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A clean sweep for Kennet School students in West Berks Rotary Young Photographer Competition

The 2016 West Berkshire Rotary Young Photographers Competition, in both age categories has been won by Kennet School students, Zahra Hall and Emili Deacon. Merits were also awarded to Kennet students, Milos Gosray, Yu Hang Yeung, Isabel Pagliaroli and Hayley Short.

Newbury, Berkshire England, March 24th, 2016 :

The 2016 West Berkshire Young Photographer Competition has proved to be a showcase for the talent being cultivated in the Photography courses at Kennet School under the tutelage of Naomi Martin and Baz Manning in the Art Department.

“The technical ability of entries to this competition increases year on year. It makes finding a winner for us as judges increasingly difficult as we need to look closely at the creativity of the portfolios and grade them on just how well they have met this year’s brief of “Our world is beautiful,” said Adam Hillier. Adam was one of a panel of 3 acclaimed local photographers including Paul Sievers and Hungerford Rotarian Llewellyn Roberts who judged the entries.

Zahra Hall’s portfolio , the overall winner and winner of the 11-14 year age category, was good technically and creatively but excelled by pulling the photographs together descriptively as “Nature’s Second Identity- a beautiful aspect of our world”.

Emili Deacon, claimed first prize in the senior (15-18) age category. Her portfolio, described as “the mysterious side of experiencing something new in our beautiful world”, excelled in its creativity.

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 “Our World is Beautiful” which provided a great deal of creative leeway for our local youngsters to show off both their technical and artistic prowess. The competition has been generously supported by Newbury Weekly News and by Adam Hillier Photography.

An exhibition of all 24 photograph portfolio entries will be held at the West Berkshire Museum from May 6th until July 31st.

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Visiting members of the public will 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 July 24th.

The 2017 competition theme will be announced later this year. Entries are invited from all West Berkshire Schools, Youth Community groups or individuals. Visit www.newburyrotary.org for more information.

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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

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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Zahra Hall's winning entries - West Berkshire Young Photographer 2016 :



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Emili Deacon : 1st Prize (Senior 15-17 yrs):

