



Swindon Photographic Society

also known as

Swindon Camera Club

Affiliated to

The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

through the

Western Counties Photographic Federation

THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution and The Competition Rules have been split into separate documents in 2025.

The club shall be known as the **Swindon Photographic Society**.

The club shall be affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain, through the Western Counties Photographic Federation.

The object of the club shall be to assist and encourage the enjoyment of photography.

The financial year shall be from July 1st to June 30th. Subscriptions become due on September 1st and must be paid within one month of that date. Persons whose subscriptions are not paid by the end of September shall be considered to have terminated their membership.

Subscription rates will be agreed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the following categories of membership (age at date of joining):

- Adult (over 18)
- Junior (over 16 and under 18)
- Visitor per night

Junior membership is only open to the child of a full club member, and the junior must be accompanied and chaperoned by a full club member that has parental or legally delegated responsibility for that child.

For potential new members the first visit is free (their name will be recorded on the attendance register), thereafter one visitor fee paid will be deducted from the appropriate subscription rate.

Rates for adults and juniors will be reduced on a pro-rata basis after January 1st, with only one visitor fee being deducted during the same calendar month as joining.

Joining from January to March gets a 30% reduction.

Joining from April to August is the full fee but will include the next year's subscription.

Any concessions are at the discretion of the President or Vice President and one other committee member.

The committee shall consist of the following posts, elected at the AGM, or co-opted at the discretion of the committee.

President, Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Programme Secretary, Competition Secretary, Exhibition Secretary, Battle Secretary, Membership Secretary, WCPF Representative, Hall Manager, Publicity Officer, and other posts without portfolio.

Only members are eligible for nomination as committee members. Members may submit nominations for the committee, via the Secretary, up to and including the election time of the AGM.

The committee quorum shall consist of a minimum of six committee members, to include at least one from the President, Vice-President, or the Immediate Past President.

The Treasurer is required to keep accounts of monies received and spent during the year, to present interim statements of these accounts to monthly committee meetings, and a final statement of the accounts, which shall be subject to an independent examination, to the AGM.

The committee is empowered to disburse club funds up to an amount not exceeding £750 on any items it considers necessary or desirable for the successful running of the club. With the exception of the regular hire-of-room charges and WCPF affiliation fees, proposed expenditure in excess of £750 must be agreed at an AGM or a Special General Meeting (SGM).

The Club's assets are owned by the membership; therefore, any financial losses incurred by the club shall be equally shared by all members. If financial difficulties are foreseen, it is the responsibility of the committee to call an SGM for a decision to be made by the members.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) organised by the club are for fully paid up members only.

All locations, both internal and external may involve hazards such as cables, print stands, traffic, tides, slippery paths, cliffs etc and whilst risks will be considered your personal safety is your own responsibility.

The AGM will be held on a convenient date within two months of the end of the financial year, when officers and committee members for the following year will be elected.

Only members are entitled to vote at any meeting in connection with club business, eligible to serve as committee members, take part in club competitions, or propose a motion to an AGM or SGM.

No amendment to the Constitution or Competition Rules may be made except at an AGM or SGM.

Any change to the Constitution may be proposed by the committee, or by any two members in writing to the Secretary or President, to be received at least two weeks before the relevant meeting. The Secretary shall post all such motions on the club notice board at least one week before the meeting.

The committee, or at least ten members, having given written notice to the Secretary or President, may call an SGM. The Secretary or President shall be responsible for posting a notice on the club's notice board of the AGM or SGM at least three weeks before the date of the meeting.

End of the Constitution