

Web Administrator's Report

The members' website (<https://rpsnature.org.uk>) has now been running for 2½ years, and currently has 472 registered users – almost half of the Nature Group membership. The continuing aim is to supplement the main RPS website, offering extra functionality and additional, members-only services.

Monthly Competition

The second full year of the Monthly Competition used a higher resolution than before (3840x2160 rather than 1600x1200), and this has helped to showcase the high quality of the images. Entry numbers were down compared to the previous year – although reasonably stable – averaging 28 per month (minimum 22, maximum 34). Scoring numbers were far more variable, however (minimum 12, maximum 62), with no obvious reason for the monthly differences. It would be good to see more members both entering and – especially – scoring the monthly competition next year.

Towards Associate

The website's *Lightbox* facility continues to be used to provide advice for those members who are applying for the Associate distinction.

Galleries & Exhibitions

There are now 108 Galleries of images on the website, including 33 of successful Distinction panels (26 Associate and 7 Fellowship). Many of the Group's outings also have associated Galleries, with members being encouraged to upload their best images. All accepted images from the 2023, 2024 and 2025 Group Exhibitions are published on the website, and 2026's acceptances will be uploaded in due course.

Event Recordings

The website provides easy access to the Group's *YouTube* recordings of talks and workshops. There are currently 42 in total, going back to June 2020.

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.

Online Archive of *The Iris*

78 copies of *The Iris* are available on the website, dating back to Winter 1999; 18 copies of the Group's *eNewsletter* are also available. New issues of both will be uploaded as they are published.