



Bollington Photographic Group

Minutes of Meetings

4th September 2025

Turners Arms 7pm



Present: Pam Lob, Simon Nottage, Kevin Welton, Tony Hopwood, Alan Hodgson, Janet Beech, John Howarth.

Apologies: Terry Heathcote, Andrew Huggett, Pat Hirst, Geoff Latham, Julia Latham, David Hirst, Robert Warhurst, Denise Skiffington.

Finance

- We have £2072 in the bank account after monies have been reserved for the remaining 2025 web costs
- The Groups Public Liability Insurance commences Sept 1st (all documents relating to the insurance are located on the website)
- A Risk Assessment guideline has been prepared specifically for the Photo Walks. The guideline is also located on the website. The guideline was required to meet requirements of the insurance.

From Kay Bennett

As part of the follow-up for the grant you received in 2024 of £130, we're gathering feedback on how the funding has supported you. We'd love to hear about the impact it's had and any successes you'd like to share.

In addition, we kindly ask that you provide evidence of how the grant money was spent (for example, receipts, invoices, or other relevant documents). This helps us ensure accountability and demonstrate the positive outcomes of the funding. Kay,

Reply from Terry

As requested please find attached invoices for the items required to provide the required lighting to illuminate our gallery of images at the Turners Arms. The grant helped enormously to showcase the images in their best light (no pun intended!) and the Group have received numerous positive comments on the different photographs we have exhibited during the year.

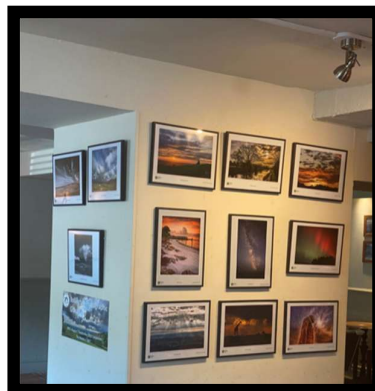
I've also attached a photo of one of our gallery of images to show how the lighting installed has allowed the images to be best viewed.

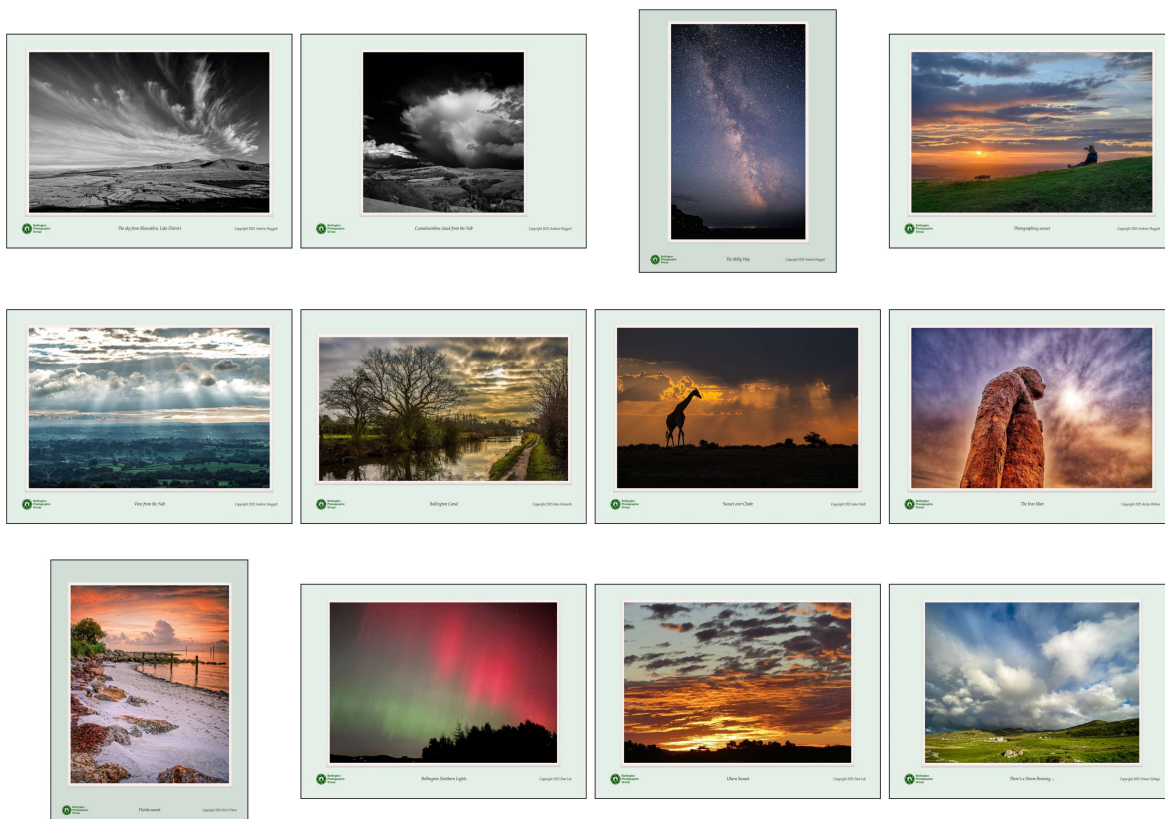
Thanks again for the grant which covered the cost of all items required. Any additional costs i.e. labour were kept to a minimum by the generosity of Group members.

Kind regards,
Terry Heathcote
Treasurer

Turners Photo Wall

Here are the latest winners. SKY.





When we arrived for the meeting we noticed that two the images had been removed from the exhibition. John Howarth will contact the bar manager, Aimee Wainwright to work out what has happened. Since the meeting these have been traced and returned.

Upcoming themes

October Birds

1st September Submit images

15th -27th September Voting

29th Confirm and print the 12 chosen images

1st October - Images displayed

December Night Lights

February Zigzags and Angles

April Architecture

June Opposites

August Glass

To submit your image/s head to our Bollington Photographic Group Web-Site

<https://bollingtonphotogroup.org/>

Log in and head to the Activity Tab .

You will find an entry that will take you to our latest Exhibition.

Note!! NO PRIZES, just fame and satisfaction.

Photo Walks & Open meetings

The first four Thursdays in the month will have planned activities.

The first and third Thursdays will be designed to deal with improving our techniques. Instructing, sharing ideas and improving understanding of how to take photographs not just holiday snaps!

Photo walks will be planned on the second and fourth Thursdays.

If there is a fifth Thursday in the month we can all have a rest.

Open meetings

Decisions made or suggested:-

- The promise of open meetings have been made from several members. The first offers of these are Ian Walker, Andrew Gregory and Andrew Huggett. Janet will email them asking if they are still willing to give a presentation.
- We should have some open meetings in a public space - probably at a weekend. However - we would need wi-fi and a big screen. Janet suggested that someone makes enquiries. Perhaps Harriet Worrell at the Bollington Town Council might be contacted.
- The use of mobile phones should be a priority for at least one meeting.
- We really enjoy 6 in 10 meetings.
- The weekend walks organised by Kevin have proved very inspirational. These need to be advertised more to encourage more members. They would be "ad hoc" basis. The WhatsApp group would be an ideal place to inform of them.
- Open Meetings and Photo Walks should be linked. So talks can feed into ideas for walks and vice versa.

Dates

September 4th Planning Meeting

September 18th

October 2nd

October 16th

November 6th

November 20th

Photo Walks

Decisions made or suggested:-

- There should be pre walk briefings.
- The Nifty 50 walk was really interesting and made us think.
- We think they should be more Bollington based.
- One of their attractions is the advice we can offer from the other walk photographers.
- Walk themes linked to the up and coming Turners Wall themes. So Firework displays, light trails and playing with light sabres.
- If there are events of any sort locally we need to visit them.

Dates

September 11th Architectural Walk to Clarence Mill

September 25th

October 9th

October 23rd

November 13th

November 27th

Website

- The Knowledge Hub now has a section on "inspirational videos."
- There are videos from Andrew Huggett the need to be added.
- New members are starting be more engaged.
- The site has been overwhelmed by large file images being uploaded. And after some clever sleuthing by Simon he has found an AI solution that seems to be working. It will cost us £20. This will cope with images for the Turners Wall uploads and won't lose clarity when uploading the website.

Membership

Latest List I have

Alan Hodgson	Julia Latham
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Andrew Gregory	Kevin Pritchard
Andrew Huggett	Kevin Welton
Bruce Kendrick	Pam Lob
David Hirst	Pat Hirst
Denise Skiffington	Richard Barrow
Graham Latham	Robert Warhurst
Ian Walker	Simon Nottage
Jackie Timms	Steven Gilligan
Janet Beech	Terry Heathcote
John O'Dell	Tony Hopwood
John Howarth	

- **From Terry** Members Going forward I think what is really important is that we can get as many members as possible involved in the activities of the Group. We have a lot of experience within the Group and it would be good to utilise it.

A.O.B.

- The Happy Valley Gardeners had a quiz at the Poachers on Sunday 24th. They were asking for raffle prizes. Did we offer one of our vouchers? Simon says we did.
- Julia Latham suggested we view videos by Martin Parr on his style of photography. Janet wonders if this could bring a new dimensions to our photo walks.
- There is a Walking Festival Arts Trail Walk on the 9th September. Rolling Programme of previous Exhibitions. They will be visiting us at the Turners.
- From Claire Morland

"I am writing to you all to ask if you would be interested in participating in the Art Trail 2026.

It is planned for Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th May. This is *not* a Bank Holiday weekend. (The Art Group will be having its exhibition in the Art Centre over the first Bank Holiday weekend in May, and the second Bank Holiday will be incorporated into the Festival.) " I emailed her to say that we would be interested in participating.

BUT since the meeting she has informed me that the response to this has been so poor that it is being cancelled.