

# BCSS Teesside Branch Photo Competition 2019

By popular demand and, to continue to encourage members to photograph their plants, there will again be a branch photography competition.

- Entry is open to any Teesside Branch member. Each member may enter **up to three images in each of two classes:-**
  - **Class One : One or more cactus plants**
  - **Class Two : One or more Other Succulent plants**
- It is not necessary for the images to be of the entire plant, nor do they need to include flowers. On the other hand, the image may be just of a flower (or part thereof) with no other part of the plant visible.
- Images must be submitted digitally (on a USB flash drive or via e-mail to ***photocomp@teessidecacti.org***) in JPG format.
- Submitted images **must have been photographed during 2019** (*Hint: make sure that you've set the correct date via your camera menu before taking photographs!*).
- There is no requirement for photographs to be taken using specialist photographic equipment (one of last year's winners was taken using a phone). Images may be any shape and size, however, very low resolution images may be penalised if this results in pixellation or loss of definition when viewed 'full screen'.
- Images may be 'as taken' or may have been subject to enhancement in image editing software, but preference will be given to images that look 'natural' (as opposed to art-based interpretations, or un-realistic composite images).
- Judging will be based on the photographic merit (e.g. focus, exposure, lighting, composition, etc.) of the entry, not of the condition or rarity of the plant(s) in the image. However, be aware that badly marked or presented plants would be penalised as poor composition.
- The judge will be John Ellis.
- The closing date for entries is **30<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. Only entries received by the judge on or before that date will be considered.

All entries submitted will be shown as "Members' Pictures" following the AGM in November. The winners will be announced at that time.