



# Falkirk Camera Club

Members Guide  
2025 - 2026

# **Falkirk Camera Club**

## **About FCC**

Falkirk Camera Club (FCC) was initially established in 1889 under the name of Falkirk Amateur Photographic Association which brought together keen enthusiasts at the dawn of photography.

Since then the club has taken various names and finally adopted the current title in 1958. More on the history of the club can be found on the club website.

Falkirk Camera Club became a registered charity on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## **Our Club Night**

FCC meet on a Thursday evening between September and April within the historic Falkirk Trinity Church.

Our weekly club meeting night usually involves a guest speaker or welcoming an experienced judge to pass comments on images taken and entered into our club competitions.

We also run workshops or tutorials and have various member nights through the year. Our management team is also active in arranging outings or get togethers in various locations to take photographs as part of a group. These sessions often run on weekends or evenings outside the main club night and continue, often weekly, while the club is on a break through the summer months.

As a member of FCC you are welcome to join us on any of these events.

All events are published on social media and on our website and if we have your email you will also receive a weekly newsletter publicising our events and telling you what is coming up.

The meeting starts at 7:30pm but the cafe area is open from 7pm for you to grab a cup of tea/coffee and have a catch up with other members. Meetings usually conclude by 9:30pm

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## Subscriptions

Membership of Falkirk Camera Club is by annual subscription rate. This rate is set by members at our Annual General Meeting which all members are encouraged to attend.

The current rate is **£90**

There are no additional charges throughout the year for attending any of the syllabus nights. All Tea/Coffee and catering is included. We have approx 30 club nights in our club season. During the summer (off season) activities normally continue and involves a weekly meetup (approx 20 nights) and your membership covers these activities as well.

On occasions there may be a small additional nominal charge outwith normal club activities to cover costs such as studio hire, model costs, excursions, workshops etc.

FCC pays an annual affiliation to the Scottish Photographic Federation (SPF) which in return is affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (PAGB). FCC is also affiliated with the Glasgow District Photographic Union (GDPU) and the Falkirk Arts Network (FAN). As a member of FCC you also have the benefits of being members of these groups as well as the Fédération Internationale de l'Art Photographique (FIAP)

## Constitution & Governance

FCC is governed by our constitution a copy of which is available on our website. We also have a Code of Conduct which we ask all members to adhere too.

FCC is a welcoming club and well respected and we ask all our members to treat each other, visiting guests and anyone you come into contact with, as a member of FCC, with dignity and respect.

FCC is a safe space for our members and our guests.

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## Constitution & Governance contd.

As a registered charity FCC is governed by Trustees and a Management Team. The Trustees are normally the President, General Secretary and Treasurer.

The Trustees and Management Team oversee the day to day running of the club and meet monthly throughout the season. The Management Team consists of our Vice-President, Syllabus Secretary, Membership Secretary, Web Controller, PR Secretary, Internal and External Competition Secretaries as well as 3 non role specific posts. The Trustee Roles and Management Team roles are defined on our website.

Members are encouraged to get involved in helping run the club when they feel comfortable to assist. Normally we ask for volunteers at the AGM but you can assist us at any time of the season.

## Competitions

FCC has regular internal and external competitions during the season and all members are encouraged to take part. The competitions are a way to achieve constructive critiques of your images from qualified and respected photography judges. However like all things in life opinions may differ and you may not agree with a judge's comments. Even between judges, one judge may love your image and score it highly another may not.

Photography is a very personal matter and ultimately it is your thoughts on your photographs that is important. If you like and enjoy your images who is anyone to tell you anything different.

It is up to you to decide if you wish to listen to or ignore the critique. To take on the suggestions or not. A good judge should be fair but constructive..

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## **Competitions contd.**

The full list of competitions and the rules can be found on our website.

Our competitions are normally split into 2 categories Digital also known as PDIs (Projected Digital Images) and Print.

Please just ask if you are unsure of anything.

## **Competitions (Digital)**

All competitions are open to all our members. New members may prefer to start entering the Digital competitions first as they are the simplest to enter and there is no additional cost with printing images and no images to drop off.

## **Competitions (Print)**

There is nothing more satisfying than seeing your images in print. We are so used to having images only viewable on a computer or a phone we sometimes forget the beauty of prints.

You do not need to print your own images, commercially produced prints are more than acceptable and sometimes cheaper when you consider ink costs.. These can be ordered online or printed by taking your images to a company. There are several companies that offer printing services with various prices. Some offer discounts. Speak to other members to see who they use.

Presentation of prints are important and they need to be mounted on to a board. This can be a window mount or simply stuck to a piece of artboard. Window mounts do look the best. You can buy pre-cut mounts or have a company mount them for you. We also run mounting workshops occasionally in the club.

The maximum size of a mounted print is 50cm x 40cm. These are then dropped off at a club night.

We use a simple software programme to manage all the competition entries and image uploads.

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## Photoentry

We use an application called **Photoentry** to manage all our competition and image uploads. This includes Prints and PDIs

All members will be given free access to the software.

The software is very simple to use and full instructions can be given

You login here: <https://compent.photoentry.uk/compent/>

Enter your ID and Password and you will see a screen similar to this.

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### Main Menu

Select a Competition Group:

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- [Summer 2024 Photo Challenge](#)
- [Mobile Phone Challenge](#)
- [2025 Callendar Park](#)
- [2025-26 External Competition Bucket](#)
- [3 from 6 Group](#)

You then select which competition or image area you wish to upload to by clicking on the appropriate link. That will take you into the next screen where you will find a list of additional links. Simply choose the link or scroll down to find the correct group.

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### 2024 - 2025 FCC Competition Groups

Click on this button to show a consolidated view of all your entries:

Show Your Entries in this Group

Or click on the name of a competition to create, modify or view entries for an individual competition:

| Competition                                                     | Status | Close Date      | Judge | Comment            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|-------|--------------------|
| <a href="#">No 1 Monthly Competition - Colour Print</a>         | Closed | Thu 3 Oct 2024  |       |                    |
| <a href="#">No 1 Monthly Competition - Mono Print</a>           | Closed | Thu 3 Oct 2024  |       |                    |
| <a href="#">FCC PDI Knock Out Competition</a>                   | Closed | Sat 5 Oct 2024  |       |                    |
| <a href="#">No 1 Monthly Competition - PDI</a>                  | Closed | Sat 5 Oct 2024  |       |                    |
| <a href="#">No 2 Monthly Competition - Colour Print (Theme)</a> | Judged | Thu 24 Oct 2024 |       | Themed Competition |
| <a href="#">No 2 Monthly Competition - Mono Print (Theme)</a>   | Judged | Thu 24 Oct 2024 |       | Themed Competition |
| <a href="#">No 2 Monthly Competition - PDI (Theme)</a>          | Judged | Thu 24 Oct 2024 |       | Themed Competition |
| <a href="#">No 3 Monthly Competition - Colour Print</a>         | Judged | Thu 14 Nov 2024 |       |                    |

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## Photoentry contd.

You will eventually be presented with a series of screens to upload your images

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➤ 3 from 6 Group

3 from 6 images 2025/2026

|                            |                                      |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Status                     | Open                                 |
| Close Date                 | Thu 11 Dec 2025                      |
| Your Class                 | All Sections                         |
| Minimum Entries Required   | 1                                    |
| Maximum Entries Allowed    | 3                                    |
| Target Dimensions          | Width 1600, Height 1200              |
| Minimum Dimensions         | Width 250, Height 250                |
| Maximum Image Size         | 10 MB                                |
| Colour Profile             | sRGB IEC61966-2.1                    |
| Colour Profile Enforcement | Warn if incorrect                    |
| Comment                    | 3 images from 6 themes (see website) |

You do not have any Entries in this Competition.

Add New Entry

name of competition/group

amount of images allowed

image specifications

add new entry here

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➤ 3 from 6 Group ➤ 3 from 6 images 2025/2026

3 from 6 images 2025/2026: Add Entry

|                            |                                      |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Status                     | Open                                 |
| Target Dimensions          | Width 1600, Height 1200              |
| Minimum Dimensions         | Width 250, Height 250                |
| Maximum Image Size         | 10 MB                                |
| Colour Profile             | sRGB IEC61966-2.1                    |
| Colour Profile Enforcement | Warn if incorrect                    |
| Comment                    | 3 images from 6 themes (see website) |

Show Help

Enter Entry Details

The title may be up to 30 characters comprising alphanumeric, space, and the characters „!-“%()

Entry Title \*

Entry Title

Entry Reference

Optional information for your own i

Add This Entry

enter your image title

then “add this entry”

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## Photoentry contd.

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3 from 6 Group

3 from 6 images 2025/2026

Upload New Image - Test Image

Competition

3 from 6 images 2025/2026

Status

Open

Target Dimensions

Width 1600, Height 1200

Minimum Dimensions

Width 250, Height 250

Maximum Image Size

10 MB

Colour Profile

sRGB IEC61966-2.1

Colour Profile Enforcement

Warn if incorrect

Comment

3 images from 6 themes (see website)

Show Help

Select a JPEG image to upload.

Choose JPEG...

image title, already entered

choose your image to upload

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PhotoEntry

David Ferguson

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3 from 6 Group

3 from 6 images 2025/2026

Upload New Image - Test Image

Competition

3 from 6 images 2025/2026

Choose Files to Upload

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TO FCC

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Today

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majestic-green-plantati...0-utc.jpg

sunrise-at-khao-takhian...tc-1.jpg

sunrise-at-khao-takhian...-utc.jpg

vibrant-green-agricult...4-utc.jpg

1,600 × 1,066

1,200 × 799

1,600 × 1,068

1,200 × 801

1,600 × 1,200

select the image to upload

Cancel

Upload

Maximum Image Size

10 MB

Colour Profile

sRGB IEC61966-2.1

Colour Profile Enforcement

Warn if incorrect

Comment

3 images from 6 themes (see website)

Show Help

Select a JPEG image to upload.

Choose JPEG...

Choose JPEG...

If an image is too large you can't upload it

sunrise-at-khao-takhian-ngo-view-point-2025-01-09-01-11-42-utc.jpg (16.9 MB) is too large

## Photoentry contd.

|                                   |                                      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Minimum Dimensions</i>         | Width 250, Height 250                |
| <i>Maximum Image Size</i>         | 10 MB                                |
| <i>Colour Profile</i>             | sRGB IEC61966-2.1                    |
| <i>Colour Profile Enforcement</i> | Warn if incorrect                    |
| <i>Comment</i>                    | 3 images from 6 themes (see website) |

**Any issues such as size or colour space is highlighted**

You have reached the limit of 3 Entries in this Competition.

| # | Order                                                                                                                                                                   | Image                                                                               | Details                                                                                                                                 | Actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 |                                                                                      |  | <b>Test Image</b><br>Image successfully resized from high resolution upload ⓘ<br>W:1600, H:1066, 1.5MB<br>(Orig: W:5464, H:3640, 9.5MB) | <br><br> |
| 2 |   |  | <b>Test Image 2</b><br>OK<br>W:1600, H:1068, 0.5MB                                                                                      | <br><br> |
| 3 |                                                                                      |  | <b>Test Entry 3</b><br>OK<br>W:1600, H:1200, 0.4MB                                                                                      | <br><br> |

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## Photoentry contd.

Up until the competition closes adjustments can be made



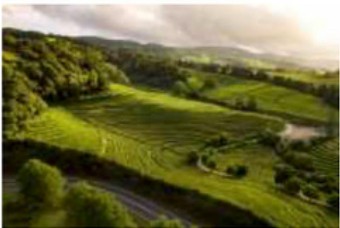
← Rename image



← upload a different image



← delete an entry

| # | Order | Image                                                                               |
|---|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | ↓     |  |
| 2 | ↑ ↓   |  |
| 3 | ↑     |  |

Use these arrows to alter the order of images.

Choose what you think is your best image as number 1

If there are too many entries image 3 will be removed

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## Photoentry contd.

Returning to main menu allows you to upload images in further sections and view any entries by clicking on the appropriate link.

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| FALKIRK CAMERA CLUB  PhotoEntry |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">Main Menu</a><br><a href="#">Help / FAQ</a><br><a href="#">FCC Website (Comps)</a>                   | <h3>Main Menu</h3> <p>Select a Competition Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><a href="#">Members Night - Various</a></li><li><a href="#">2024-25 External Competition Bucket</a></li><li><a href="#">2024 - 2025 FCC Competition Groups</a></li><li><a href="#">Summer 2024 Photo Challenge</a></li><li><a href="#">Mobile Phone Challenge</a></li><li><a href="#">2025 Callendar Park</a></li><li><a href="#">2025-26 External Competition Bucket</a></li><li><a href="#">3 from 6 Group</a></li></ul> |

Any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

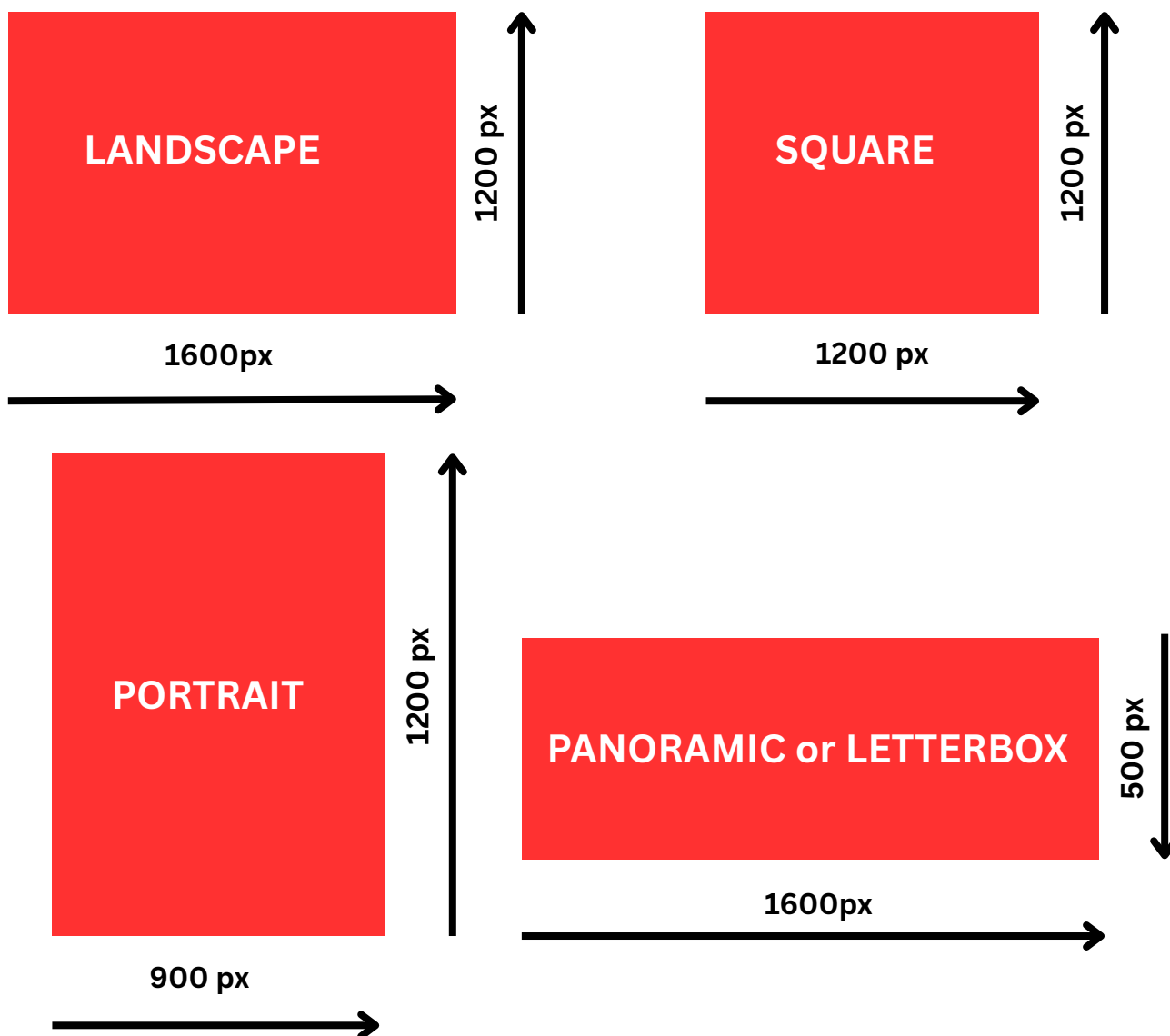
## Image Resizing

Photoentry will resize images , however for best results we recommend you provide images no bigger than 1600px wide and 1200px high.

Most software programs allow you to resize images when they are exported. Always save this as a separate resized image and keep your original intact.

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## Image Resizing



Your image can never be wider than 1600 px or taller than 1200 px it can be anything up to these maximums.

The following popular photo editors demonstrate the best way to export your images at an appropriate size. Always save your original and create a copy of the new size.

Most software programs will have a similar process.

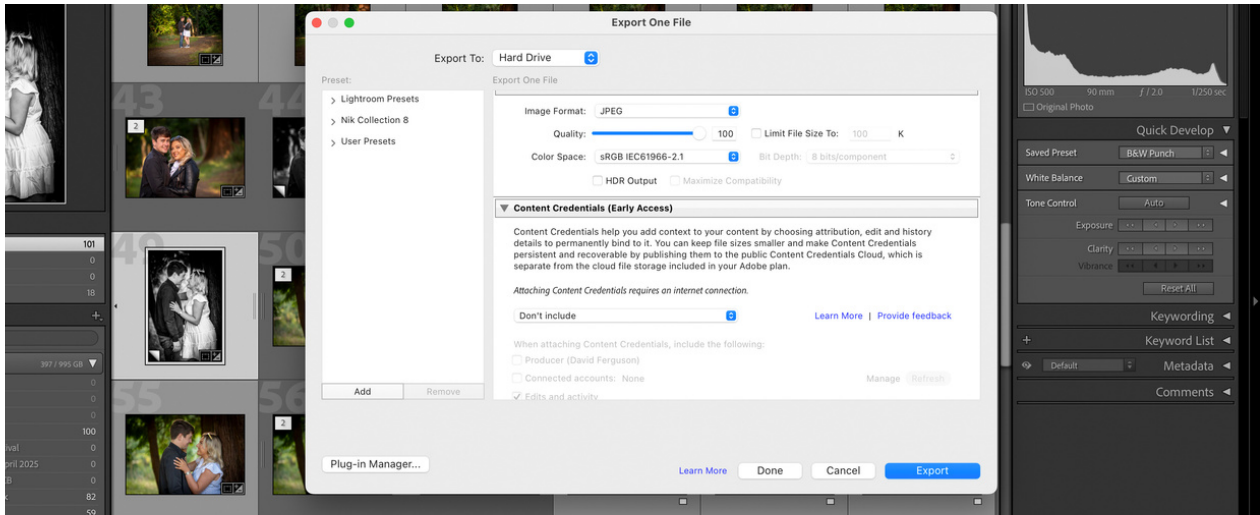
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## Image Resizing

### Adobe Lightroom

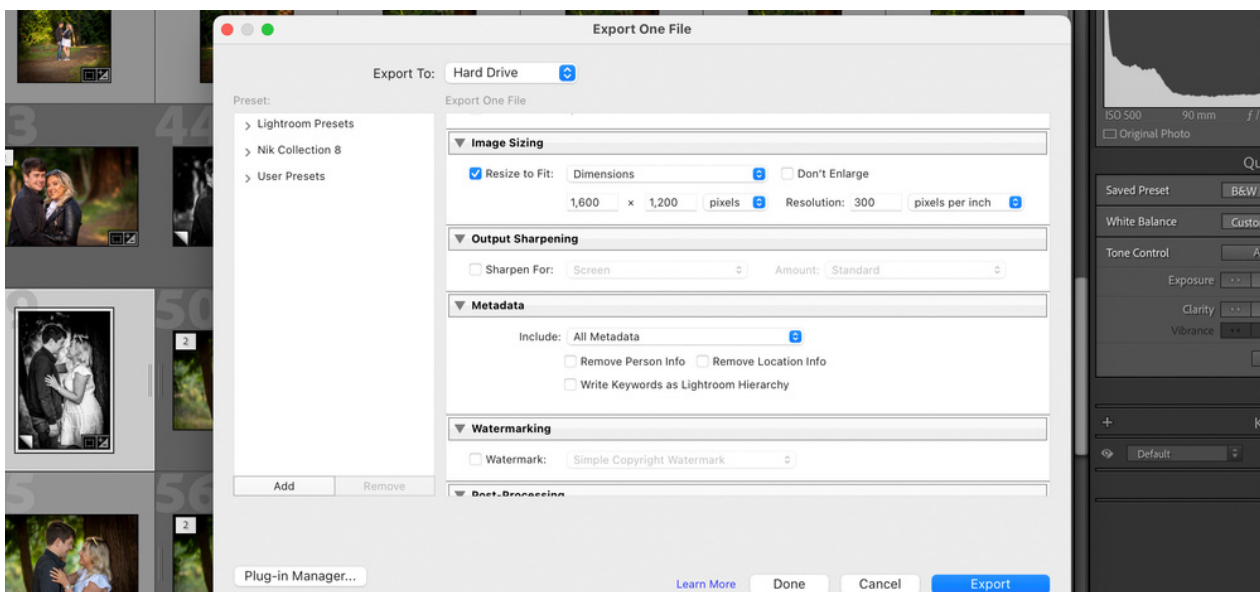
Select the image you wish to export and go to File>Export

This will open the export dialogue box. You can choose where to save it and give it a new name.



Scroll down to the file settings and choose JPG and a colour space of sRGB.

Further down there will be a box that says 'Image sizing' select 1600 x 1200 and pixels or 1200 x 1600 depending on landscape or portrait format.



And finally 'Export' to save.

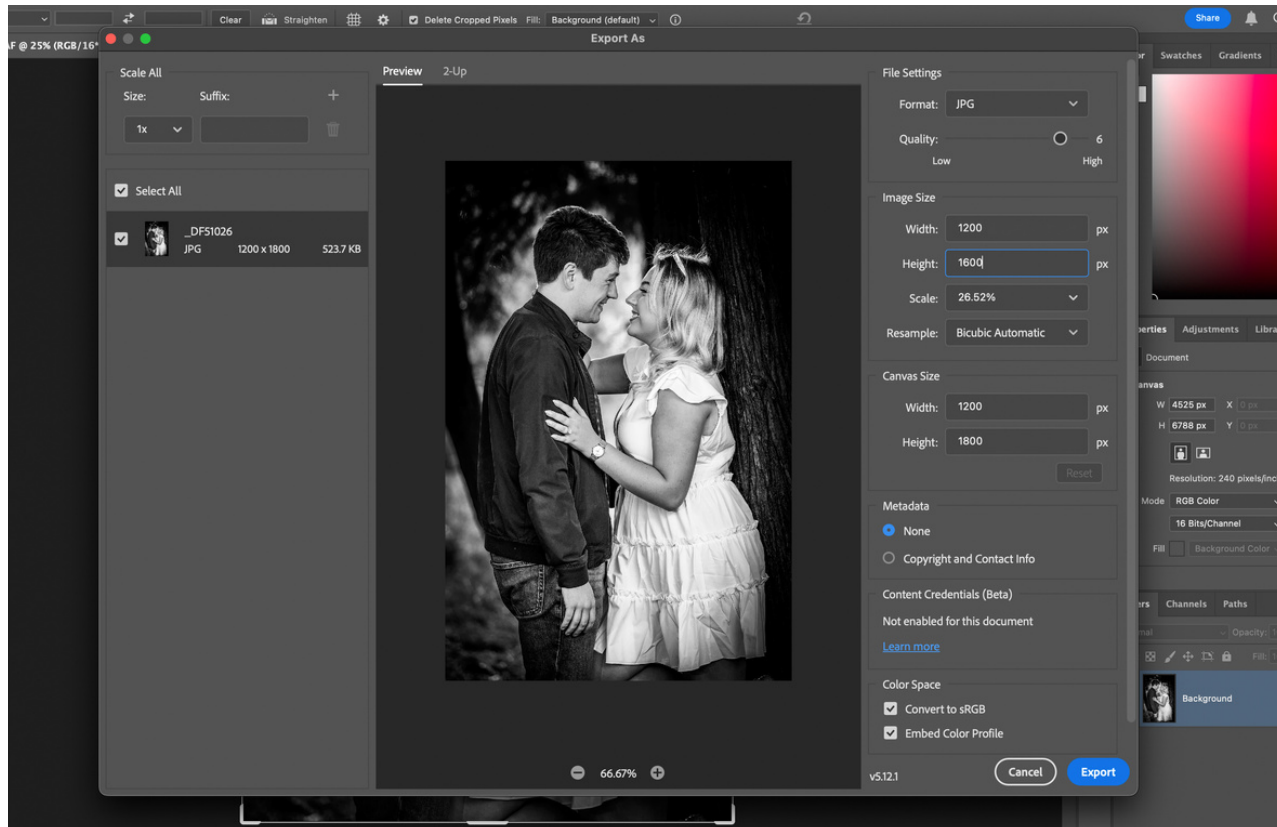
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## Image Resizing

### Adobe Photoshop

Choose File>Export>Export As

This will open the export as dialogue box.



Choose the format JPG.

Image Size 1200 height or 1600 Width (photoshop will keep the image ratio)

Make sure 'Convert to SRGB' and 'Embed Color Profile" are ticked.

Finally click Export. This will open up your save dialogue where you can give the file a name.

**Club Members are here to help so please ask if unsure**

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## Glossary

Here is an A–Z alphabetical list of common photography acronyms or terms you may hear on club nights from our speakers and members.

- ACR: Adobe Camera Raw
- AE: Automatic Exposure
- AE-L: Automatic Exposure Lock
- AF: Autofocus
- AF-C: Continuous Autofocus
- AF-S: Single Autofocus
- APS-C: Advanced Photo System type-C (crop sensor)
- AWB: Auto White Balance
- Auto ISO: Camera sets ISO sensitivity ( can be used in M, A, & S)
- B&W: Black and White
- CF: Compact Flash
- CPL: Circular Polarizer
- DNG: Digital Negative
- DOF: Depth of Field
- DPI: Dots Per Inch (used in printing)
- DSLR: Digital Single Lens Reflex
- EXIF: Exchangeable Image File Format
- EV: Exposure Value
- EVF: Electronic Viewfinder
- f stop: Aperture Setting (often referred to using this acronym)
- FAN: Falkirk Arts Network
- FIAP: The International Federation of Photographic Art
- GDPU: Glasgow & District Photographic Union
- HDR: High Dynamic Range
- HSS: High-Speed Sync (flash)
- ICC: International Color Consortium (profile)
- ISO: International Organization for Standardization (light sensitivity)
- JPEG/JPG: Joint Photographic Experts Group (image format)
- K: Kelvin (color temperature)
- LCD: Liquid Crystal Display
- LED: Light-Emitting Diode
- LR: Lightroom (Adobe editing software)
- M: Manual - User sets Shutter, Aperture and ISO

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## Glossary contd.

- MF: Manual Focus
- ND: Neutral Density (filter)
- OEM: Original Equipment Manufacturer
- OOF: Out of Focus
- P: Programme Mode - Camera takes full control
- PAGB: Photographic Alliance of Great Britain
- PDI: Projected Digital Image
- PNG: Portable Network Graphic
- PP: Post Processing
- PPI: Pixels Per Inch
- PS: Photoshop (Adobe editing software)
- PSD: Photoshop Document
- RAW: Raw image data file
- RPS: Royal Photographic Society
- S : Shutter Priority - User sets Shutter Speed & ISO- Camera sets f
- SD: Secure Digital (memory card)
- SLR: Single Lens Reflex
- SOOC: Straight Out of Camera
- SPF: Scottish Photographic Federation
- SRGB: Standard Red Green Blue (Colour Space)
- OOF: Out of Focus
- SS: Shutter Speed
- TIFF: Tagged Image File Format
- TTL: Through The Lens (metering)
- WB: White Balance

# Falkirk Camera Club

## Syllabus

Please note this syllabus is subject to change and regularly updated at the Falkirk Camera Club website

| Falkirk Camera Club                                                                                            |                                            |                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2025-2026 Syllabus                                                                                             |                                            |                                    |
| Commences 2nd Thursday of the Month or 1st Thursday after the 2nd Monday in September                          |                                            |                                    |
| For a more detailed insight on the Clubs Activities click on this link <a href="#">Whats On &amp; Calendar</a> |                                            |                                    |
| <u>Date</u>                                                                                                    | <u>Description</u>                         | <u>Additional Activities</u>       |
| Thu 11 September 2025                                                                                          | Presidents Welcome Evening                 |                                    |
| Thu 18 September 2025                                                                                          | Speaker - The Kilted Photographer          | Drone                              |
| Thu 25 September 2025                                                                                          | Technical / Speaker - Andrew Allan         | Andrew Allan - Scotlands Night Sky |
| Thu 02 October 2025                                                                                            | Speaker - Cameron Scott                    | Documentary - Hand in for Themed   |
| Thu 09 October 2025                                                                                            | Technical / Speaker-David Hamilton         | Macro                              |
| Thu 16 October 2025                                                                                            | Speaker - Gaille Gray - Flower??           | Hand in for Autumn Competition     |
| Thu 23 October 2025                                                                                            | Themed Competition - Clive Watkins         | Movement in Motion & Street        |
| Thu 30 October 2025                                                                                            | Speaker - Andy Stark                       | Studio Lighting                    |
| Thu 06 November 2025                                                                                           | Autumn Competition - Judge - Brian Cathie  |                                    |
| Thu 13 November 2025                                                                                           | Speaker - Paul McDougall                   | Wildlife                           |
| Thu 20 November 2025                                                                                           | Falkirk - Stirling Battle - Tracy Ross     | Hosted By Falkirk                  |
| Monday in November                                                                                             | 4 Way SPF Inter Club Competition           | Hosted by Kirkintilloch            |
| Thu 27 November 2025                                                                                           | Technical / Speaker - Jacki Gordon         | Totie People                       |
| Thu 04 December 2025                                                                                           | Members Practical                          | Hand-in for Talking Pictures       |
| Thu 11 December 2025                                                                                           | Christmas Social                           | Meal Out & Hand In for 3 from 6    |
| Thu 18 December 2025<br>Thu 25 December 2025<br>Thu 01 January 2026                                            | Christmas & New Year Break                 |                                    |
| Thu 08 January 2026                                                                                            | 3 From 6                                   | Hand-in for Wildlife Competition   |
| Thu 15 January 2026                                                                                            | Members giving 10 Minute Talks             | Hand in Winter Competition         |
| Thu 22 January 2026                                                                                            | Donald Polson - Judge - Charles Everitt    |                                    |
| Thu 29 January 2026                                                                                            | Speaker - Zaneta Threlfall                 |                                    |
| Thu 05 February 2026                                                                                           | Winter Competition - Judge - Cameron Scott |                                    |
| Thu 12 February 2026                                                                                           | Members' Night - Practical                 | Hand-in for Spring Competition     |
| Thu 19 February 2026                                                                                           | Speaker - Viv Cotton                       |                                    |
| Thu 26 February 2026                                                                                           | Members' Night - Practical                 |                                    |
| Thu 05 March 2026                                                                                              | Spring Competition - Judge - Susan Spence  | Hand -in for Williamson            |
| Thu 12 March 2026                                                                                              | Speaker - Tim Black                        | Hand in Print & PDI of the Year    |
| Thu 19 March 2026                                                                                              | THE "LINES"                                |                                    |
| Thu 26 March 2026                                                                                              | Williamson Trophy - Campbell Skinner       | Hosted By Falkirk                  |
| Thu 02 April 2026                                                                                              | P&PDI of the Year - Judge - Peter DeMarco  |                                    |
| Thu 09 April 2026                                                                                              | Talking Pictures                           |                                    |
| Thu 16 April 2026                                                                                              | AGM                                        |                                    |
| Thu 23 April 2026                                                                                              | Presentation Night                         |                                    |
| External and SPF Competition Dates will be added and members notified when known                               |                                            |                                    |