



Welcome to Winchester Photographic Society (WPS)

Information for Prospective Members

Why Join Winchester Photographic Society ?

WPS is one of the South of England's most vibrant photography clubs, a community of enthusiasts who love sharing ideas, developing skills, and creating images together. We run an annual programme packed with inspiring lectures, visiting speakers, competitions, practical sessions, outings, workshops, and learning opportunities.

Our members cover a wide range of experience, from those just starting on their photographic journey to highly competent and skilled photographers. Whatever your level of experience, and whether you use a traditional camera or a smartphone, you will be warmly welcomed as a member.

Regular Club Evenings

From September through to May we hold weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings, 7:30-10pm. These cover a range of different activities including ...

- A broad range of highly respected guest speakers providing deep insight into various photographic genres and techniques.
- WPS member speakers and interviews allowing us to learn more about their journey in photography and the approach they take to capture stunning images.
- A range of internal competitions providing opportunity for photographers at all levels to compare images with their peers, and to get insightful feedback from experienced judges.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

These are in addition to our regular Tuesday meetings (held on different evenings) and are informal groups with a shared interest in specific photographic domains or topics. We currently have SIGs for:

- Beginners – great for learning the fundamentals of photography.
- Improvers – focusing more intensely on composition and technique with feedback from highly experienced photographers in WPS.
- Projects – a forum for sharing multi-image prints based around a common theme.
- Drone – sharing knowledge and experiences with drone-based photography.

Photography Outings

We hold regular outings that are open to all members which provide opportunities to visit particular locations or events as a group. This is a great opportunity to interact socially with other members whilst also sharing ideas on how to approach different photographic opportunities.

Social Outings and Events

A good way of getting to know other members is at one of our social events, where you can spend a bit more time with fellow members than is normally possible on a Tuesday evening. We have a monthly Down-the-Pub social, where you can have a meal or just a drink, and we also have occasional social coffee mornings at different cafes around the area. Partners are also welcome to attend.

Exhibitions

WPS organizes two major exhibitions each year, one dedicated exclusively to images from WPS members whilst the other is open to all photographers based in the UK.

What Does Membership Include ?

Annual membership includes the full programme of Tuesday meetings including guest speakers. There are small additional costs for participating in SIGs (room hire), workshops, and exhibitions. Other events/outings will usually be funded by participating members (travel, entry fees, meals, etc).

If You Decide to Join WPS, you will receive ...

- The members Handbook which contains the full schedule of WPS meetings and activities, guidance on entering internal competitions, and a wide range of other useful information.
- An orange name badge which enables existing members to connect with you as a new member.
- Access to the WPS members-only website and social media channels, and to other on-line tools for booking WPS activities and submitting images for competitions.

We appreciate there is a lot of information to absorb, so as a new member ...

- Make use of the extensive information in the handbook and on the website.
- Ask questions - all members will be very pleased to help or just have a chat.
- Pick a Special Interest Group if that appeals to you.
- Try one of the competitions - they are invaluable for feedback.

Meeting Venues

Tuesday Evening Meetings (except second Tuesday of each month):

The Tower, Kings' School, Romsey Road, Winchester SO22 5PN.
Free parking available via Kings Road.

Tuesday Evening Meetings on second Tuesday of each month:

Hampshire Record Office (HRO), Sussex Street (near Train Station), Winchester SO23 8TH.
Free parking after 6pm at Worthy Lane/Cattle Market carpark, or paid at Tower St. multi-story.

Special Interest Groups:

Otterbourne Meeting Rooms, Williams Garage, Otterbourne SO21 2EE.
Free parking available at rear of the site (not in front of the shop).

Other Notes

Most Tuesday Evening Meetings can also be attended on-line.

All members receive the weekly WPS Newsletter via email.

Occasional workshops are held on topics such as photographic techniques, editing, printing, etc.

We occasionally use other venues if and when appropriate to meet specific needs.

To learn more visit our website: <https://winphotosoc.uk/>