



**GILLINGHAM &
SHAFTESBURY
SHOW** 19 & 20 AUG 2026



ART & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

Entry closing date: 28th July 2026

TURNPIKE SHOWGROUND, MOTCOMBE, SHAFTESBURY, DORSET, SP7 9PL
www.gillinghamandshaftesburyshow.co.uk

Important Dates

Entries Close: 28th July 2026, earlier if classes become full

Entry Submission: 18th August between 7:30am and 12 noon
at Turnpike Showground, Motcombe, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 9PL

Entry Collection: 20th August at 5pm. Unsold exhibits must be collected.

Please read entry conditions carefully to ensure your entry is not declined on submission.

Entry Conditions

- All exhibitors must be amateur artists/ photographers. Exhibitors with their own stand at the show will be prohibited from entering.
- All exhibits must be framed; unframed canvas blocks are acceptable. Maximum **frame** size: Art 76cm x 76cm Photography: 60cm x 50cm
- All pictures and photographs, including canvas blocks must have a hanging cord (**not wire**) attached. **The cord must be attached to two D rings or eyelets, one on each side of the frame.** The cord should be strong enough to hold the weight and not visible when hung. **Single saw tooth hangers will not be accepted.**
- Maximum number of entries per exhibitor is 10.
- The artwork or photograph must not have been exhibited in the show before.
- The entry fee is £3 per artwork or photograph.
- An A7 label (7.5cm x 10cm) should be attached to hang below the exhibit. To include the following information:

Art

Title of work
Name of Artist
Class entered
Medium
Price

If you wish to accept commissions,
also provide contact details.

Photography

Title of work
Name of Photographer
Class entered
Location (for landscape/seascape)
Price

If you wish to sell prints, include the price
this needs to include postage and packaging.

- Write name, contact details and price on the back of all exhibits.
- Signatures on art exhibits must be covered with masking tape for judging.
- Exhibits in classes A1-A4 & P1-P4 must be for sale. Minimum price £30, 10% commission of all sales will go to the show
- Balance of sales and prizes will be forward to exhibitors by BACs transfer. **Please ensure you include your BAC's details on your entry form.**
- All exhibits should be the exhibitors own work, if an artwork is a copy of another artist's work then this should be clearly stated. No prints of artwork will be accepted.
- Under 16's may compete in classes A1-A4 & P1-P4. Age specific Art & Photography classes are available in the Horticultural Schedule.
- Entries into the youth classes (A5 & P5) are not required to be for sale. Please indicate NFS.
- Prize winning entries, if purchased will not be removed until the end of the show.
- An admission ticket for **one** day of the show will be issued to any exhibitor who enters **6 or more artworks/ photographs.** Tickets will be issued on 18th August.

ART CLASSES

The size of the frame must not exceed 76cm, x 76cm (30 inches x 30 inches)
Unclothed nudes are not permitted.

- CLASS A1** Monochrome (one colour or black & white)
- CLASS A2** Polychrome (multi colours) - Oil or Acrylic single media
- CLASS A3** Polychrome (multi colours) - All other single media
- CLASS A4** Mixed Media
- CLASS A5** Youth Class (16-18 years) - any media

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

The size of the frame must not exceed 60cm x 50cm (24 inches x 20 inches)
Portraits are not permitted.

- CLASS P1** Monochrome
- CLASS P2** Landscape or Seascape
- CLASS P3** Nature & Wildlife - Animal or Plant life
- CLASS P4** Macro
- CLASS P5** Youth Class (16-18 years) - any of the above

PRIZES FOR CLASSES A1-A4 & P1-P4

1st: £20 2nd: £15 3rd: £10

PRIZES FOR CLASSES A5 & P5

Up to 3 prizes of £10 awarded

The Pammy Coward Best in Show Art Award: £25

The Photography Best in Show Award: £25

Biographies

Each adult exhibitor may if they wish, provide a short biography about themselves.
Maximum 200 words. A5 or business card size.

This can include contact details to allow members of the public to follow up on any questions about exhibitors work or enquire about commissions.

Entry Details

Online: www.gillinghamandshaftesburyshow.co.uk/compete

In Person: Show Office, Gate 0, Turnpike Showground, Motcombe, Shaftesbury,
Dorset, SP7 9PL

Payment to be made by card, cash or by BAC's (cheques will not be accepted)

Please contact the Show Office with any queries regarding entries or payment

Email: compete@gillinghamandshaftesburyshow.co.uk

Phone: 01747 823 955

Entries that do not conform to the entry conditions when submitted to the exhibition marquee will not be accepted. Entry will not be refunded.

