

Bollington Photographic Group

Minutes of Meetings

4th December 2025

Turners Arms 7pm



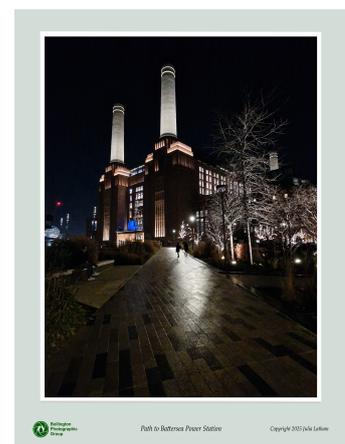
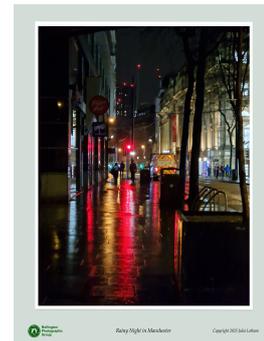
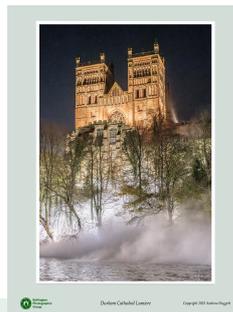
Present: Terry Heathcote, Pam Lob, Simon Nottage, Janet Beech, John Howarth, David Hirst, Pat Hirst, Denise Skiffington, Andrew Huggett.

Apologies: Geoff Latham, Julia Latham, Kevin Welton, Alan Hodgson.

Turners Photo Wall

Here are the latest winners.

December 2025 Night Lights



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.
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- 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.