

SETTLE PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP

INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS



www.settlephotos.org

Welcome to Settle Photographic Group. This leaflet will give you the basic information that you need to get going with all our various activities. If in doubt, don't hesitate to ask someone at a meeting. Also do check on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/SettlePhotographicGroup/) and website where regular postings are made.

BACKGROUND TO THE GROUP

The group has been running since 2008. It is a friendly and relaxed group open to everyone with an interest in any type of photography, whatever level of experience, or skill, and whatever kind of photographic equipment you use. You can be as involved as you want but, obviously, the more you join in, the more you'll benefit from what is on offer.

The group's aims are:

- To promote the enjoyment of photography.
- To develop skills and knowledge.
- To engage with, and learn from other photographers.
- To provide opportunities for social interaction and well-being through Photography.
- To provide opportunities for taking and producing better photographs.
- To engage with the community to share skills and showcase photographers' work.
- To network with other clubs and community groups for mutual benefit.

It achieves these aims with a basic pattern of monthly meetings, monthly outings and coffee mornings, regular annual events, and opportunities for some of your images to be shown each month if you wish. Settle Photographic Group is affiliated to the Yorkshire Photographic Union.

MEMBERSHIP

- Runs for 12 months September to September.
- Cost: £40 per person per annum, which covers the cost of speakers, room hire, exhibition expenses, insurance, etc. Payment by BACS to Sort Code 40-40-31 Account Number 31419366, with reference as membership number and 'Join', or cheque, payable to Settle Photographic Group, is preferred. Visitors are charged £5 per meeting.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held at **St John's Methodist Church Hall, Settle, BD 24 9JH.**

Meetings run from 7.30 to 9.30pm with a tea break halfway through. A cuppa and a biscuit costs 50p. Meetings run throughout the year but the winter and summer programmes differ.

The Winter Programme (Face-to-face meeting + Zoom and some Zoom only)

- Runs from October to April, meeting on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month.
- On the first Monday, there is often an external speaker.
- On the third Monday, the first half is frequently member led and may cover topics of a more practical nature, such as the use of software, camera techniques, as well as top tips; the second half is usually a gallery of members' images.

The Summer Programme (Face-to-face meeting + Zoom)

- Meets once a month on the 3rd Monday of the month
- Meetings, similar to the winter ones, are generally in two parts with a talk or activity in the first half followed by a members' gallery.

THE MEMBERS' GALLERY

You can submit images to the monthly gallery. Instructions on uploading your digital images to the website are supplied separately when you join. Your images are then projected at the following meeting. There's a topic for each gallery on the website.

The aims of the gallery include:

- Encouraging you to get out with your camera regularly and develop your skills.
- Gaining feedback from others to discover how your images could be improved and to look critically at other images.

OUTINGS

- Outings are held once a month throughout the year, usually in the 3rd week.
- Locations are usually fairly local and give a wide range of subjects and photographic opportunities. Suggestions of venues to visit are always welcome.
- The outing days are rotated to ensure that most people will be able to attend at least some of the sessions.
- Visits usually only last half a day and start either at 10.30am or 2pm.
- They often end with some form of refreshment in a local café.
- Members can usually link up via a WhatsApp Group and often share lifts.
- Occasionally, outings have to be cancelled due to weather conditions.

REGULAR ANNUAL EVENTS

In addition to the above monthly events, there are also the following annual events.

December: Christmas Special e.g. Jacob's Join, Quiz. An opportunity to socialise and celebrate the year's photography.

April: AGM when the accounts are presented and the committee is elected.

July-August: **The big events of the year – Town Trail and Exhibition**
Photographers submit three to four framed prints of their own choice in June for the Town Trail. Members' photographs are then displayed in Settle shop and business windows in July and August.

August: **Annual Exhibition**
The Town Trail photos are transferred to Clapham Village Hall for the bank holiday weekend. Starting with an opening event on the Friday evening, the exhibition showcases members' images and offers an opportunity for the sale of photos, with a small commission going to SPG to help boost the funds.

NEWSLETTER

You'll receive a monthly Newsletter by email that reviews the past month and provides useful information.

WEBSITE

The website can be accessed by anyone at www.settlephotos.org. However, there's a members' area for uploading your images. Log-in details will be given when you join.

EQUIPMENT

There is a small quantity of equipment that can be borrowed, listed on the website.

THE RUNNING OF THE CLUB

The committee, elected annually at the AGM, takes on the administrative aspects of running the club. See website for list of committee members. Your help and suggestions with all activities is always much appreciated.