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### Local youngsters “Light up the Community” with their photography

*Scott Boyd claimed the West Berkshire Rotary Young Photographer 2015 Award by capturing atmospheric shots of Newbury on a winter’s night. The Competition awards were presented today by the Mayor of Newbury and the President of Newbury Rotary Club at the exhibition of entries being hosted by the West Berkshire Museum.*

#### **Newbury, Berkshire England, March 28th, 2015 :**

Today the Mayor of Newbury, Councillor Jo Day, and Hemant Amin, President of Newbury Rotary Club, presented the winners of this year’s West Berkshire Rotary Young Photographer 2015 Competition winners with their awards during their visit to the exhibition of entries at the West Berkshire Museum.

The overall winner and winner of the 11-13 year age category was Scott Boyd. Scott is a pupil at Kennet School but it was during a winter’s evening photo-shoot with his father, John Boyd, a teacher of photography at Mary Hare School, that he captured a series of atmospheric shots of Newbury.

One of the judges, Laura Cassar, a professional photographer with Adam Hillier Photography, said that Scott demonstrated “technical and creative skills beyond his years and really good use of photo-editing. Even the choice of paper is inspired.”

Megan Wilson, also a student at Kennet School, claimed first prize in the senior age category. It was Megan’s “creative eye” that caught the attention of the judges.

Senior Merit Awards were presented to 3 pupils from Trinity School: Hannah Walters, Daniel Hare and Bethany Kingston.

The West Berkshire Young Photographer is an annual competition organized by Newbury Rotary Club and is open to all students from across West Berkshire between the ages of 11-18 years. This year’s theme was “Light up the Community” which provided a great deal of creative leeway for our local youngsters to show off both the technical and artistic prowess. The competition has been generously supported by Newbury Weekly News and by Adam Hillier Photography.

The exhibition of photographs runs at the West Berkshire Museum until June 7<sup>th</sup>. “This is a great setting for these lovely photographs,” Mayor, Councillor Jo Day, “ This is the first community exhibition at the newly refurbished Museum and Victoria Barlow, the Museum curator, and her team have done an

excellent job. Anything we can do to encourage our local youngsters to develop and showcase their talent is just so worth it.”

Visiting members of the public have the opportunity to vote for their favourite photograph. The most popular entry will be awarded the “Newbury Weekly News Best Photograph” Trophy after the vote closes on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

The 2016 competition theme will be announced later this year.

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Photos 1-6 attached

**About Newbury Rotary Club** [www.newburyrotary.org](http://www.newburyrotary.org)

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Rotary’s main objective is service in the community, in the workplace, and around the globe. There are 1.2 million Rotarians who make up more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in nearly every country in the world who all share a dedication to the ideal of Service Above Self. The Rotary Club of Newbury is one of those clubs.

The Rotary Club of Newbury is one of 1,850 clubs within *Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland* (RIBI) which has in total over 53,000 members. It in turn, is an integral part of Rotary International, the world's first service organisation.

In local communities alone, each club raises many thousands of pounds for community projects and local charities. Members also volunteer their time - supervising community events, running a host of projects aimed at promoting the achievements of young people, coordinating educational programmes, and supporting local businesses.

**About Adam Hillier Photography:** [www.adamhillierphotography.co.uk](http://www.adamhillierphotography.co.uk)

AHP are a professional photography business based in Newbury Berkshire – offering family portraits, wedding photography and commercial photography. With a well-regarded reputation for an excellent experience resulting in beautiful images presented in the most stunning products.

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Scott Boyd's winning entries - West Berkshire Young Photographer 2015 :



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Megan Wilson : 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (Senior 14-17 yrs):

