

## Mounting Prints for Competitions

**All prints must be mounted for competitions:**

### Size

Photos can be printed any size for competitions and must be mounted in 50 x 50cm board. This size must be used for both internal and external competitions

**Colour.** Any colour mount is permitted, but off white such as 'antique white' or 'pale ivory' is often a complementary colour for both colour and mono work. Black is sometimes used, but other colours should be used with care to ensure that they complement the work.

### Methods of mounting:

**Surface mounting** by gluing the print directly to the mounting board, is permitted, but will leave the print vulnerable to scratching when the prints are handled. Air bubbles and loose edges should be avoided. .

**Window Mounting** is the best method. A window is cut in the mount board – ideally with a bevelled edge, and the print is attached to the back facing out through the window.

**Professional Mounting** is offered by all the framing shops in Bath, but please check the price by telephone as it can be much more expensive than doing it yourself.

### Window Mounting Tips

- Hire the BPS mount cutter and learn how to use it
- Lay your print on the mount board to decide the best position. Ideally, the border should be slightly wider at the bottom than at the top.
- Measure your print. Deduct 4mm all round – this will be the size of the window.
- Turn the mount board over and mark out where you will cut the window.
- Use the mount cutter to cut the window.
- Do not cut unless you are sure of the position and dimensions!
- Position your print in the window and tape it in position with a good quality tape adhesive tape.
- Protect the back of the mount and print with a thinner protective cardboard sheet.
- Do not use a second mounting board as this makes the prints too thick for the BPS frames if you want to show your work in the RUH
- Ideally fix your print at the top only so that it hangs freely between the mount and the backing cardboard. This will ensure that it always hangs well irrespective of humidity.
- Mark the back 'TOP' if the orientation is not obvious.
- Label the photograph with a BPS label as per the competition rules
- Mounting board can be purchased from:
  - F J Harris in Green St, Bath <http://www.fjharris.com/>
  - Roundstone Framing, Hilperton <http://www.roundstoneframing.uk/>
  - Paper Spectrum <http://www.paperspectrum.co.uk/>
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