

Hillview 'Friends' Photographic Competition:

Rules

1) The subject for the Hillview Photographic Competition is "Friends".

The theme is open to individual interpretation, but photos should capture a moment that depicts 'friends' in one way or another. Entries must have the equine world at their heart. The Judges decision as to the eligibility of individual photographs will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

2) Photographs entered must be taken in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

3) Entrants can submit **up to two photos** as uploads to the correct Hillview Forum, in colour or black and white. Only one photo by any individual entrant can be included in the final shortlist. Printed images cannot be accepted.

4) Images may be NOT digitally enhanced in any way. The judges reserve the right to exclude any image they believe may have been altered in such a way as to change its authenticity.

5) The competition is open to **UK residents only** (including residents of the Channel Islands and Isle of Man).

Entrants will have to join the Hillview Forum to submit their images.

Employees Hillview Riding Stables, as well as their immediate families, are not eligible to enter.

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

6) Entrants must not be professional photographers and, for the purposes of this competition, a professional photographer will be considered to be someone who makes more than quarter of their annual income from the sale of their photographs.

7) Each entry should be marked the name of the photographer and state where/when the photo was taken.

8) Hillview Stables will only ever use personal details for the purposes of administering the scheme. Please see the Hillview [Privacy Policy](#).

9) Entries should be posted** to the 'Friends' Board on the Photo Competition part of the forum: <http://forum.hillview-riding-stables.co.uk/index.php?board=10.0> .

Please create a new topic for your entry, topic title should include "'Friends' Competition".

10) The competition entries closes at **midnight on Friday 15th October, 2010**.

Entries posted after this date will not be considered. Competition Judging closes on 30th October 2010 and the winner will be announced shortly afterwards.

Hillview Stables cannot accept any responsibility for any problem with the website/forum which may result in any entry being lost or delayed. In the event of problems please contact the webmaster for details of how to submit your entry.

Entries will not be returned, so please remember to keep a copy. Unsuccessful entrants will not be contacted and no feedback on any entry will be provided.

11) All photographs will be judged on the following criteria:

- Composition
- Technical ability
- Originality
- Interpretation of the competition theme

12) The photographs will be judged through the following process:

• **Stage One**

A judging panel comprised of Hillview Staff will review all entries and select an initial list of potential winners, based on the above criteria.

• **Stage Two**

The Staff will then review all the entries on the list and select a shortlist of 12 entries based on the above criteria. The Staff will also select their overall favourite.

• **Stage Three: The Public Vote**

All 12 shortlisted entries will be featured on the Hillview Website & Facebook page, and the visitors will be asked to vote for their favourite. The winner will be the entry which receives the most votes by close of the competition on 30th October 2010.

13) The prize for the winner is a Limited Edition Print by Lidia Kiernan, kindly donated by Kimmy McLellan. Kimmy bought the print after it was donated by the artist for our charity. The prize is as stated and cannot be deferred or transferred. There will be no cash alternatives.

14) The images from the finalists from the shortlist will appear on the Hillview Website.

15) In the event of a technical problem or evidence of impropriety with regard to the website/facebook vote, the judges shall have the final decision. If the website/facebook vote results in a tie, the judges shall have the casting vote. The judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence can be entered into.

16) All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. The entrants must be the sole owner of copyright in all photographs entered and must have obtained permission of any people featured in the entries, or their parents/guardians if children under 16 are featured. Further, entrants must not have breached any laws when taking their photographs.

17) Prior to submission, entrants must not have offered any of their entries for sale, been paid for any publication of any of their entries, or won or been a runner-up in any other photographic competition with any of their entries.

18) Entrants will retain copyright in the photographs that they submit to the Hillview Photo Competition. By entering the competition, all entrants grant to Hillview Stables the right to publish and exhibit their photographs on the Hillview website/s. Entrants whose photographs are one of the finalists or selected to appear in the Hillview Website/s pursuant to paragraph 11 above grant to Hillview Stables the further rights to publish and exhibit their photographs in print, on the respective websites or in any other media. No fees will be payable for any of the above uses. Entrants whose photographs are one of the finalists may also be called upon to take part in post-competition publicity. While we make every effort to credit photographers, including in printed reproductions of their work, we cannot guarantee that every use of the photographs will include the photographers' names.

19) By entering, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these rules and Hillview Stables reserves the right to exclude any entry from the competition at any time and in its absolute discretion if Hillview Stables has reason to believe that an entrant has breached these rules.

20) Hillview Stables reserves the right to cancel this competition or alter any of the rules at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, and if circumstances arise outside of its control.

21) If the winner is unable to be contacted after reasonable attempts have been made, Hillview Stables reserves the right to either offer the prize to a runner-up or to re-offer the prize in any future competition.

22) These rules are governed by the laws of England and Wales. This competition is administered by Hillview Riding Stables.