

# EPG COMPETITION

## Exmouth in Bloom 2026 Calendar

### **Introduction:**

Every year, Exmouth in Bloom (EIB) publishes a calendar to raise funds and increase community awareness of the efforts of this hardworking group of volunteers. The calendars are very popular and showcase beautiful flowering plants and trees around Exmouth in public parks and EIB-managed beds and containers. The photographs in the calendar usually come from a variety of sources, but for the 2026 calendar, they will be selected by Exmouth in Bloom via a competition that has been specially devised exclusively for EPG members. This collaboration between the two groups will be mutually beneficial.

The winning photographs will be featured in the 2026 calendar, and the lucky photographers will be awarded a free calendar and their images will be credited. The winners will also be invited to the launch of the calendar at the World of Country Life (May 2025). EPG will be given free publicity e.g. advertising space in the back of the calendar.

### **Calendar Preview Video:**

The video below shows the 2024 calendar.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1o9K03OwJI9bplzCPZ5RN0C-KyF9hIk0P/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1o9K03OwJI9bplzCPZ5RN0C-KyF9hIk0P/view?usp=drive_link)

The printed size of the monthly photograph is approximately 15cm x 13cm. There is a row of perforations 0.5 cms from the top of each photo where the calendar ring binding is inserted. There is also a 1 cm semicircle cut out in the centre at the top to enable the 'hanger' to be more accessible. The front cover is 29.5cms x 15cms and may contain a single image or collage which will have an overlay of the title banner and logo.

## **COMPETITION RULES**

### **Season:**

The competition period runs throughout 2024 until mid-January 2025. The aim is to take photographs of attractive flowers, bushes and trees in identifiable locations around Exmouth to illustrate the different seasons. Because flowering seasons are so variable, EIB will be flexible when assigning photographs to specific months in the calendar (they may not be the same as the month or season in which they were taken).

### **Location:**

Images are not restricted to EIB planted beds and containers – they can feature other attractively planted locations. All locations must be either in, or viewable from, publicly accessible areas such as parks or pavements. Photographs of plants taken from inside private gardens will not be accepted.

**Categories and Photo Orientation:**

- Cover (Portrait)
- Spring (Landscape)
- Summer (Landscape)
- Autumn (Landscape)
- Winter (Landscape)

**Entry Details:**

- Up to 4 images per person
- A maximum of 1 image per category
- Photographs taken in 2023 and 2024-25 are accepted
- All images must be high quality colour jpegs (2MB+)
- Basic editing is allowed, but composite images or AI-created additions are not permitted

**Closing Date:** January 25, 2025

**Submission Details:**

- All images should be submitted together in one email during January 2025 before the closing date of January 25, 2025.
- The email should be sent to Marion Drew at [justamazing49@hotmail.com](mailto:justamazing49@hotmail.com)
- The images should be attached to the email and not embedded in the body.
- Photograph title format: your images should be identified by your "initial.surname-location" e.g. s.morton-phear park
- The body of your email should include your full name, a list of your 4 chosen categories containing the title of your images. Full location details can also be supplied if they are not obvious from your title. Descriptive titles for the photographs are optional but need not be included – they are usually provided by EIB.