

HOPEFULLY HELPFUL HINTS: 10

Camera Club Competitions

Benefits

- Allow members to show their work to others
- You get a critique from an independent external judge
- You may get feedback from other club members
- You can monitor your progress by seeing how well you're doing over a period of time
- Your images may be selected to represent the club in external competitions
- You may receive a trophy or certificate
- Even if you don't enter it allows you to see the work of others and learn from the judges critique

Downside

- Judges critiques and marks are sometimes based on a specific and sometimes clichéd point of view dictated by their attendance at Judges Workshops

Overall

- Don't get disillusioned if you don't do that well
- A judge's opinion is that of one individual on the night, who may have certain preferences and dislikes - and can be affected by how they are feeling on the night!
- Just because an image doesn't do well with one judge doesn't mean that it won't be received favourably by another - **and vice versa!**
- For some, entering competitions is a very important part of their hobby but it doesn't have to be the driving force behind your photography. If that's the case, fine - just take and enter pictures of what you like.
- The benefits far outweigh the downside