

# Landscape Group Conference

1/2/3 March 2018

The Abbey Hotel,  
Great Malvern, Worcestershire WR14 3ET

## Information for potential participants

### Introduction

This will be the RPS Landscape Group's second weekend conference event. It will feature a varied programme of talks, workshops and location shoots that we hope will appeal to many of the group's members. In particular we are delighted that our speakers will include leading professional landscape photographers Thomas Heaton and Paul Gallagher. A final programme will be provided later in the year but an outline programme is attached at the end of this document.

With prices starting from £240<sup>1</sup> for a full board weekend in a luxury hotel, and the exciting conference programme that is planned, we hope you will agree that this represents excellent value. Please book early because we anticipate high demand and you will also benefit from the early booking discount.

### Duration

The conference will begin on the evening of 1<sup>st</sup> March and will finish after lunch on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019.

### Venue

The Abbey Hotel is a 4-star luxury hotel in Great Malvern on the edge of the Malvern Hills which have been designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; see [www.sarova-abbeyhotel.com](http://www.sarova-abbeyhotel.com) and [www.visitthemaalverns.org](http://www.visitthemaalverns.org). The accommodation and public areas are of top quality, the food is excellent and the location is ideal for landscape photographers, with plenty of great landscape locations within easy reach.

The hotel has been chosen not only for its appeal to photographers, but also to photographers' spouses, partners or friends who may wish to come for the weekend but not necessarily attend the conference. Being situated in the centre of a historical Victorian spa town, the location offers an excellent range of alternative activities for them.

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<sup>1</sup>Based on a landscape group member sharing a double or twin room and benefiting from the early booking discount.

## **Booking**

Please read the “How to book” section towards the end of this document. The booking options are somewhat complicated so you are strongly advised to read it before you attempt to book!

Please also read the notes below thoroughly for explanations of the different booking options available.

If you live within easy reach of Great Malvern you are welcome to attend as a non-residential delegate.

## **Discounts**

There are several different types of tickets and discounts available so please be sure to select the right ticket when booking.

Your membership of the RPS and/or the landscape group will be verified automatically if you select one of these discounts.

There are further discounts available to people sharing a hotel room and to those who book early (before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018).

## **What the price includes**

Residential tickets include attendance at all sessions on the conference programme, your accommodation (see below) and all meals starting with a 3-course dinner on Friday evening and finishing with lunch on Sunday, mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshments during the conference.

Non-residential tickets include attendance at all sessions on the conference programme, lunches on Saturday and Sunday and mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshments during the conference.

## **What the price does not include**

Alcoholic drinks and other refreshments that are not mentioned above, travel to and from the venue, travel to and from any location shoots.

## **Cancellation**

You are encouraged to have suitable travel insurance to cover the cost of the event in that you need to cancel at short notice. Depending on when you cancel, the Landscape Group may be able to refund some or all of your ticket price but this cannot be guaranteed, particularly if you cancel after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

## **Special requirements**

Prior to the conference we will contact all delegates to enquire as to any special mobility, access or dietary needs and to pass these on to the hotel. We will try to ensure that all delegates requirements are met.

## **Travel**

The hotel has enough car parking for most, but not all rooms. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For those who wish to arrive by train, Great Malvern station is approx. 0.7 miles away and is served by frequent services from Worcester, Hereford, Birmingham, Bristol and London.

## **Showing your own work**

During the conference there will be a number of opportunities for members to show some of their own work:

- At the distinctions workshop on Saturday morning (see outline programme below) – prints only
- On display easels in the conference room during the conference – printed images only
- At a members' "Show and Tell" session (to be confirmed) – projected digital images only.

We will contact you prior to the conference to ask if you would like to share your work in any of these ways.

# Provisional Outline Programme

## Friday evening

Welcome drinks  
Guest speaker  
Dinner

## Saturday

Landscape distinctions: talk / workshop / review of members' images with a member of the RPS distinctions panel. The panel member will be (i) talking about what makes a successful landscape panel for distinctions and which categories landscape images should be submitted under, (ii) showing examples of successful landscape panels and (iii) reviewing work by conference attendees who would like advice and feedback as part of their preparation for applying for a distinction. This session will address all three distinction levels.

Alternatively, for those delegates who prefer (and subject to demand) we will aim to arrange one or more guided location shoots in the local area and/or one or more practical how-to workshops on relevant subjects.

There will also be a number of talks on various subjects relating to landscape photography.

## Sunday morning

RPS Landscape Group AGM  
Further speakers and/or workshops

## Lunch and end of main conference

## Sunday afternoon

Subject to weather and demand, guided shoot at nearby location.

# How to book

## Step 1

Please read the information in the table below which explains the online booking process.

Your conference booking must be made via the RPS website. On the website page you will see various bookable items and associated prices. You may need to book and pay for more than one item. This table explains the available options.

Item		Explanation	Price
<b>DELEGATES</b>			
T1	Single	Book this ticket if you wish to book a RESIDENTIAL place and will not be sharing your room.	£460.00
T2	Double – 2 delegates	Book this ticket if you wish to book RESIDENTIAL places for yourself and another conference delegate who will share your room.	£650.00
T3	Double - 1 delegate + 1 non-delegate	Book this ticket if you wish to book RESIDENTIAL places for yourself and a friend or partner who will share your room but will NOT be attending the conference sessions.	£600.00
T4	Executive room upgrade	Book this ticket IN ADDITION to T1, T2 or T3 if you wish to upgrade to an executive room for the weekend. See hotel website for details.	£50.00
T5	Non-residential	Book this ticket if you wish to attend as a day delegate only (i.e. no accommodation included).	£265.00
D1	RPS member discount	Select this item if YOU are a member of the RPS. The website will automatically verify your membership. The discount applies to residential and non-residential places. Only ONE discount per booking.	£60.00
D2	Landscape group member discount	Select this item if YOU are a member of the RPS Landscape Group. The website will automatically verify your membership. This discount is available IN ADDITION to the RPS member discount. The discount applies to residential and non-residential places. Only ONE discount per booking.	£60.00
D3	Early booking discount	Select this item if are booking no later than 31st August 2018. One discount is available per booking. Discount applies to residential and non-residential bookings. Discount is available IN ADDITION to members' discounts.	£50.00

## Step 2

Make your booking online at: <http://rps.org/special-interest-groups/landscape/events>

When you have completed and paid for your booking you will be automatically be emailed a confirmation.

NB during the booking process you will be required to enter your personal details for each of the items you book.