



## April 2023 Newsletter

The AGM was held at Bridge of Allan, and was heartily attended by 42 members, and with 200ish images up for the travelling exhibition there was unfortunately a few members who didn't get selected for the final 40 images which will start it's tour with Carnoustie (May), Edinburgh (August), Kircudbright (September / October), Inverness (January), and hopefully Aberdeen (February). We are hoping to get a jpeg version onto the website soon too, but the 40 chosen images are a good reflection of the range of work being carried out by RPS Scotland members. The quality of the 200 entrants was exceptional.

At the AGM Dave Ferguson (RO) noted the difficulties faced within RPS Scotland over the year, and the bigger problems at HQ where the new CRM / website has caused much consternation and confusion. A fresh start was reported on however, and the plan is to have a much more structured RPS Scotland approach, encompassing all the airts and pairts, and working closely with the SIGS as well, especially seeing as how the new Landscape and Creative Eye Chairs are Colin Balfour and Clive Watkins, giving Scotland a a significant presence in these two SIGS in particular. HQ also have a new CEO, and the word from Bristol is that he is committed to getting the members' services fully on track ASAP, so that will help everyone too.

He thanked Cameron Leask for his time and support as Treasurer, and welcomed Kirsten Bax as his replacement. Full copies of Dave's report, and Cameron's accounts are attached to the email broadcast from the RPS.



It's Not All About Your Selfie  
Clive Watkins LRPS

---

### What's On in April / May:

15th April: Buckie to Cullen - a Northern Day Out

22nd April: St Andrews - a Tayside Day Out

29th April - 24th June Annual Exhibition, Carnoustie Library

21st May Dunrobin Castle & Big Burn, Golspie - Northern Group  
<https://rps.org/regions/scotland/regional-news-events/>

21st-22nd April: RPS Historical SIG weekend in Glasgow.  
<https://rps.org/groups/historical/>

Entries open to Edinburgh International Salon  
<https://www.edinburghphotosalon.com>

The year was largely cost-neutral, with the big expense of the new print stands coming in under budget, but above quality expectations, and they were very well used at the AGM, so a big thanks to John Urquhart for his exceptional handiwork.

It was announced that next year's AGM will be held online, to improve accessibility for all members, and we hope to run that along with a speaker or two, as a free event for all RPS Scotland members, and with a small fee to non RPS Scotland members to cover the speakers. The print exhibition selection will be held on 23rd March 2024, at Bridge of Allan, and we'll revamp the rules and regulations surrounding that, in order to promote clarity around the aims of the exhibition - to reflect the breadth of the work within RPS Scotland; and to provide clarity surrounding the actual selection process. This is a fun, sociable and educational day out, so we're sure it will continue to be a popular meeting in our calendar.

Dave thanked the RPS panel members who had helped with our Assessment Days and Photo Forums in the past year (James and Hazel Frost, Mick Durham, John Simpson, and Roy Robertson) and we will be publishing plans and dates for this year's days very soon. He finished by thanking all the members for their attendance and support, on the AGM day and at events and talks throughout the year, and asked any volunteers who may wish to help in any way, or organise days out to get in touch so that we can support them appropriately. He particularly noted the Northern (Dave Shillabeer and Morton Gillespie), Lanark (Douglas Thompson), and South West (Jean Robson and Clive Watkins) teams for their efforts in their local areas.

The last of this season's talks was a very engaging and enthusiastic one, by Danielle Macleod, mask maker and photographer from the Isle of Lewis. The talk was recorded and it, along with our previous ones, are all available to view from our web page:

<https://rps.org/regions/scotland/>

The RPS Scotland website is where you will find all sorts of info and events for us to enjoy, including the monthly competition...last month's winner by Clive Watkins is proudly on display top right, this month's theme is Animals (including pets). Entries to Ken Ness, whose contact details are below.



## **RPS Scotland Committee**

### **RPS Regional Organiser:**

Dave Ferguson LRPS [scotland@rps.org](mailto:scotland@rps.org)

### **Committee:**

Ken Ness ARPS [scotlandweb@rps.org](mailto:scotlandweb@rps.org)

Kirsten Bax LRPS [scotlandtreasurer@rps.org](mailto:scotlandtreasurer@rps.org)

Steven Whittaker ARPS [scotlandsec@rps.org](mailto:scotlandsec@rps.org)

Local contacts

### **Northern**

Dave Shillabeer ARPS

Morton Gillespie ARPS

### **Grampian**

Nigel Corby FRPS

### **Tayside**

Robin Millar

### **Fife**

Monica Vella

Ken Goodfellow LRPS

Mark Reeves FRPS

### **Central**

Bob Black

### **Lanark**

Douglas Thompson FRPS

### **Glasgow**

Andy Pinch LRPS

Anne McKelvie

### **Borders**

Fiona Cadger ARPS

Colin McLean

### **Ayrshire**

Clive Watkins LRPS

### **South West**

Jean Robson ARPS