

I am writing this just after we have finished our latest on-line talk, this one on Astrophotography by Andrew Allan. In the talk Andrew covered not just how to take images of constellations, meteors, the milky way, noctilucent clouds and of course the aurora, but also showed his skills in using the landscape to create compelling images. There was also a smattering of astrophysics as a taster for anyone who wishes to go further into understanding how the night sky 'works'. Andrew is running a field trip for RPS Scotland on 19 December in Dumfries and Galloway and there are still places available – see the RPS Scotland website for booking details. Earlier in October we had the first Perth Share and Support Photoforum which was very well attended, with good representation from non-members. Over 20 photographers brought work with almost as many interested observers.




Jan Benson

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the opportunity to view a set of palladium processed portraits by Trevor Yerbury, who gave a very comprehensive description of the process and the back story to each subject.

The 2025 print exhibition finished its tenure at Stirling and will now move to Inverness for the New Year. On 25th October the Northern Group had an outing to Rothiemurcus Estate for some Autumn colour, and coming up on 2nd November we have the Northern Group Photoforum in Nairn.

Major news for October is the announcement of our Project – From Land! You will all have received an invitation to the launch event on 29th November at Annandale Distillery. This is a collaborative project giving all Scotland members the opportunity to capture the changing story of Scotland's Land and to see their work in print. More information will be added to the RPS Scotland web=page as the project progresses. In the meantime, if anyone has questions or wishes to know more then please contact any of the committee members.

 We are social! On Facebook as RPS Scotland Group, you will need your membership number to join!

Region Events News Contd...

The main news from RPS this month has been the update on the plans for the new Distinctions framework. I can add nothing to what was sent out by the CEO. Please do engage in providing feedback as this is your opportunity to influence what the future of RPS Distinctions will look like.

Talking of feedback, we will be holding a Town Hall for all RPS Scotland members to join an on-line meeting with the Committee on Wednesday 26th November at 7.00pm.

If anyone has any questions in advance then please send them to us, preferably by 20th November. There will be an opportunity to ask questions during the meeting but these may be limited by the time available.

Finally, don't forget to support our monthly competition!

Peter

Loxley Colour

Have generously given a 10% discount code for Photographic and Fine Art Prints specifically for RPS Scotland members, single use code

Please note that other Print companies are available and Loxley is not endorsed by The Royal Photographic Society.

WANTED



We are updating the RPS Scotland Website, and want to showcase

YOU!

*Please send your website details and a brief synopsis to Sam
scotlandevents@rps.org*

Northern Shutterbugs

A trip to Aviemore 25 October 2025

A small but enthusiastic group of members led by Alan O'Brien ARPS made their way to Aviemore for a day at Craigellachie and Loch an Eilein, undeterred by a rather drizzly forecast. Spirits were high despite the grey start, and their optimism was rewarded when the clouds lifted and the afternoon sun broke through. The light danced beautifully across the loch, illuminating the vivid autumnal colours of the surrounding trees and hills — a perfect reward for those who braved the morning rain. Plenty of images were captured throughout the day, and this is a selection from the group showcasing the beauty and variety of the scenes enjoyed together.



Craigellachie #1. - Alan O'Brien ARPS



Loch an Eilean #1. - Alan O'Brien ARPS

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**Loch An Eilien 1. Trish Roberts
ARPS**



Loch An Eilien 2. Trish Roberts ARPS



Neil Hutton



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Peter Roberts



Round Round - Samantha Dearlove

From Land



We're thrilled to invite you to a special afternoon unveiling From Land — a landmark Scotland-wide initiative from the Royal Photographic Society Scotland, celebrating the rich tapestry of our land.

This project honours the people, wildlife, and working landscapes that shape Scotland's identity, from the Borders to the Isles. Join us to explore the project's vision, discover how to get involved, and learn about the submission process for contributing your work.

Be part of a community capturing the changing story of Scotland's land through 2026 — a journey of collaboration, creativity, and celebration.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Saturday 29th November

1.30pm for 2pm - 4pm

Tickets are £30 pp, this includes distillery tour including behind the scenes, whisky tastings or drivers pack, glass, lanyard, pen and tasting notes plus tea/coffee and cake

Annandale Distillery Northfield, Annan DG12 5LL

FULL INFORMATION AT [RPS SCOTLAND EVENTS PAGE](#)

RSVP:

scotlandevents@rps.org





From Land

A year long journey across Scotland's sweeping landscapes is coming soon. From sweeping vistas to quiet intimate moments, we're capturing the stories of people, place, and the land itself. Stay tuned as we gather voices, photographs, and perspectives that explore how we live with the land and how it lives within us.

Getting ready for launch in November, and the project involving RPS Scotland members coming from 1 January 2026.



Questions with Answers in relation to From Land Project Launch at Annandale Distillery 29 November 2025

1. Can I bring a guest who isn't an RPS Scotland member?

Yes, absolutely. Guests are very welcome to attend. Tickets remain £30 per person, which reflects the cost charged to RPS Scotland for the distillery tour, tasting (or driver's pack), and refreshments.

2. What's included in the ticket price?

Your £30 ticket includes a behind-the-scenes distillery tour, whisky tasting or drivers pack for those driving, a glass, lanyard, pen, tasting notes, and tea/coffee with cake – all within a relaxed and inspiring afternoon setting.

3. Will there be a presentation about the From Land project at the launch?

Yes. The afternoon will include a short presentation introducing the project's aims, how to get involved, submission details, and the exciting opportunities available to RPS Scotland members throughout 2026.

4. I have a dietary requirement who do I contact?

Please email Sam at Scotlandevents@rps.org.uk

5. Can I bring my camera?

Yes absolutely! Please be mindful of bringing tripods as other people will be at the venue, and you will need to carry it up stairs and across a courtyard.

6. Why is the event so far away from me? Will there be other opportunities for other events?

The idea to hold the project launch from land at Annandale is due to several factors, they are an independent distillery and their ethos is similar to the tone of the From Land book. Annandale is in Dumfries and Galloway which is 'First in Scotland' which is relevant to geographical locations for the images to be taken across the whole of Scotland including the Isles.

There will be other events at locations across Scotland during 2026, but this will be the only launch event, please check the Scotland events page.

7. Do I have to attend the launch event at Annandale to take part in the From Land project?

No. Attendance at the launch is not required to participate in the project or submit work for the book. The event is simply an opportunity to learn more about the vision, process, and inspiration behind From Land — and to celebrate its beginning with fellow members.

8. What else is there to do in Dumfries and Galloway?

There are many places to explore in Dumfries and Galloway, including Dumfries House, WWT Caerlaverock wetland centre, The Globe Inn where Robert Burns has inscribed on the glass, the Henry Duncan Savings Bank Museum and also Moat Brae which is credited as inspiration for JM Barrie's Peter Pan.

9. How do I book my place?

Please visit RPS Scotland Events page to book your place!

10. If I have any questions who should I speak with?

Please email Sam at scotlandevents@rps.org

David Shillabeer - ARPS

 **Upcoming Event – Railway Photography & Art with David Shillabeer ARPS**

Tuesday 11th November 2025, held via Zoom

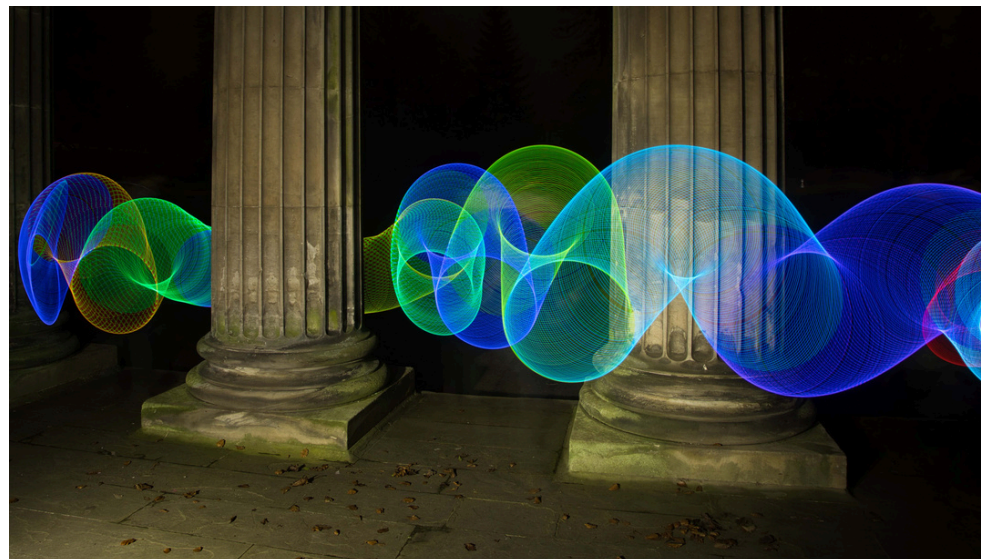
We're delighted to welcome David Shillabeer ARPS, who will be giving us a fascinating talk on railway photography and railway art. David has a long-standing passion for both subjects, and he will regale us with stories of steam, heavy metal, and the artistry of the railways. This promises to be an engaging and nostalgic evening for anyone who enjoys photography, history, or the romance of the rails.

On the same evening, Dave will be sharing his A Panel – a wonderful opportunity to see a completed body of work presented in context.

This event is free for RPS members, and promises to be both informative and inspiring – not just for rail enthusiasts, but for anyone interested in how photography intersects with culture and industry.

 Tickets are available now through the Contemporary / Documentary website:

<https://events.rps.org/en/4LrdQ66/contemporary-and-documentary-groups-never-again-and-back-again-nov-25-5a2NN2AwCEL/overview>



FREE EVENT

Friday 14 November 2025

7pm - 9pm

Camperdown House Dundee


🌙 An Evening of Light Painting

Fun with lights, cameras, and creativity!

With Gordon Baird and Neil Hutton

🌟 Try Something Magical – Book Your Spot!

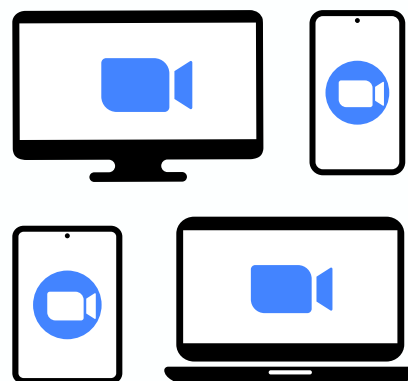
Step into a world of glowing creativity with An Evening of Light Painting! This fun, hands-on photography session is perfect for anyone who loves to experiment and learn in a relaxed atmosphere. You'll discover how to use light, movement, and long exposures to create dazzling images – no advanced skills required. With expert guidance from Gordon Baird and Neil Hutton, you'll gain confidence using your camera, remote shutter release, and simple lighting tools to paint the night with colour and imagination. Come join us for a unique experience that blends art, technology, and play – and leave with stunning photos you've created yourself!

 Spaces are limited to 6 people – book now at RPS Scotland Events to secure your spot and be part of the glow!

After registration you will be emailed guidelines, risk assessment and what to bring document.



**CALLING ALL
RPS SCOTLAND MEMBERS**



WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2025 7PM

ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

Join us for an engaging RPS Scotland Online Town Hall Meeting, where you'll have the chance to meet your committee, share your ideas, and help shape the future of our region. This is your opportunity to hear what's happening across RPS Scotland, ask questions, and contribute your thoughts on upcoming plans and priorities. Whether you're an active volunteer or simply curious to know more, we'd love to hear from you – your voice and perspective make a real difference. Come along, connect with fellow members, and be part of the conversation that drives our community forward.

Register Online at [RPS Scotland Events](#)

Shahbaz Majeed - Frame Focus Capture, and Landward Monday 1 December 2025 7pm



Shahbaz Majeed is a Dundee-based award-winning photographer and author, widely recognised for his striking aerial and landscape imagery. His work has been published internationally in books, magazines, and newspapers, and he is especially known for capturing Scotland from the air in unique and evocative ways. He has authored several photographic books — including *Scotland From the Sky* — which showcase his ability to blend technical expertise with a strong artistic vision. Majeed's photography continues to inspire and influence many in the field, highlighting the power of aerial perspectives in modern storytelling.

He talks about his landscape and aerial photography journey which lead him to work as a TV presenter and ending on some behind the scenes.

End of Zoom's for 2025 - 2026 Zoom bookings will be released next Newsletter



Meet. Shoot. Sip. – Camera & Coffee is here!

We're launching a brand-new way of getting together across the region – Camera & Coffee

It's a relaxed, informal, and short event all about connecting with fellow photographers

🌐 One meet-up per month (weather permitting!)

 Weekends and weekdays available

💡 Suggestions welcome! – If you'd like us to bring Camera & Coffee to your area, get in touch.
Even better, volunteer to host one!

📍 **St Andrews – Friday 12 December 10am - 1pm meet at St Andrews Cathedral**

📍 **Glasgow Riverside Transport Museum – Friday 20 February 2026 10am - 1pm**

Why join us?

Meet fellow members and enthusiasts in a relaxed setting

Share stories, ideas, and inspiration

Explore new areas with your camera in hand

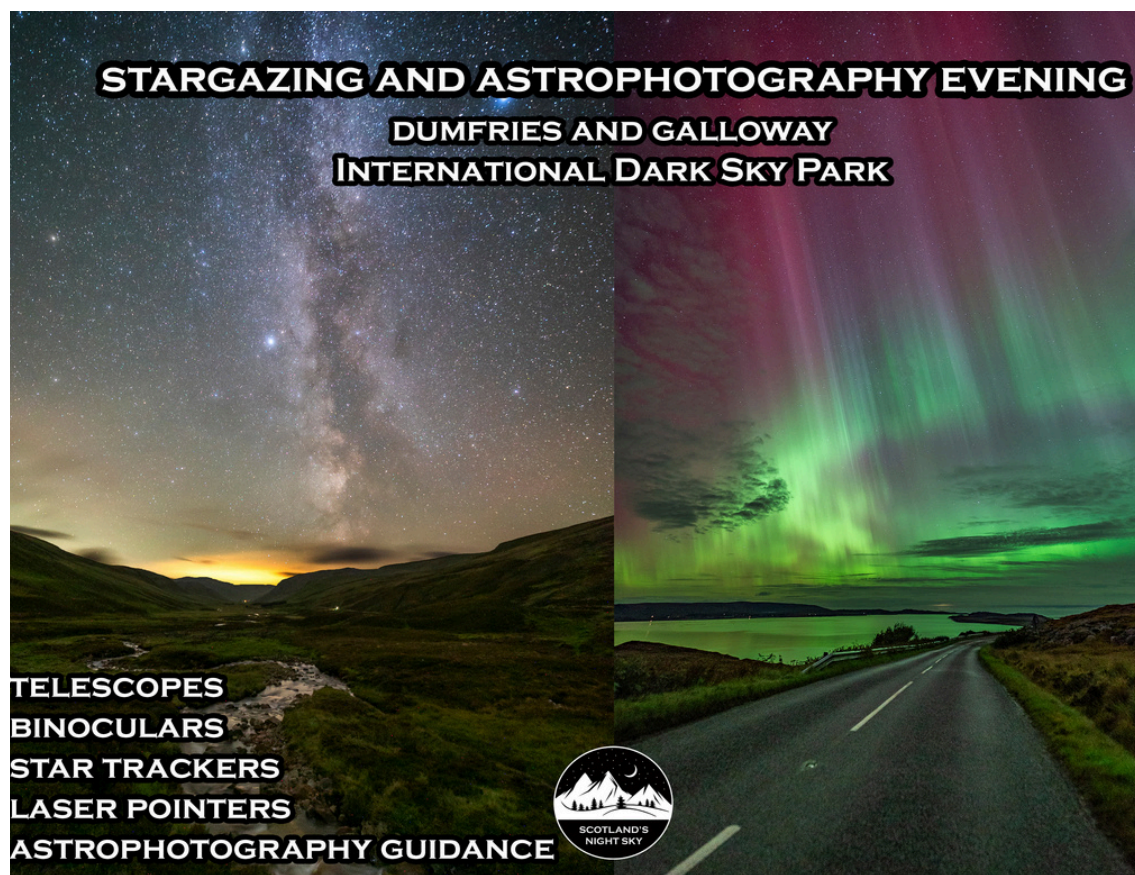
Enjoy coffee, food, and a welcoming atmosphere

☞ We'd love your suggestions!

Email Sam at scotlandevents@rps.org if you'd like Camera & Coffee to come to your area, or if you're happy to help host.

ANDREW ALLAN - £25 PER PERSON
SCOTLANDS NIGHTSKY 12 PLACES AVAILABLE

**FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2025 MEETING
TIME TO BE CONFIRMED**



Come along for a relaxed and inspiring evening under the stars with professional astrophotographer Andrew Allan, where you'll explore the night sky like never before. Using telescopes, binoculars, a laser pointer, and astrophotography gear such as star trackers and filters. Andrew will guide you through the constellations, planets, and other celestial sights visible on the night.

You'll learn how to spot key features in the sky and get hands-on experience looking through telescopes. For anyone curious about astrophotography, there'll be friendly tips on how to capture the night sky with your own camera.

Whether you're a stargazer or photographer Andrew will help you enjoy the beauty of the dark skies of Scotland.

Bring your own refreshments, soup and a roll recommended.



A Walk in the Woods
by
Pat Ness LRPS

The Scotland Region of the Royal Photographic Society will be presenting an exhibition of photographic prints that show the variety of work undertaken by members. It includes images of wildlife, landscapes, people and places taken both in Scotland and around the world and demonstrates a range of photographic techniques to present these subjects.

Eden Court Gallery - Inverness January 2026

Aberdeen Art Centre - Aberdeen February 2026

Royal Photographic Society Landscape Group Members' Exhibition 2025/26



[See the Exhibition](#)

The RPS Landscape Group is holding its second exhibition of members' work across 8+ locations, starting in May 2025 at Southwark Cathedral, before moving to Bristol Central Library, eventually ending in Scotland in Spring 2026. 80 beautiful prints; from London to Antarctica; land & sea; rural & urban; from big scenes to intimate abstracts.

All venues are outdoors, open 24/7

Southwark Cathedral, London
17 May - 8 June 2025

Central Library, Bristol
21 June - 13 July 2025

**Bridge Field, Rushcliffe,
(Trent Bridge, Nottingham)**
2 - 18 August 2025

**Yorkshire Museum, on Dame
Judi Dench Walk, York**
6 - 21 September 2025

Chester Cathedral, Chester
4 - 26 October 2025

Crow Park, Keswick
8 - 23 November 2025

WASPS, Inverness
2 - 17 May 2026

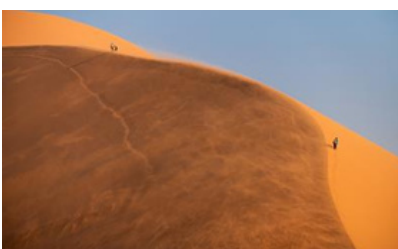
More 2026 dates to be announced



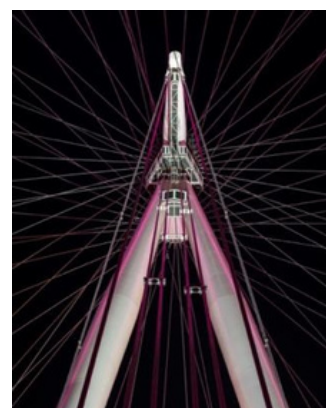
Peter Stott ARPS



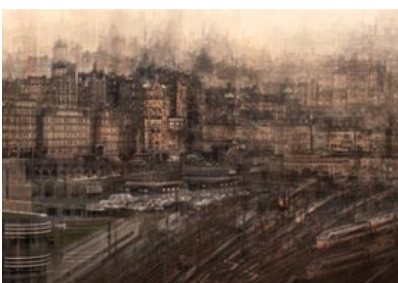
Phillip Dove LRPS



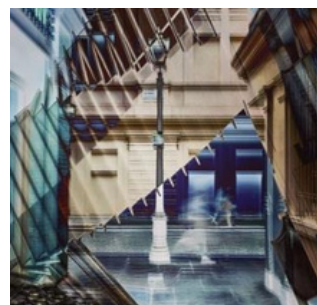
Mark Sims ARPS



Howard Klein LRPS



Morag Forbes LRPS



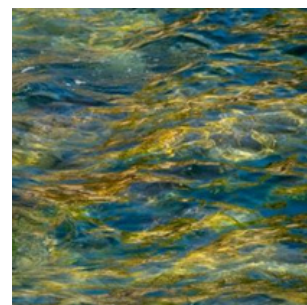
Lesley Peatfield ARPS



Rosemary Wilman HonFRPS



Lindsay Southgate ARPS

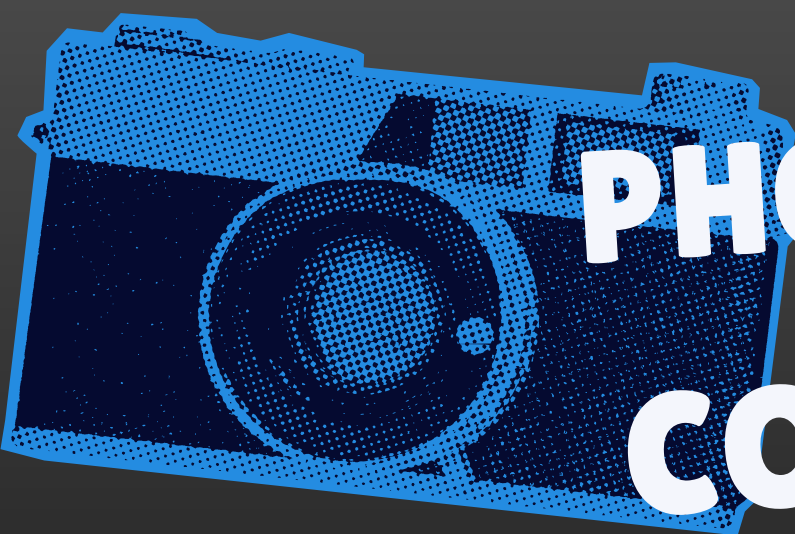


Sue Searle LRPS

Founded in 1853, current patron HRH The Princess of Wales, the RPS mission is to bring inspiration, creativity and connection through photography to people of all ages and backgrounds. The Landscape Group has 1200 members and is one of 16 special interest groups.

Website: <https://rps.org/Landscape-EXPO25/> Instagram: [rpslandscape](#) X/Twitter: [@RPSLandscapeExh](#)

Contact: landscapeexhibitionmemberevents@rps.org



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

****LIVE ****

1st November – Rules apply

LIT LONG EXPOSURE

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November 2025 Competition
1 November - 23rd November

Entries to
scotlandweb@rps.org



Dear Members,

Apologies for the lateness of the survey being sent out for Octobers competition, it was submitted on time by Scotland but I am led to understand that HO are down the staff member who would normally do this for us.

Also as some of you may be aware from Facebook Sam was in London this week without laptop and we manually go through votes, names and membership together, so she needed to double check the results before announcement.

This month's competition is lit long exposure, as the nights have drawn in, and we all huddle inside for warmth I thought it would be a great opportunity to see your images with the theme of lit long exposure. I don't want you all going out unnecessarily in the dark and cold to capture images, so this can be as simple as writing your name with a torch on your wall to car headlights going past your door.

I have a soft spot for light painting as you can see from the event that is being held in November at Camperdown House, but I have learned that simple often works out a lot better than ornate!

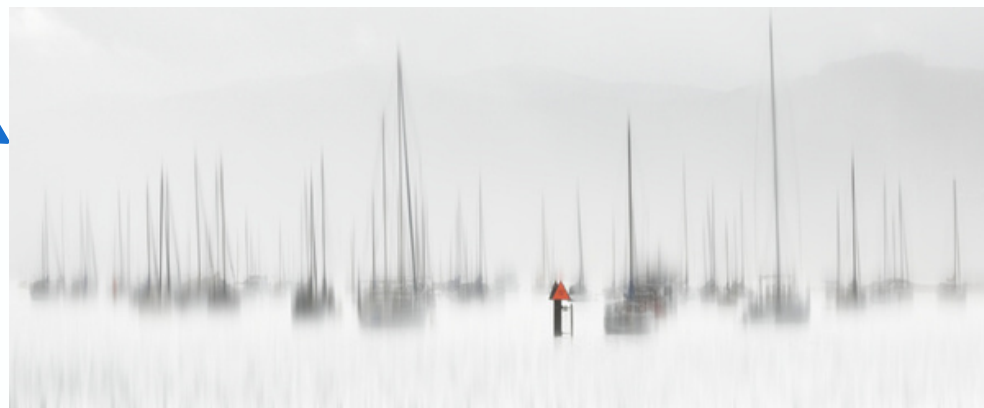
With best wishes,

Neil Hutton
Scotland Web Officer- Volunteer

Winners and placements October 2025 Competition - Black and White with a splash of colour



Old Blue Eyes by Alan O'Brien ARPS



Morro Bay Impressions by
Peter Roberts

Wee Red Shop Govan by
Findlay Rankin



The last word.....

If you would like something included please email Peter or Sam before the 20th of each month.

Coming soon

Zoom Talks with

Jennifer Charlton - MPB Scottish Portrait Photographer of the Year 2024 -
Wednesday 14 **January** 2026

David Gilliver - Lightpaintinig Tuesday 24 **February** 2026

Stewart Wall - Photobook and Zines Wednesday 4 **March** 2026

Karen Miller - Wildlife - Wednesday 25 **March** 2026

Mark Banks - Printing and Paper Choices Thursday 9 **April** 2026

Adventures.....

David Gilliver 2026 - After lightpainting zoom, date to be confirmed

There are other things in the pipeline stay tuned!

**If you want Sam to look at any other in person events drop her a message.
scotlandevents@rps.org**