

History of the BPG 2025



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Turners Wall Photos



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January - Flowers 2025



April - Wide Angled Everything 2025



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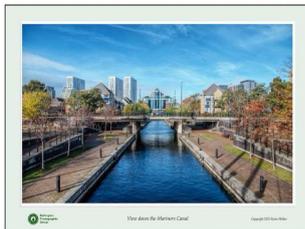
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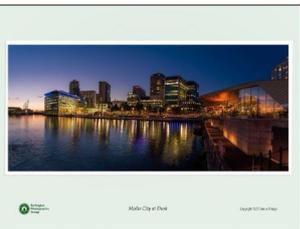
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Flow Stream and Tarry Water

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Sunset at Grand Central

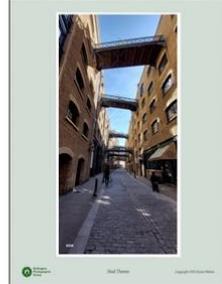
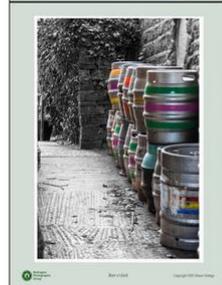
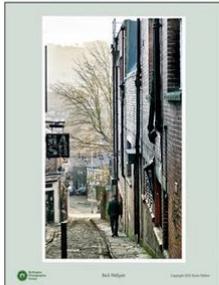
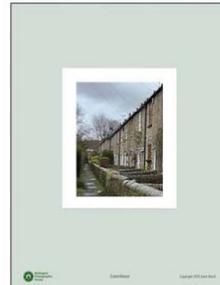
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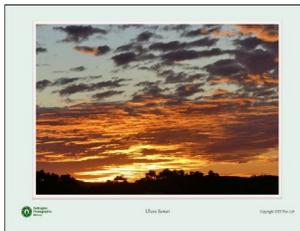
View of Downtown

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June - Ginnels, Back Alleys and Byways



August - Sky 2025



October - Birds 2025



December - Night Lights



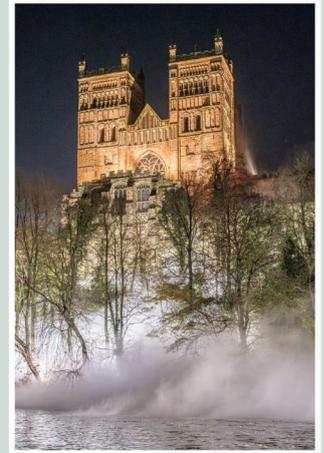
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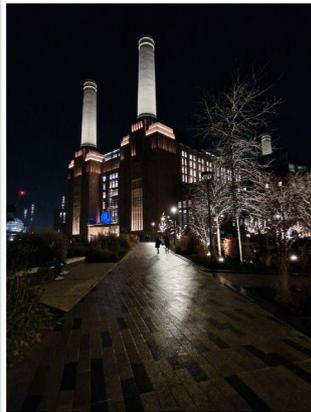
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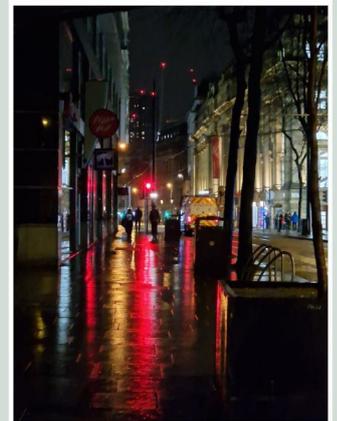
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Photo Walks



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Photo Walks

- 13 February - Urban Wide Angle
- 27 February - over Kerridge Ridge, Landscape themed.
- 13 March - Poynton Pool Walk (rained off).
- 27 March - Ginnels, Back Alleys & Byways walk around Bollington.
- 10 April - "Nifty 50" walk around Kerridge.
- April - Bluebells around Lyme Park.
- 1 May - Secret Garden
- May - Macclesfield Forest (rained off).
- May - Layering in composition (Walk around Lowerhouse)
- 19 June - Gauntlet Birds of Prey (cancelled)
- 26 June - Well Dressing Petallars.
- 3 July - Canal photowalk?
- 24 July - Long exposure. Waulkmill Waterfall.
- 11 September - Clarence Mill - Architectural details.
- 25 September - Light trails.
- 9 October - Squared Away: Composing in 1:1 (Memorial Gardens)
- 31 October - Halloween Walk
- 13 November - An Autumn Walk
- 27 November - Hammonds Brickworks.
- 11 December - Christmas in Bollington
- 25 December - This is Christmas Day.

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Urban Wideangle – Macclesfield

Join us for an afternoon photo walk in Macclesfield to photograph the 108 steps and other urban scenes using a wideangle lens. Take care walking on the cobbles they may be slippery.

Our next photowalk takes place in Macclesfield tomorrow afternoon (Thursday, 13 February) at 2pm. See link below for full details.





27 February 2025 14:00

Event Location Pool Bank Car Park

Join us for a landscape themed photo walk along the Lower Kerridge Ridge. This will involve a short climb – please wear walking boots or suitable shoes. Bring a camera phone, DSLR or mirrorless camera with a wide to standard zoom and/or wide prime lenses.

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13 March 2025

Poynton Pool

Join us for an afternoon photo walk around Poynton Pool to photograph the lake, wildfowl and trees etc. Please wear appropriate walking boots or shoes as it is likely to be muddy.

We will make our own way to the starting point – the car park off London Road North/Anglesey Drive – Postcode SK12 1LJ. If you need a lift by car from Bollington please coordinate via WhatsApp the day before the event. Coffee chat afterwards in Poynton at Cofano Caffé, 21 School Lane, Poynton, Stockport SK12 1A

Walk postponed

Join us on Thursday 27th March at 14.00 to explore the ginnels and alley ways of Bollington. Bring a camera phone, DSLR or mirrorless. For more details and to book onto the walk follow the link below to the BPG website.



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Ginnels, back alley & byways walk

Join us to explore the ginnels and alley ways of Bollington. Bring a camera phone, DSLR o

‘Nifty-fifty’ Photowalk

Event Date:

Thu, April 10, 2025

For this photo walk, we’re aiming for a 50mm full-frame equivalent focal length—the classic “nifty fifty” that mirrors how your eyes see. You’ll take a max of 12 photos – take your time over each image – the goal is to concentrate on composition, and/or story-telling – so let’s keep the tech simple and fun!

After the walk we’ll meet in The Bull’s Head, Kerridge to chat and to review our results.

April 29th 2025

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Lyme Park – Bluebells

Join us to photograph the bluebells at Lyme Park.

Bring a camera phone, DSLR or mirrorl

Join us to photograph the bluebells at Lyme Park.

Bring a camera phone, DSLR or mirrorless camera with a standard zoom, tele-zoom and/or macro/prime lenses. Please follow the link at the bottom of the picture to our website for more details.



May 1st

The Secret Garden!

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Macclesfield Forest (Rained off)

May

Layering in Composition. A Walk around Lowerhouse.

Long exposure waterfall

Event Date: Thu, July 24, 2025 Join us this Thursday afternoon to take some long exposure shots of the waterfall at Ingersley Vale. Bring a standard or wide zoom lens and a tripod. Also a neutral density filter and /or a polarising filter if you have one. If using a smartphone you will need some kind of support for it.



Join us on Thursday, 25 September at sunset for a photowalk around Bollington. We will take some photos of light trails as well as shop fronts and pubs illuminated during blue hour and later as the light fades to darkness.

Clarence Mill – architectural details



Event Date:

Thu, September 11, 2025



Event Time:

14:00



Event Location:

Memorial Gardens

Clarence Mill

Join us for an 'architectural detail' photowalk around Clarence Mill. We will meet at 2pm in Memorial Gardens by the War Memorial for a pre-walk briefing/chat before walking up Clarence Road towards the Mill. The pre-walk briefing will include a **summary of risk**. Please bring a smartphone or a camera with a standard kit zoom lens.

Event Location:



'Squared Away: Composing in 1:1' photowalk

Event Date: Thu, October 9, 2025 Event Time: 14:00

Adlington Road car park

'Squared Away: Composing in 1:1' photowalk

Why Square?

Ditch the rectangle rut! Shooting in 1:1 aspect ratio (square format) rewires your eye for balance, symmetry, and bold choices. No more "I'll crop later" — compose square in-camera to spark fresh ideas. Inspired by Hasselblad legends and Instagram minimalists, it's perfect for honing composition without gear upgrades. Expect simpler, stronger shots that pop.

October 23rd - The 2nd photo walk of the month should fall on the 23rd but if it's to be a Halloween themed walk maybe it should be on Thursday 30th and we take a break on Thursday 23rd. 4.30pm start at Pool Bank. er 13th



November 13th - an Autumn Walk

November 27th - A visit to Hammond's Brickyard with thanks to Colin Hammond.



December 11th - A walk around Bollington at Christmas.

Open Meetings



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January

23rd - 6 in 10



Three of my submissions for the first of this popular meeting this year.

Open meeting – 'Wide Angle Photography'



Event Date:
20 February 2025

Event Time:
19:00

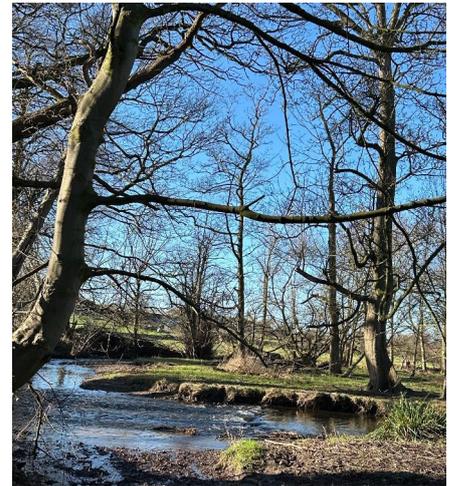
Event Location:
Turners Arms Inn

Open meeting – Wide Angle Photography

Andrew will lead an informal discussion on wide angle photography to help us prepare for the next competition: **'Wide Angled Everything.'** Submission of images due 1–13 March. We will evaluate the photos we took during the Macclesfield urban photowalk on 13 February and apply any learning points to our next photowalk on 27 February.

6th March 2025

A very popular meeting when we can review 6 images supplied by a member and discuss them and suggest possible manipulations. 3 of my submissions.



Event Date:20 March 2025 Event Time:19:00

Event Location: Turners Arms Inn Open meeting – post processing photographs

Andrew will lead an informal discussion on post-processing photographs. He will briefly cover the following areas:

Simple Post-Production Techniques

Software Options (Including Camera Manufacturer-Specific Tools)

RAW vs. JPG – Differences and Considerations

Setting Up JPG Styles for Accurate Histograms When Shooting RAW

Manufacturer-Specific JPG Styles and Creative Profiles

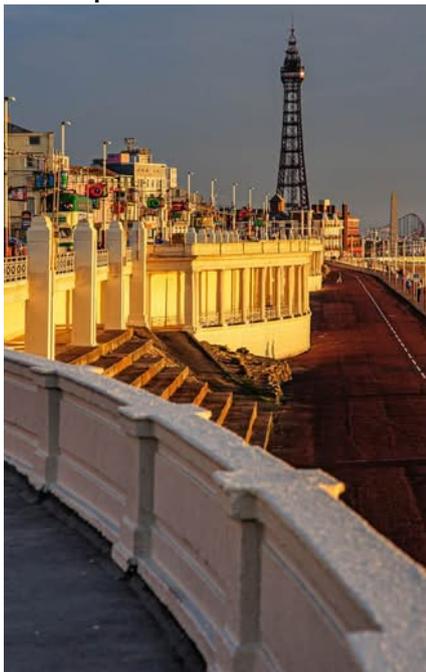
Adjusting RAW Files in Manufacturer Software (e.g., Nikon NX Studio)

Manufacturer Software vs. Adobe Lightroom (or Alternatives) Smartphone Apps and Workflow Integration

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Open meeting: 'Six in Ten' event

Join us on Thursday, 17 April at 5:00pm in the Turners arms for our 'Six in Ten' event. Follow the link below to the Bollington Photographic Group website for more details.



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bottom of this post.



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‘Camera Clinic and Chat’ Join us on Thursday 17th July at 7pm for a Camera Clinic & Chat.

Bring your mirrorless, DSLR, or smartphone camera, along with your lenses, and join our interactive Camera Clinic! For more details please follow the link to our website at the bottom of the image.



August will be a rest from meetings.



Thursday – 18 September – Andrew Huggett will present his talk ‘Chasing the Shadow’. The shadow in question is that caused by total solar eclipses when the moon blocks out the light from the sun.

His chase has taken him to Turkey, Zimbabwe, Libya, USA and most recently (with Janet Beech) to Canada. He will discuss the equipment used as well as the changing quality of the ambient light

and the effect on each location (including a grassy plain, a riverbed, the Sahara desert.

Thu, October 16, 2025 19.00 at the Turners.

Organising, storing & backing-up photos

This is a 'show and tell' session on how we sort, store and back-up our photos. Please come along and share your methods and tips. One area we particularly want to examine is how to store, name and catalog a 'clean' original copy separate from any edited files we might create and how to manage the process along with back-ups.



**6th November, 7pm at the Turners.
Ian Walker will transport us pictorially to the
Antarctica.**

**Join Andrew Gregory as he takes us on a photographic
journey to japan. Thursday 20th November 2025 - 7pm
at the Turners.**



18th December. Our final open meeting of the year will be a 6 in 10.

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Photographic Group

Minutes of Meetings

January 2025

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.

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

Photo Walks & Open meetings 16th January, Cafe Waterside.

Present at the meeting:-

Andrew Huggett, Pat Hirst, Janet Beech

January

23rd - 6 in 10

February

- 6th Website
- 13th Wide angle walk. Urban Macclesfield. 101 steps and around. 2pm.
- 20th Wide Angle Information Discussion. Introduction of the idea of project groups.
- 27th Along the lower Kerridge ridge. 2pm

March Next Turners Wall theme **Wide angle everything**

- 6th 6 in 10
- 13th Poynton Pool. 2pm.
- 20th Post processing - Andrew and anyone else.
- 27th Ginnels and back alleys walk. Pool Bank 2pm.

April

3rd Photo Stacking. Macro. Information & discussion.

Also

Pat has suggested the idea of project groups. Details to come

Finance update 22nd January

From Terry.

We have a total of £2084.10 in the bank account of which an estimated £368 is required for 2025 website support.

This leaves a residue of £1761.10 for Group activities.

Questionnaire to Membership 23rd January

Present at the meeting:-

Simon Nottage, Don Dymer, John Howarth, Andrew Huggett, Denise Skiffington, Alan Hodgson, Terry Heathcote, Pam Lob, Janet Beech.

Apologies:-

David Hirst, Pat Hirst, Kevin Welton.

Last year we decided to contact our members to determine what we could do to encourage more active participation by way of a questionnaire. This will help enormously to plan an exciting programme for this year. This is the questionnaire (supplied by Terry.)

1. Photographic Interests

What are your photographic interests? e.g. Nature, Landscape, Street Photography, Fine art, Sport, Black & White etc.

2. Camera Usage

2.1 What Camera do you primary use? e.g. Phone, DSLR, Compact, Film etc.

2.2 What other cameras may you use?

3. Photo Walks

Are you interested in attending the photo walks? If so, do you have a preference for which day(s) of the week would be most convenient?

4. Activities and Presentations

What activities, workshops and talks would you like to see included in the programme for 2025?

5. Website

5.1 Do you use the new website? If so, for what purpose and have you found it easy to navigate?

5.2 Have you any suggestions on improving the navigation of the website?

5.3 What additional information would you like to see on the website?

6. Additional Comments

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions for the Group to consider? All this started when we wanted to send out the questionnaire. The problem came - how?

- With Simon to guide us we eventually decided that Janet, with the help of Andrew, would compose an email that will be accessed as a newsletter from our website.
- The e-mail newsletter is sent to all our registered members, automatically,
- It will appear in all our registered members' inboxes automatically – (unless they have set our email to be spam).
- There will be a reference to the questionnaire in the text of the email and a link to it for people to follow.
- The Questionnaire will be written in a piece of software in a page on our website that asks the questions, and adjusts the remaining questions depending on the answers.
- Our website will be able to track which members react to this. It then collects the answers in the completed questionnaire and tabulates them for analysis.
- Simon has asked if someone would collate responses and report back at one of our meetings. I think that Terry has already to do this.
- There should be a cut off date for responses.
- The next stage would be to involve members of the Bollington Photographic Group facebook page eventually.

Turners Photo Wall

27th January from John Howarth.

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED AN UPDATED PROGRAMME FOR OUR 'PHOTO WALL'

Greetings from The Bollington Photographic Group.

We're trusting that you're familiar with our "Photo Wall" in The Turner's.

(Corner of Church Street and Ingersley Road, Bollington).

This is where we display of some of our Member's Best Photographs on a regular basis.

Well, It's almost time to renew them with a new set of images.

The 'Theme' this time is...

WIDE ANGLED EVERYTHING.

Here's the new time-scale.

(Note, all dates are inclusive.)

1... 1 to 13 March (13 Days)...

Submission of images.
via the Bollington Photographic web site

2... 14 to 28 March (15 Days)...

Voting.

3... 29 to 31 March 3 Days)...

Confirmation of 12 images with most votes.
Printing of images to A3 for display.

4... 1 April (1 Day)...

Put the 'Winning' images up on the Photo Wall in
The Turner's

Bollington Photographic Group



Meetings February 2025



Website 6th February

Present:-

Tony Hopwood (and Disco Daisy!), Kevin Walton, Andrew Huggett, Ian Walker, Terry Heathcote, Pam Lob, Simon Nottage, John Howarth, Janet Beech.

Apologies:-

Pat Hirst, David Hirst, Alan Hodgson.

Questionnaire

- Thanks given to Kev for generating this.
- So far the email newsletter containing the Questionnaire have been sent to 19 members. As of yesterday Simon said 12 have been opened and 5 were clicked and completed have not replied.
- Extend deadline?
- Terry has volunteered to collate the responses.

Discussion about the Website

These are comments and suggestions made during the meeting.

- The overwhelming opinion is that it needs simplifying.
- 70 to 80% of the content needs to be stripped out.
- The website is getting between us and the group.
- Overly complex and cumbersome.
- We don't need the blogs. Comments on our photos are done better at 6 in 10 meetings.
- Tells me ***ger all so why go on it? (Guess who.)
- The booking for events is underused so is it needed?
- Information about photo walks and meetings is already posted on Facebook (with a link to redirect to the site.)
- The aim for a good website is to get to the answer in three clicks.
- The WhatsApp group is there for comments/help. Again there could be a link from there to the website if necessary.

- The Turners Wall area is very useful.
- Membership renewal seems easy.
- Posting images from the photo walks should be used more often.
- The site should be a good depository of archive images.
- The calendar is useful.
- Could we use iCloud to host our photos?

The Newsletter

- Everything in the latest newsletter contained things that had already been posted elsewhere.
- Who can this be targeted at? Paid up members or other types of members.
- What can it be used for? Photo walks, meeting themes etc. are catered for in other ways.
- How often should it be sent?
- Perhaps not for emails that can be sent out by Janet but ideas, projects etc. again with links to the website.

Current Membership

Details supplied by Terry Heathcote

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

Leaving the Group	Date Cancelled
Caroline Marshall	December 11 2024
David Baume	December 23 2024
Geoff White	December 2004
Gillian Redin	February 7 2025
Lisa Cox	February 7 2025

Photo Walks & Open Meetings

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April

3rd Photo Stacking. Macro. Information & discussion.

Good ideas for these meetings have come from the Questionnaire.

We also discussed a visit to Chester Zoo, the Gauntlet Birds of Prey, Knutsford, A Narrow Boat trip.

Turners Photo Wall

WIDE ANGLED EVERYTHING. Time-scale.

(Note, all dates are inclusive.)

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Voting.

Confirmation of 12 images with most votes.

Printing of images to A3 for display.

Images up on the Photo Wall in The Turner's

Next Steps

- Convene a sub committee to join Simon to initiate plans for change to the website.
- Simon will liaise with Terry to "crunch" the information and get it ready to report back through the Newsletter.

Bollington Photographic Group



Meetings April 2025



Notes on meeting of Thursday, 3 April 2025

Present:- Simon Nottage, Pam Lob, John Howarth, Terry Heathcote, Andrew Huggett.

Apologies:- Janet Beech, Pat Hirst

There is a lack of engagement with the Turner photo wall competitions – voting and viewing the photos etc. Simon said only one person from the FaceBook group had voted – all the other votes were from paid-up members (or in some cases their immediate family). This was disappointing as so much work goes into running the competitions, printing and hanging the prints. We discussed this at length but we could not see a way of improving engagement other than perhaps more promotion of the competitions – perhaps running the images more directly in FaceBook or perhaps Instagram.

But then the discussion morphed more generally into iPhone / Smartphone photography.

It was thought a more general way to engage new members might be to run an exclusive smart phone walk one Sunday with a 'clinic' afterwards. It was felt the wider FB group might still see us as a 'proper' camera-only group rather than including camera phones ...

We thought rather than the whole group being involved with deciding on walks for Thursday's and Sunday's a much smaller sub-group (perhaps a pair of members) would decide from a selection of locations (starting with the ideas from the survey). This sub-group (pair of members?) could alternate amongst the paid-up members and decisions it made would be final.

John & Andrew suggested (for next Thursday's walk 10th April @ 2pm) we should run a 'Nifty Fifty' walk starting from Kerridge car park. This was agreed by the whole group. It would involve using one focal length lens only (50mm – or a zoom lens set to 50mm) and a total of 12 photos only – you would not be permitted to delete photos or take more than 12. We would then compare photos afterwards in The Bull's Head pub. The purpose of this is to get members to slow-right down and think very carefully about composition without being too 'trigger-happy' and without using a zoom lens ...

We agreed there would be another 6 in 10 on Maundy Thursday, 17 April @ 5pm

Nothing so far has been agreed for Thursday, 24 April ...

Simon agreed to run a workshop on re-sizing photos for printing and the website – pixels and dots per inch etc. as members are still struggling with this concept. To take place on Thursday, 1st May @ 5pm

Thursday, 8th May – Bluebells – Pam suggested Lyme Park for this ...

Terry questioned whether there should be a summer break in the groups activities – no clear decision was made however.

The themes for the next batch of competitions were decided as follows:

Zig Zags Glass Opposites Birds Architecture Night Lights

Terry reported the group is in very good financial health.

Bollington Photographic Group



Minutes 12th June 2025



Present: Pam Lob, Terry Heathcote, Simon Nottage, Andrew Huggett, Janet Beech, David Hirst, Pat Hirst, Nickie Stanley.

Apologies: Alan Hodgson, Andrew Gregory, Kevin Welton.

Finances

Summary of Accounts – Jan 1st to June 12th 2025

As we are approaching mid-year, I thought it would be an opportunity to review our accounts for the remainder of the year. Our income is primarily generated from members subscription. In total we currently have 22 paying members and to date have collected £335.50. By year end it is forecast that the total subscriptions will be approximately £600 after deductions of any transactional fees.

An additional income derives from the Photo Wall exhibitions where John is currently providing the inks used for free. Many thanks! This additional income is calculated at approximately £267. Therefore, total income to year end will be approximately £867.

Our spend is primarily to support the website. The costs include the relevant software required to support the various requirements e.g. photo galleries. In addition, we pay a hosting subscription for the actual website. The 2025 forecasted costs for the website are expected to be £494. However, this includes the hosting subscription of £287 which is only paid once every two years. A single payment is made since it's a reduced fee compared to a monthly subscription fee. After adjusting the bank balance for outstanding website costs there is a balance of £1923 for agreed projects, visits etc.

- Consideration of a grant application to Bollington Town Council. Terry was asking for ideas to support this. Our Town Hall involvement has been Christmas Cards, Mayor's Photo. Also Terry has sent them photos for their use.
- Should we ask for support for us co-operating with the Bollington Festival next year in some way?
Janet emailed one of the Festival committee members to ask what their plans are. This is the reply I got:-
"Hi there Janet, lovely to hear from you. There isn't a theme for the 2026 Festival as such. It will be similar to 2024, with a large covered open air stage on the Rec hosting ticketed evening concerts, the proceeds of which will then help fund a completely free day of community activities on the Rec on the Monday. The traditional tea tent will be back and the Festival as a whole will run slightly longer than 2024 with events in the Bollington Arts Centre from 15-20th May and then the action shifts to the Rec on Thursday 21 - Monday 25 May. There will be lots of surprises and we would be delighted if the Bollington Photo Group would like to take pictures again. Hope this helps! "
We have time to plan if we want to get involved. Suggestions are
- Photos of the differing events.

- A BPG stand.
 - An exhibition of our photos.
 - A photo challenge.
- And the grant application needs to go in in October.

Janet wondered if we should have a Partnership Agreement with the Town Hall similar to the one that the Well Dressers have. This might not be necessary.

Membership

Current Members June 2025			
Terry Heathcote	David Hirst	Ian Walker	Richard Barrow
Simon Nottage	John O'Dell	Don Dymmer	Tony Hopwood
Janet Beech	Alan Hodgson	Pat Hirst	Neil O'Hara
Andrew Huggett	Andrew Gregory	Kevin Welton	Kevin Pritchard
John Howarth	Denise Skiffington	Steven Gilligan	22 members
Robert Warhurst	Pam Lob	Jackie Timms	

Members who have cancelled	Date Cancelled.
Caroline Marshall	December 11 2024
David Baume	December 23 2024
Geoff White	Dec-24
Gillian Redin	Feb 7 2025
Lisa Cox	Feb 7 2025
Bruce Kendrick	March 11 2025. But has paid membership until March 2026

Turners Wall

- The new images on the Ginnels, Back Alleys and Byways is now on The Photo Wall.

How many of our members submitted images?

Eight members entered a total of 30 images.

There were 9 clear winners and 6 tied for the last 3 places.

How many members voted?

6 members initially. After the tie break 3 more members voted and 2 members voted for a second time,

How many non members voted?

When we opened it up on Facebook and friends/family, 14 non-members voted.

There was a total of 98 votes.

John suggests that if a tie break situation happens again we should open it up to the regulars and staff at the Turners to help to decide.

- John brought the previous winners prints so they can be retrieved.

- There was a discussion about the prints that have not been claimed by their owners. John is willing to store them. They could be used for an exhibition in the future.
- John has offered to donate the ink he uses for the printing free of charge to the group.
- We wondered if we should change from a two month to a three month exhibition. We decided that we will leave it at two.
- Nickie suggests that the images should be moved round periodically to help to refresh things..
- We should include information of our web address and a QR code with the images. This might encourage non member participation, including the Turners customers as well.
- It was agreed that the contest voting should also be opened up to the Turners regulars via a QR code put on the wall advertising the contest and inviting voting.

Themes for this year:

Sky Submissions open on 1st July

Birds Submissions open on 1st September

Night Lights Submissions open on 1st November

Themes for next year's exhibitions were decided as follows:

Zig Zags, Glass, Opposites, Birds, Architecture, Night Lights

Website

Simon is very worried about the lack of involvement with the website and specifically the Turners Wall voting. He told us that it involves a huge amount of work over several days and there is a lack of engagement from our members, either the entries, or, more worryingly the lack of any response from nearly 2/3 of our members.

He asks " Is it worth it if the membership aren't interested?"

The question is why are we not connecting with our members, "I'm worried that if there is such apathy, then we won't have any renewals and without 'new blood' our group will not be viable."

- Janet mentioned that the Walkers are Welcome have a new website which seems to separate the members section from the non members. And is actively promoting the non member participation.
- A suggestion was made that the rolling programme of the 4 images behind the "Love Where You Live" could be refreshed
- And the 10 "Iconic images of Bollington" could also be reviewed.

New Meetings Planned

June

- 19th June - Raptor Centre. This has been cancelled. It is rather expensive.
- 26th Portrait of Well Dressing Petallars at t.he Cricket Pavillion

July

- 3rd - Kerridge Fields 2pm
- 10th - 6 in 10 5pm
- 17th - Members meeting with a theme to be decided Perhaps ask Ian Walker to do his presentation.
- 24th - Long exposures. Start at the waterfall by Church Street

August

Nothing planned

Ideas for the future

- Alderney Edge in the Autumn?
- Light painting - Autumn?
- Fun Fair in Macclesfield?
- Heaton Park Light Festival.

A.O.B.

- There was a discussion about the timings of our meetings. We decided that our Winter meetings should be at 7pm and our Summer meetings might be at 5pm.
- Do we need insurance for the Group? After a discussion we thought that it might be worth finding out about 3rd Party Insurance to protect us if there is damage to property caused while on a photo walk. Terry would do this. Walkers would do it at their own risk.
- The next edition of Bollington Live does not have any thing bout us this time. We really need to sort this out on a permanent basis. A QR code about us would sort this out

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

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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
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.

Bollington Photographic Group

Group Update October 2025



Just a reminder!

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Open Meetings

October 2nd

6 in 10.

October 16th

I've taken this from the website.

Thu, October 16, 2025 19.00 at the Turners

Organising, storing & backing-up photos



This is a 'show and tell' session on how we sort, store and back-up our photos. Please come along and share your methods and tips. One area we particularly want to examine is how to store, name and catalog a 'clean' original copy separate from any edited files we might create and how to manage the process along with back-ups.

November 6th

Antarctica Talk. Ian Walker. 7pm at the Turners.

November 20th Japan.

Andrew Gregory. 7pm at the Turners.

Photo Walks

Event Date: Thu, October 9, 2025 14.00. Meet at Adlington Road car park

'Squared Away: Composing in 1:1' photowalk

More details on the website.

October 23rd - The 2nd photo walk of the month should fall on the 23rd but if it's to be a Halloween themed walk maybe it should be on Thursday 30th and we take a break on Thursday 23rd? 4.30pm start at Pool Bank.



To be decided:-

November 13th

November 27th

Other Group business

- Just a reminder!

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• From Terry

Hi. Just to let you know that I've taken delivery of two Pocket First Aid Kits primarily for use on our photo walks. The kits contain essentials for basic first aid needs.

The total cost was £27.80.

Current members

Alan Hodgson	John Howarth
Andrew Gregory	Julia Latham
Andrew Huggett	Kevin Pritchard
Clarice Gill	Kevin Welton
David Hirst	Neil O'Hara
Denise Skiffington	Pam Lob
Don Dymer	Pat Hirst
Geoff Latham	Robert Warhurst
Ian Walker	Simon Nottage
Jackie Timms	Steven Gilligan
Janet Beech	Terry Heathcote
John O'Dell	Tony Hopwood

From the 6 in 10 meeting on October 2nd.

- Take a photo, perhaps on a photo walk. Bring it to a meeting so we can experiment with how to manipulate it.
- Another creative light themed photo walk “to paint the Memorial red amongst the things.
- Bring a photo to a meeting.
- A future photo walk to Salford Quays and around Caslefields in Manchester.
- Each take a photo to a meeting and see how many other images could be extracted from the original by cropping for example.

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Turners Photo Wall

Here are the latest winners.

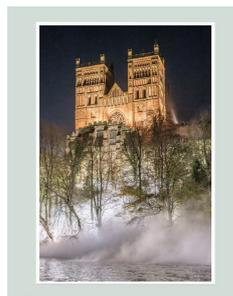
December 2025 Night Lights



And Light Like My Dad Copyright 2025 Tom Hovell



Big Ben at Westminster Bridge Copyright 2025 Ian Latham



Devon Cathedral Exeter Copyright 2025 Andrew Huggett



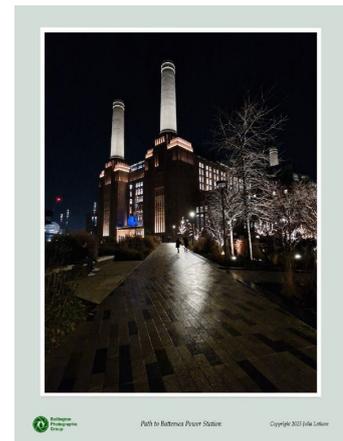
Busy Night in Manchester Copyright 2025 Ian Latham



Fire in the Sky Copyright 2025 Don Nyren



Chicago Street Views Copyright 2025 Don Nyren



Path to Redbus Platform Station Copyright 2025 Ian Latham



Midnight Sun Copyright 2025 Steve Nudge



Red over 1700 Copyright 2025 Steve Nudge

Review of our activities in 2025

Membership - October 2025

Alan Hodgson	John Howarth		<u>Not WhatsApp Members</u>
Andrew Gregory	John O'Dell		Bruce Kendrick
Andrew Huggett	Julia Latham		John O'Dell
Bruce Kendrick	Kevin Pritchard		Kevin Pritchard
Clarice Gill	Kevin Welton		Neil O'Hara
David Hirst	Neil O'Hara		Steven Gilligan
Denise Skiffington	Pam Hirst		Tony Hopwood
Don Dymer	Pam Lob		Clarice Gill
Geoff Latham	Robert Warhurst		Don Dymer
Ian Walker	Simon Nottage		Ian Walker
Jackie Timms	Steven Gilligan		Jackie Timms
Janet Beech	Terry Heathcote		
	Tony Hopwood		

Open Meetings

- January - Members Meeting.
- 23 January - 6 in 10 Meeting.
- 6 February - Members Meeting (project groups + website)
- 20 February - Wide Angle talk
- 6 March - 6 in 10 Meeting
- 20 March - Post Processing.
- 17 April - 6 in 10 Meeting.
- 24 April - Special planning meeting
- 15 May - 6 in 10 Meeting.
- 8 May - Preparing photos for perfect screen and print output
- June - I don't have records for this date.
- June - I don't have records for this date.
- 17 July - Camera clinic
- 4 September - Members Meeting.
- 18 September - Chasing the Shadow.
- October - 6 in 10 Meeting.
- 16 October - Organising, Storing and Backing Up Photos.
- November - Antarctica with Ian Walker.
- November - Japan with Andrew Gregory.
- 18 December - 6 in 10 Meeting.

Photo Walks

- 13 February - Urban Wide Angle
- 27 February - over Kerridge Ridge, Landscape themed.
- 13 March - Poynton Pool Walk (rained off).
- 27 March - Ginnels, Back Alleys & Byways walk around Bollington.
- 10 April - "Nifty 50" walk around Kerridge.
- April - Bluebells around Lyme Park.
- 1 May - Secret Garden
- May - Macclesfield Forest (rained off).
- May - Layering in composition (Walk around Lowerhouse)
- 19 June - Gauntlet Birds of Prey (cancelled)
- 26 June - Well Dressing Petallars.
- 3 July - Canal photowalk?
- 24 July - Long exposure. Waulkmill Waterfall.
- 11 September - Clarence Mill - Archetctural details.
- 25 September - Light trails.
- 9 October - Squared Away: Composing in 1:1 (Memorial Gardens)
- 31 October - Halloween Walk
- 13 November - An Autumn Walk
- 27 November - Hammonds Brickworks.
- 11 December - Christmas in Bollington
- 25 December - This is Christmas Day.

Discussions about our events

Over this year we have forged friendships, become more than just acquaintances and shared good experiences together. In fact we have lived up to the "mission statement" so brilliantly devised by Simon and David.



- We have a healthy membership involvement. Of the 25 members only 8 members did not submit images or voted for them in our exhibitions this year and we regularly have at least half of our members attending the open meetings.
- The standard of the images chosen for our Turners wall has improved beyond all measure. We are proud of what we produce.
- There is a good balance of interest, information and photos in our Open Meetings.
- Photo Walks like the Nifty 50 and Night Trails were good to practise techniques and made us think.
- Photo Walks around Bollington hidden areas are always interesting, especially for non Bollingtonians.
- The Mayor of Bollington has chosen 4 images for his Christmas Cards this year. Each one will be from a different photographer.

Decisions for 2026

Turners Wall

Dates for:-

February Zigzags and Angles

1st - 14th January Submit images.

15th - 29th January Voting.

Confirm and Print the 9 chosen images

1st February - Images displayed

April Architecture

1st - 14th March Submit images.

15th -29th March Voting.

Confirm and Print the 9 chosen images

1st- April Images displayed

June Opposites

1st - 14th May Submit images.

15th - 25th Voting.

Confirm and Print the 9 chosen images

1st- Images displayed

August Glass

1st - 14th July Submit images.

15th - 27th Voting.

Confirm and Print the 9 chosen images

1st- Images displayed

Finances

Terry has put in a grant application to the Bollington Town Council for £250. He has specified that this will be used to help us support the Bollington Festival this year.

Suggestions for 2026

Open meetings

Terry suggest printing photographs.

We really like 6 in 10 meetings.

Photo Walks

Bluebells - Harrop Woods? Styal?

Quinta Arboretum.

Jodrell Bank.

Anson Engine Museum in Poynton.

Avro Heritage Museum, Woodford.

Walks around Poynton and/or other areas?

Autumn Walks at Alderney Edge and around.

Membership

For members:-

- We have details of our activities on the website. And we have the WhatsApp group to announce events. Kevin wondered if the WhatsApp group is really needed. We discussed this and agreed that it was much simpler and much more convenient than going to the website. So we would like to keep it.
- Perhaps we should remind the 8 members who haven't engaged with the Turners Wall Exhibitions that they can contribute. Perhaps a gentle reminder of the theme, timetable for submission, and voting would help.
- Maybe more members could be persuaded to join the WhatsApp group.

For non-members:-

- They are welcome to join us but with the proviso that if there are any meetings that are going to cost us - i.e. room fees or speaker fees etc. - then they will have to pay something towards this.
- The only way they can be kept in touch with our plans is to post on Facebook. Our Bollington Photographic Facebook page is good but we cannot share the information to other pages. Simon says that we can copy the url from the website to make a general Facebook post. We can then share it onto our own feeds and to relevant other local groups. This will keep it in view for longer.

Discussion about activities in 2026

- There seems to be a lot of support for a meal out.
- Although we are the Bollington Photographic group, we would like to go further afield - even to Poynton!
- If people have ideas for activities, the hardest part is making them happen. We need to be brave and step up to offer to organise something. This would need to be done with oversight from the group to fine tune details.

Website

We go into this year with;-

- Automatic photo re-sizing
- The front page has a carousel of images.
- We can see our images on the back page and can act on them to be seen.
- We can create albums on demand. Simon is re-building the Turners part of the website to make it more automatic.
- AI has really helped to generate galleries of week/day etc. So this will allow uploads of Festival Photographs for instance immediately.
- The shop will be linked to images from events. Organisers can receive a code to access images.