

BWP Awards 2026 Winners

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The winners of the British Wildlife Photography Awards 2026 have been revealed, and it was an underwater image that clinched the overall win. Paul Hobson's wonderful winning shot—which was also top of the “Black and White” category—shows a toad gliding across the surface of a crystal-clear pond, located near the

photographer's home in Sheffield, UK.

Interestingly, Hobson's wildlife subjects are nearly always above water, and he had to build a “glass box” to keep his camera dry for this image. “I had to add ballast to make sure it would sink and used old tripod legs glued to its sides to keep the box level,” Hobson writes in his caption. “I

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Overall Winner – Winner, Black & White: “A Toad Swims Across Its Woodland Pond” by Paul Hobson

triggered the camera using an adapted long cable release.”

Among the other categories, underwater shooters will be most interested in “Coast & Marine,” whose winners were mostly underwater images. DPG Photographer of the Week James Lynott was the category winner, with a fabulous photo of a fluorescing spiny squat lobster, while DPG Photographer of the Week Kirsty Andrews had not one but two of her pictures “Highly Commended.”

To see all the winning images, head over to the British Wildlife Photography Awards website.

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