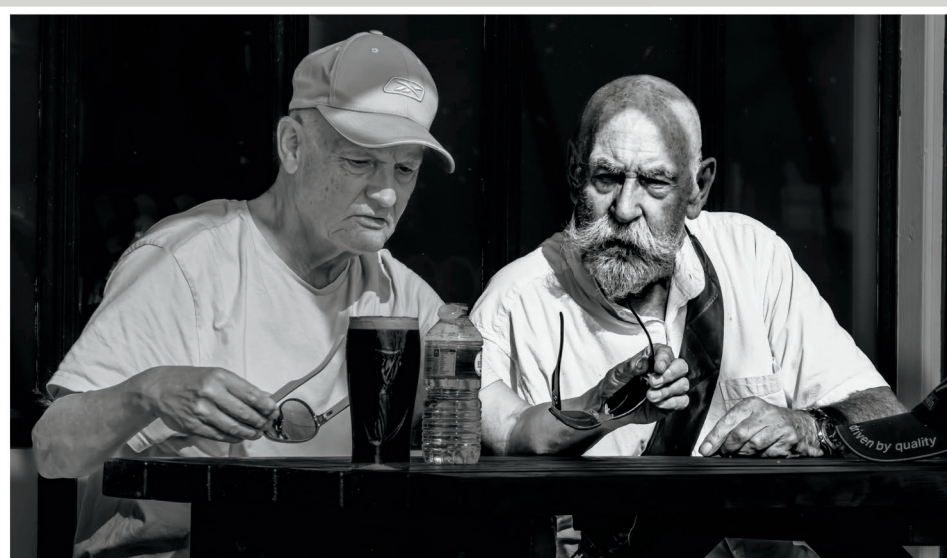




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Paul Barnard. - Contemplation
Steve Preston - Water! Must be a
mistake



Commended Street
Simon Hill - Giving the Side Eye, Horden,
County Durham
Steve Preston - Let's not look at him



Dabell Trophy - Street Winner - Mike Gosling - The Discussion





Commended Street
Clive Beake - I hope you're listening to me



Commended Nature
Ian Beck - Red Stags, Rutting Season
Robert Chandler - Brown-throated Sunbird



Harrogate Corporation Trophy - Mono
Winner - Duncan Snell - Sparrow hawk on the attack

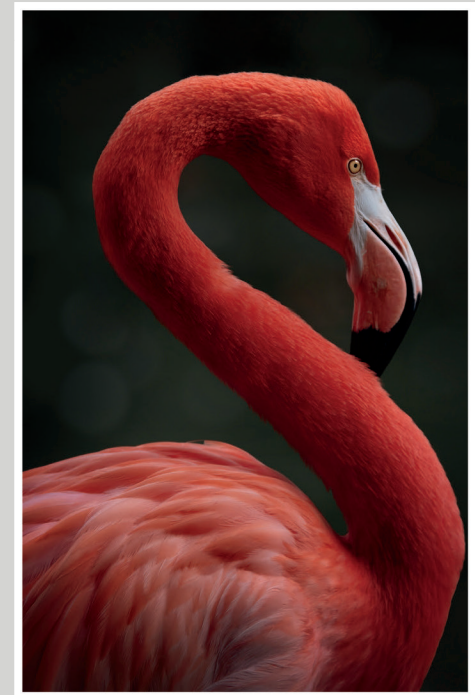




Commended Nature
Duncan Snell - Heron catching
a perch
Mike Morley - Brown Hare



Commended Pictorial
Mike Morley - Dearly
beloved
Rozalia Szatanik -
Flamingo



Simmonds Trophy - Pictorial
Winner - Rozalia Szatanik - Portrait of Rolo



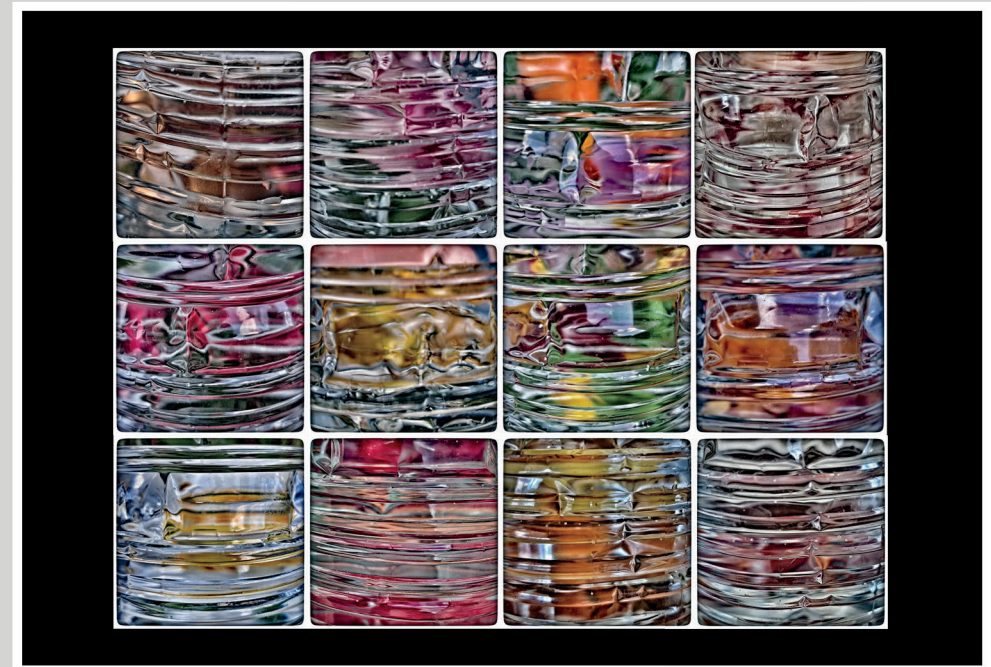


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Pictorial

Len Downes -
Looking Down

Commended
Creative

Steve Oxley -
Flower power
Ralph Woodhead -
Colourful bottles



Brown Trophy - Creative
Winner - Kelvin Smith - Gravitational Pull



Civil Service Trophy - Landscape
Winner - Michelle Bray - Reflections on Still water





Commended

Len Downes - Zig Zag Breakwater
Mike Morley - Aurora over Icelandic volcano crater
Michael Gough - The Great Wall of China

Davidson Trophy - Travel
Winner - Katrina Brayshaw - After the rain



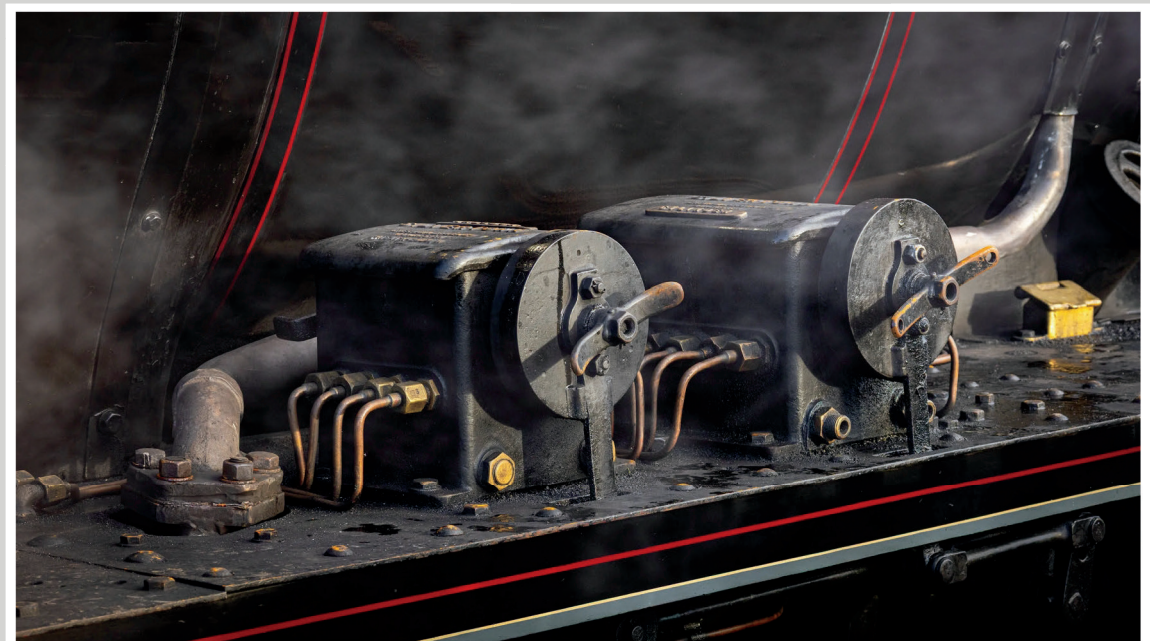


Commended Travel

Alistair How - Squeezing through the back streets of Lisbon

Commended Architecture and Man Made

Alistair How - Hotel Atrium, Barcelona
John Brown - Lubricators on Black Five steam loco



Allen Trophy - Architecture and Manmade
Winner - Paul McGrath - Tobacco Warehouse Detail, Liverpool



Eric Downer Trophy - Outings

Winner - Hazel Graves - Sealed Knot, Facing the Enemy



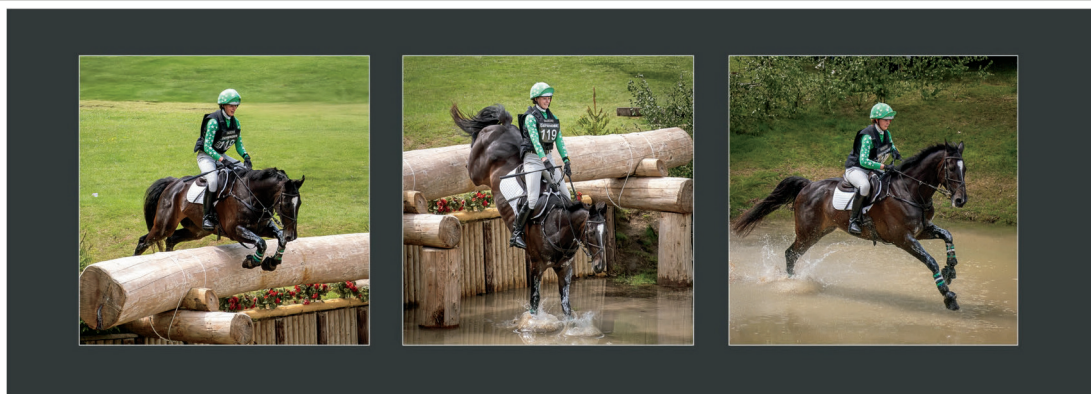


Commended Outings

Ian Beck - Albert Dock Area from The Big Wheel

Commended Sport and Action

Michelle Bray - The Water Jump at Bramham Horse Trials
Ian Beck - Canoe Slalom, Tees Barrage
Steve Colbourne - Racing for the line



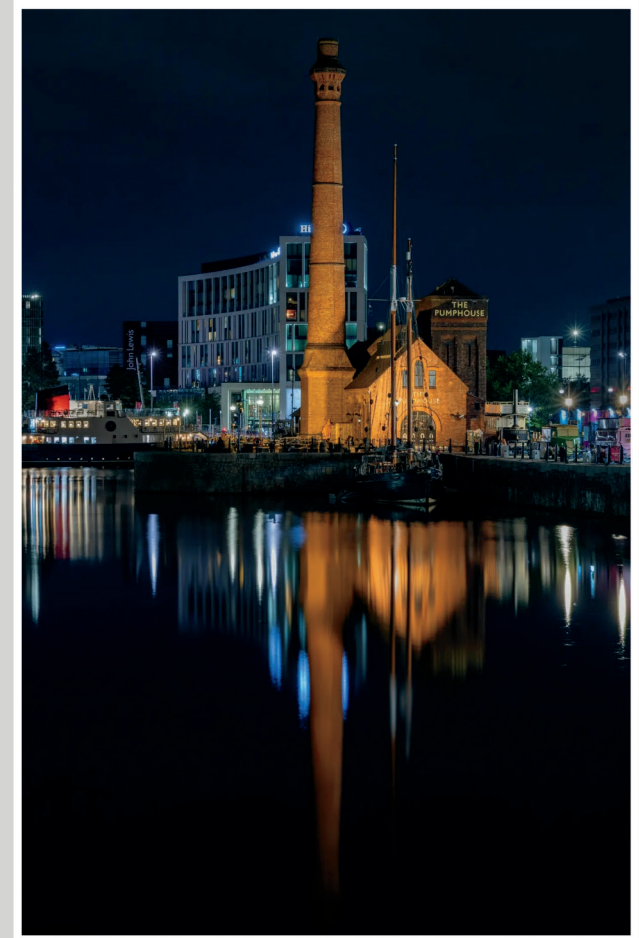
Preston Trophy - Sport and Action Winner - Len Downes - Ecstasy



Trophy			Winner	Commended				
Hepworth	Monthly	PDI	Michelle Bray A Lowry Street Scene, Durham	Brian Atter Not Quite Airborne	Michelle Bray Stained Glass Wings	Rozalia Szatanik Autumnal Musings		
				Selected				
				Paul Barnard Ready For Lift Off	Clive Beake Soft with the rough	Michelle Bray Sunset, Pembrokeshire	Michelle Bray Candlelight	Mike Hudson Untitled
				Duncan Snell YZF-R6 on the Mountain section, Cadwell Park	Robert Steemson Quebec City Hall	Alistair How Hanging on to the lead	Alistair How St Pancras London	Alistair How Cosplaying in the furnace
				John Brown Canning Dock, Liverpool	Mike Gosling Helios	Michael Gough Holly	Mike Morley Heron standing in a weir	
Bodjo	Panel	PDI	Michelle Bray Gannets at Bempton Cliffs	Clive Beake Fluidity	Michelle Bray The Formal Gardens of Newby Hall, North Yorkshire	Mike Hudson Hindu Deities, Ganga Talao Temples, Mauritius	Steve Oxley Finding gold in the woods	Mike Hudson End of The Summer at Newby Hall
Centenary Medal			Alistair How Lake Bled					

Hepworth Trophy - Monthly PDI
Winner - Michelle Bray A Lowry Street Scene, Durham

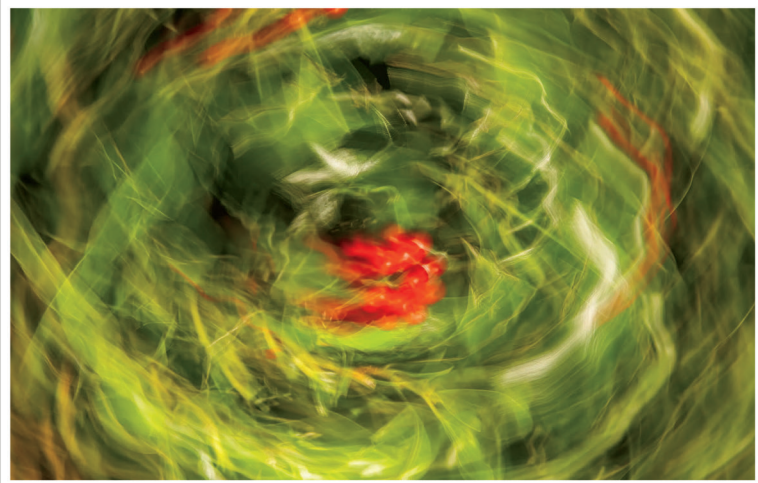




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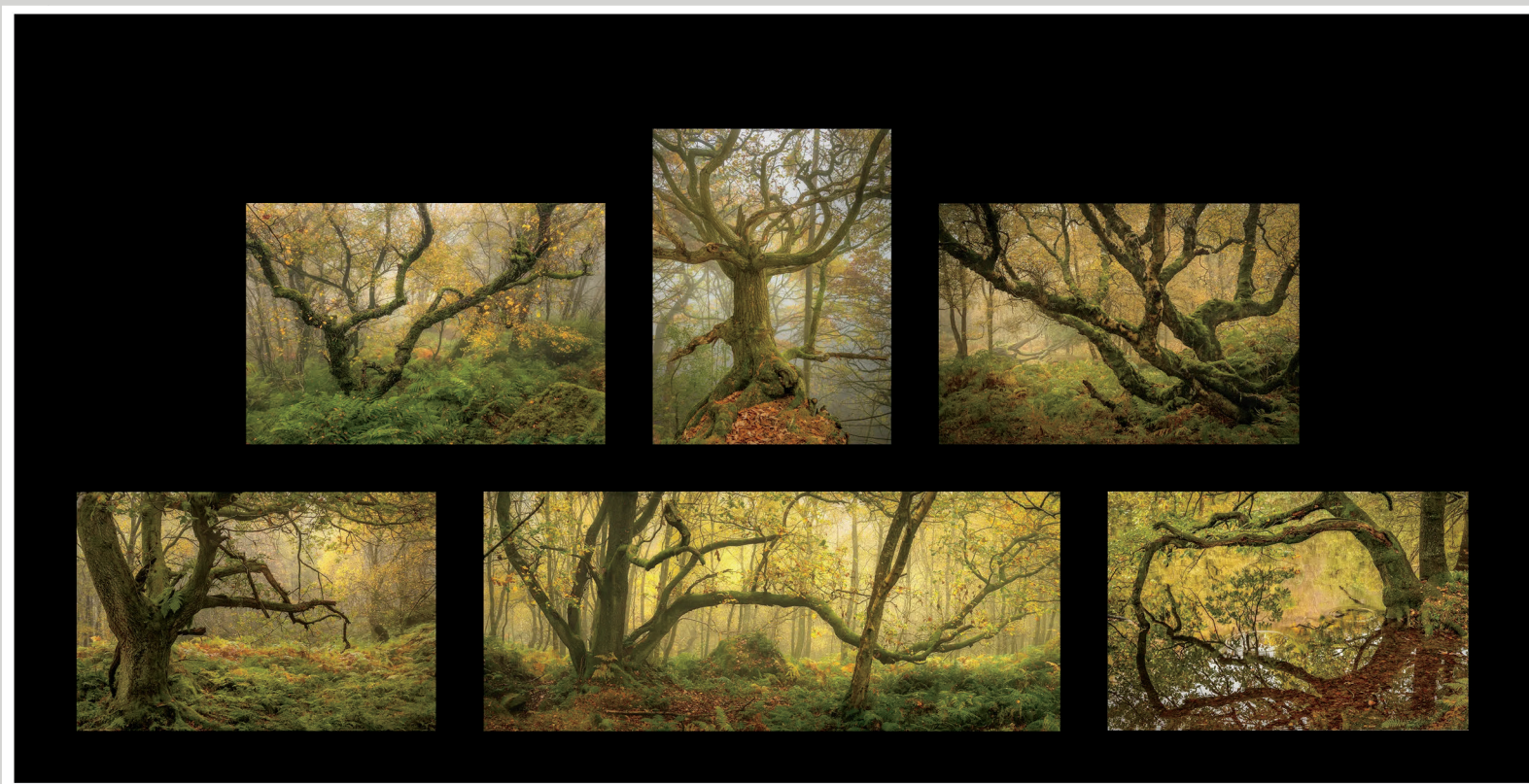


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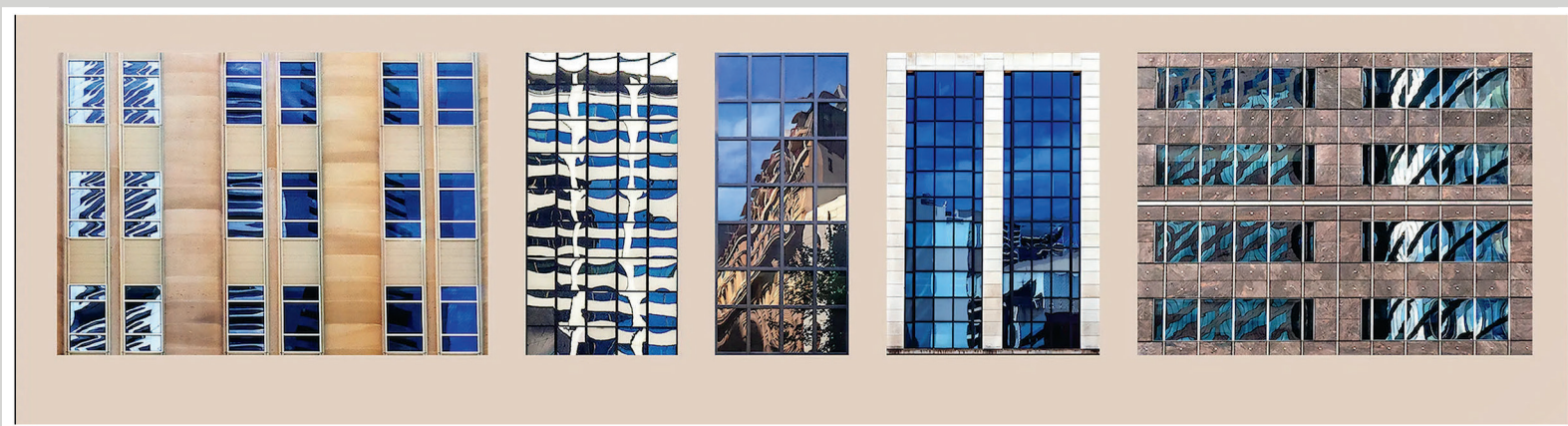
Bodjo Trophy - Landscape Winner - Michelle Bray Gannets at Bempton Cliffs





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Steve Oxley Finding gold in the woods
Clive Beake Fluidity





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Mike Hudson Hindu Deities, Ganga Talao Temples, Mauritius
Michelle Bray The Formal Gardens of Newby Hall, North Yorkshire

