

Royal Photographic Society – East Anglia Region Annual General Meeting

Regional Organiser Update

I want to share an overview of the photography activities in our region over the last year. The Region has Committee for 4 members. At the end of 2025 Peter Orton resigned though we welcomed Peter Maxwell to the committee.

The Regions membership remains stable with a minor decline from 765 in 2024 to 757 at the end of 2025.

Community led events in 2025 were challenging the year started positively with several online photo reviews though interest in those events declined in the 2nd half of 2025.

We held a successful photobook workshop in July that attracted out of region members as well as East Anglia members.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our 2025 Advisory Day as uncertainty around the structure of ARPS and FRSP resulted in our planned advisory standing down and there was not enough time to find a replacement. We do have an Advisory Day planned for the 16th August with David Rutter FRPS and Simon Ciappara FRPS. The Advisory Day will be open to those seeking LRPS, ARPS and FRPS plus places for those who want to attend to observer. Our 2024 Advisory day resulted in several members successfully achieving a distinction.

In 2026 we plan to publish 2 e-newsletters a Spring/Summer and Autumn/Winter and will be looking to include as many regional member articles as possible in the e-newsletters.

We will run a programme of community led events through the year in collaboration with the Special Interest Groups. There are multiple TalkWalkTalk events taking place across the region in May and June and most of those are now full. A second TalkWalkTalk series of events will take place in the Autumn.

Of note we have an collaboration with Travel that is taking place in Cambridge, and we have a Blue Badge guide leading that event.

It would be great if we could create a cohort of members who are interested in helping the committee run Community Led Events as that will allow us to expand the number of activities within the Region. For example, if we had 30 members who would be happy to

led an event every 2 years we could significantly expand the volume of events available to members.

We have been approached by Camera Clubs in the region to provide talks on the RPS and I hope this will attract members from those clubs attending RPS events or start a distinction journey.

There will be a chance to ask question as part of agenda item number 7. I hope as many members as possible will find time join at least one of our Community Led Events.