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Snap up a prize by capturing beautiful West Oxfordshire on camera

The search is on to find photographs that capture the very best of West Oxfordshire.

From scenic images of local towns, villages, countryside and buildings, to atmospheric shots encapsulating what it is like to live in the area, photographers of all abilities and ages are being invited to send in their snaps to the District Council.

The Council is looking for photographs to help show off the uniqueness of West Oxfordshire, which it brands as the 'Oxfordshire Cotswolds' to market the area as part of work to support and encourage tourism.

It is the fifth year that the Council has run a photographic competition and this year's winner will receive a ready-to-hang art canvas of their image donated by Witney-based Blueprint Imaging Ltd, as well as afternoon tea for two served in the Wedgwood Lounge courtesy of De Vere Venues Heythrop Park Resort.

The winning photograph and a selection of some of the best entries will be used in the Council's tourism marketing publications and on the website www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org.

Cllr Richard Langridge, Cabinet Member with responsibility for tourism, said: "West Oxfordshire is a beautiful part of England with stunning countryside and traditional buildings and historic towns. We have vibrant communities, interesting places to visit and an endless list of things to do, along with shopping opportunities and a diverse range places to eat, have fun or relax.

"We're looking for images that really get to the heart of West Oxfordshire and capture what it has to offer to help us show everyone just what a fantastic place this is."

For full details and a competition entry form visit: www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org/photos or contact Diane Blackwell on 01993 861553; email: diane.blackwell@westoxon.gov.uk.

The closing date for entries is Monday 31 March. All images should be of high enough quality for enlargement up to A4 size.

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Notes to editors

The winner of the 2013 Oxfordshire Cotswolds Photographic Competition was amateur photographer Paul Chapman, of Enstone, whose image showed a traditional red post box surrounded by daffodils in Clevy. A copy of the image is attached.

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