



# WHICKHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

## MEMBER OF NORTHERN COUNTIES PHOTOGRAPHIC FEDERATION

MEETINGS on FRIDAYS at 7.30 pm. from SEPTEMBER to MAY at WHICKHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE, FRONT STREET, WHICKHAM, NE16 4JL

### THE CONSTITUTION

- 1 The Club shall be called WHICKHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB.
- 2 The constitution of Whickham Photographic Club is subject to any Rules of Association as part of the Whickham Community Association.
- 3 The objectives of the Club are to promote photography within the local community. This is to be achieved by the friendly exchange of ideas and mutual assistance among members as well as the organising and holding of lectures, demonstrations, competitions and exhibitions etc.
- 4 Any person interested in practising photography as an amateur or professional, who agrees to actively support the Club's objectives, may apply for membership. Membership of the Whickham Community Association is also a requirement of membership of the Photographic Club. The club identifies its responsibilities under the Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults legislation and will take every practical step to ensure that children, young persons and vulnerable adults are protected from risks. To this extent no young person under the age of 18 can become a member of the club or a regular attendee unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
- 5 The annual subscription for the following year will be determined at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting. With the exception of the Junior Competition only fully paid-up members will be eligible to take part in Club competitions.
- 6 The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a committee comprised of elected officers and ordinary members. The Officers of the Club will consist of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Secretary, Inter-Club Competition Secretary, Programme Secretary, Publicity Officer and will be elected every April at the Annual General Meeting along with a maximum of six ordinary members. Six committee members will constitute a quorum.
- 7 A term of office as President shall not exceed two consecutive years, although there is no limit on the number of times a member can become President.
- 8 Every year at the Annual General Meeting audited accounts for the year ending 28th February will be presented to members. Auditors for the following year will be elected.
- 9 A Special General Meeting (SGM) can be called at any time by the committee or on receipt of a written request signed by at least ten fully paid up members. Twenty one days notice should be given to all members of any SGM, together with particulars of business to be transacted. No business other than that appearing on the notice will be transacted at such a meeting.
- 10 A current copy of the Club Constitution will be supplied to every Club Member. No alteration can be made to the Constitution except at the AGM or SGM. A proposed alteration will only be implemented following a vote where two-thirds majority of attending members are in favour of the proposal.
- 11 A copy of the programme, together with a membership number for the season, will be given to each member on payment of their annual subscription.
- 12 Competition Rules will be available prior to the start of the season. The rules will stay in force without change or modification for the whole of that season. The Competition Rules may be changed prior to the start of the season, following discussion and agreement by the committee. Proposals to change the Competition Rules may also be made at the AGM or SGM and adopted for the next season by a majority vote of attending members. Each member will be supplied with a copy of any modified rules on payment of their annual subscription.
- 13 Proposals for the AGM will not be accepted unless given to the Secretary fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting. Nominations and proposals should be signed by two current members of the Club as proposer and seconder.
- 14 The Club may be dissolved only by consent of three quarters of the membership who attend a SGM called for that purpose. Such a meeting will appoint a Liquidator and decide on the disposal of all Club funds and assets.
- 15 On portrait nights all members taking Photographs should expect to pay a nominal sum towards the payment of model fees or other incurred expenses. The levy will be determined by the committee prior to the Portrait Night.
- 16 The Committee will have the power to deal with any matters not otherwise provided for in the Constitution.

**THIS CONSTITUTION WAS IMPLEMENTED AT THE CLOSE OF THE AGM ON THE 31 JANUARY 1992 WITH AMENDMENTS MADE AT A SGM ON 4TH NOVEMBER 2011 AND THE AGM ON 21ST APRIL 2017**

**Carol Stout DPAGB**  
President

**Alan Wilson AFIAP**  
Secretary