

Your Interest in becoming a Member of Leamington Spa Photographic Society

Thank you for your interest in joining our club. We are an inclusive club; we do not demand any qualifications for membership. We have members who are new to photography, some who only ever use a point-and-shoot camera through to long term enthusiasts and one or two professionals. This range gives us many advantages particularly in individual photographic skills and knowledge development.

We have a good reputation amongst local clubs and with such a healthy membership we can afford to invite good quality speakers, professional photographers and judges to our meetings. We have a number of specialist interest groups e.g. Landscape, Street, Natural History, Style and Book, which you can join when you are a member; several of these have regular outings or meetings and provide opportunities to learn and get to know better your fellow members with a common photographic interest.

Currently, we have a total membership restriction of 80, including honorary members, mainly due to the size of our venue. But our venue is central to Leamington and offers us facilities and services which we are unable to find elsewhere. We are very happy here and likely to stay some time yet; size is not everything.

We update our membership for each season which runs from 1st September each year.

Currently the length of the waiting list means that you may have to wait a year or so to join. Renewals are completed by August 31st each year and then invitations are sent out to people on the waiting list in strict order of listing.

If this does not put you off, and I hope it doesn't, would you please confirm by replying to this email and at the same time providing the following contact information – **full name, full address, land-line telephone number, mobile phone**. Without giving these contact details in full you will not be added to the waiting list.

It is important to emphasise that most club notices and those promoting third-party exhibitions and competitions are advised to all members by email. It is now a necessity that you have an email address to which you have unrestricted and frequent access. You will not be allowed to join without one.

Our website can be found by typing the name of the Society into your web-browser. On the site you will find all manner of useful information pertaining to the club and membership including the current Programme, Special Interest Groups, Competition results and photos by current members in Galleries. Viewing these will give you a good idea what the club is about and the variety of photographic interests included in our portfolios.

You are very welcome to visit the club on Tuesday evenings in the season at a cost of £10. Some nights, particularly those for well known presenters, may be restricted to members only. Please contact Keith Roberts, Secretary, well beforehand to see if you may attend on the night(s) you have selected.

There is nothing at all to stop you from joining another club with no waiting list now and, at the same time, adding your name to the LSPS waiting list. When you come to the top of the LSPS waiting list you will be contacted and you may choose then whether or not you want to join LSPS and/or stay with your current club. Some members do belong to more than one camera club/society.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Keith Owens
Membership Administrator,
LSPS.