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PRESS RELEASE

CHILTERN AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION SEEKS TO CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY AND ENJOYMENT OF THE AREA

- The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Photography Competition Launches today, Monday 1st October, with categories for under and over 16's.
- You can enter online now at: www.chilternsaonb.org/photo-comp.
- The Competition closes on 31st October.
- The theme is "what does the Chilterns mean to you?" and the image can be anything from a landscape to a building, community event or wildlife...the choice is yours!
- The prize categories are 1) Over 16 years old 2) 16 years and under. In each category there will be a 1st and 2nd prize winner plus runner up prizes. All fantastic prizes generously donated by local businesses including:
 - A framed copy of the winning image courtesy of Pretty Like Pictures Framing Studio in Thame
 - An exclusive 50-minute ride with the driver on a diesel engine offering a unique photo opportunity courtesy of Chiltern and Princes Risborough Railway
 - 3 Course Sunday Lunch for two people at The Crown Sydenham
 - Tree Top experience for 4 at Go Ape
 - Family Ticket on the Chiltern & Princes Risborough Railway
 - Family veg box from local online organic grocery supplier Ten Mile Menu
 - Mama Dor's Kitchen Spice Blend Gift Box worth £25
- Finalists will be selected by our in-house judging panel and the short-listed photos will be displayed on an online poll where the public will be invited to vote for their favourite.
- The competition is intended to highlight the importance of getting out and about and to encourage participants to celebrate the beauty and enjoyment of the area.

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Notes to Editors

1. The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) was designated in 1965 and covers 833 sq kms (326 sq miles) stretching from Goring, in Oxfordshire, to near Hitchin, in Hertfordshire. It has a resident population of 80,000.
2. The Conservation Board was set up following the passing of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act, 2000, to conserve and enhance the natural beauty and increase awareness and understanding of the Chilterns AONB. The Board, which also aims to foster the social and economic well-being of local communities, is supported by Defra and all local authorities in the area.

For more information about the survey and the Chilterns Conservation Board please contact Vicki Pearce, Communications Officer, on 01844 355500.