

Web Administrator's Report

The Nature Group's website (<https://rpsnature.org.uk>) has now been running for 18 months, so this is the first complete year of operation. We now have 349 registered members, with more being added on a regular basis. During the year, the website has supported a range of Group activities, which are summarised below.

Monthly Competition

In total, 112 members took part in the Group's Monthly Competition, with 16 entering every round. The size of each month's entry varied (maximum 64, minimum 30), but there was a healthy average of around 40. The number of scorers varied rather more (maximum 58, minimum 17), with an average of around 33. Going forward, the Monthly Competition will support a higher image resolution (3840x2160 rather than 1600x1200).

Towards Associate & Towards Fellowship

The website's *Lightbox* facility has been used to run three closed groups aimed at those members seeking advice on an RPS distinction: two for Associate and one for Fellowship. The Associate groups in particular have proved both popular and successful, and will continue to operate into the next season.

Galleries & Exhibitions

There are now 80 Galleries of images on the website, including 24 of successful Distinction panels (18 Associate and 6 Fellowship). Many of the Group's outings also have associated Galleries, with members being encouraged to upload their best images. All the accepted images from the 2023 and 2024 Group Exhibitions are published on the website, and 2025's acceptances will be uploaded in due course.

Exhibitions, most Galleries and high-scoring Competition entries are also available to the general public, although the images are scaled down and are displayed with a burned-in copyright watermark.

Event Recordings

The website provides easy access to the Group's *YouTube* recordings of talks and workshops. There are currently 38 in total, going back to June 2020, and more will be added as they happen.

Calendar and Outing Reports

The many Group outings are advertised on the website, both to the members and as a "shop window" for the general public. Reports of recent outings are also posted, along with other items deemed to be newsworthy.