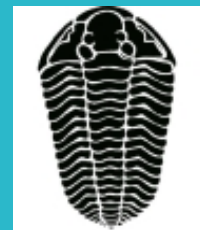


WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL GROUP & BLACK COUNTRY GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST 2014



WHAT LIES **BENEATH** OUR FEET

PRIZES:

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AS AN EXHIBITION AT DUDLEY MUSEUM & ART GALLERY
TOP 3 ENTRIES WILL BE CHOSEN BY AN INDEPENDENT JUDGING PANEL

FIRST PRIZE: £200
SECOND PRIZE: £100
THIRD PRIZE: £50

DEADLINE 31 AUGUST 2014

FOR COMPETITION RULES AND INFORMATION ON HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES, PLEASE FOLLOW:

WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL GROUP

WWW.GEOLSOC.ORG.UK/WMRG

GEOLSOC_WMRG@LIVE.CO.UK

BLACK COUNTRY GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

WWW.BCGS.INFO

SECRETARY@BCGS.INFO

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Contest is only open to UK residents who live within the postal district of the West Midlands Regional Group of the Geological Society London; post-codes starting **B, CV, DY, HR, ST, SY, TF, WR, WS** and **WV**.

NB: The Group reserves the right to request proof of address in the event of a prize being awarded.

2. It is first and foremost a bit of fun and is aimed primarily at amateur photographers. It isn't open to professionals and because we want something original, entries must not have won other competitions.

For the purposes of this competition, a professional photographer will be considered to be someone who makes more than half their annual income from the sale of their photographs.

Entrants under the age of 12 years need to have parent or guardian consent to enter.

3. The title for the contest is 'What Lies Beneath Your Feet'. This is open to individual interpretation, but should include some geological content.

Whatever you decide to photograph, please do it responsibly. Take care not to disturb any animals or damage the environment. And always follow local laws and the countryside code.

4. Entrants can submit **up to four photos**, which must be their own work and must not be merged or manipulated.

Entrants may crop, enlarge, and enhance photos to remove spots or scratches, make it brighter, clearer etc but they must not manipulate the content. In all cases, the Judges reserve the right to exclude any image whose authenticity they believe to be questionable.

5. There are three ways to submit entries:

Electronic Images - Email

Entries should be emailed to geolsoc_wmrg@live.co.uk together with the entrant's name, address and a note of where the images were taken. Entries can only be accepted as JPEG files of at least 1Mb in size (maximum of 3Mb).

Electronic Images - Twitter

Entries can be tweeted to [@WMidsGeolSoc](https://twitter.com/WMidsGeolSoc) together with a note of where the images were taken. Followers will then be asked by Direct Message from the Group for their name and address.

Printed Images - Post

Entries should be sent to [Geological Photographic Competition 2014, c/o Graham Worton \(Keeper of Geology & Manager\), Dudley Museum & Art Gallery, St James Road, Dudley, DY1 1HU](#) together with the entrant's name, address and a note of where the images were taken. Images must be no larger than A4 (210mm x 297mm)

The Group/BCGS do not accept any responsibility for any problem with the postal service which may result in any entry being lost or delayed. Sorry, we cannot return any entries.

6. Entrants will retain copyright in the photographs that they submit. By entering the competition all entrants grant to the Geological Society the right to publish and exhibit their photographs the Geological Society's website, social media channels and Geoscientist magazine.
 7. The competition closes at midnight on **Sunday 31st August 2014**.
 8. All entries will be judged by an independent panel of Judges during an evening talk to be hosted by both the Group and Black Country Geological Society, scheduled for early September 2014.
 9. The Judges will select the 10 best based on their composition, technical ability, appeal, geological content and originality. The Judges will then select the 3 overall winners. If after reasonable attempts a winning entrant cannot be contacted, the Group reserves the right to offer the place to the next best entry. The person who takes the overall winning image will receive a cash prize of £200. Second and Third placed entrants will receive £100 and £50 respectively.
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