



The Western Counties Photographic Federation

Member of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

The Western Counties Photographic Federation (WCPF) was formed in 1932 and is one of fifteen Federations that are affiliated to the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (PAGB) and ultimately to FIAP the "Fédération Internationale de l'Art Photographique". Currently about 110 clubs are in the Federation from across Cornwall, Devon and Somerset, and Dorset as far East as Weymouth, South Gloucester as far North as Stroud and across to Swindon in Wiltshire.

The prime purpose of the WCPF is to encourage the art and practice of photography directly to members and clubs throughout its catchment area, supporting/liasing with other Federations and the PAGB, ensuring local views and interests feature in national debate.

The WCPF is run by an Executive Committee of volunteers (nominated and elected by club delegates), together with co-opted members.

In very brief outline, the WCPF:-

- Operates a website <http://www.wcpf.org.uk> which includes a newsletter item to keep members informed on topical events and issues, etc.
- Runs a major annual public exhibition show-casing Members' best projected images and print work, and circulates a "travelling critique" consisting of other high quality work by Federation photographers.
- Organizes a number of annual Federation competitions (see website for further details):
 - Digital Projected Image - inter-club competition.
 - Audio Visual, - individual and club entry categories.
 - Kingswood Salver - inter-club print panel competition.
 - Knightshayes Trophy - themed, print competition for individual photographers.
 - And liases with the PAGB with respect to a number of national competitions either on an inter-federation basis or with qualifying clubs representing the Federation.
- Runs seminars for photographic judges and club competition secretaries; on exhibiting work and gaining (PAGB) awards for photographic merit (subject to there being adequate demand).
- Provides Health and Safety advice and check-list for use of clubs.
- Through PAGB membership, provides Trustee Insurance with Darwin-Clayton (UK) Ltd.
- Provides the opportunity for clubs to obtain public liability insurance with Darwin-Clayton (UK) Ltd. via the PAGB insurance scheme (see below).

- Maintains a Federation Directory (of Federation officials, club contacts and meeting places, and approved judges and lecturers).

Membership is open to any club who meets the PAGB Definition of a Camera Club, viz.

"A camera club, photographic society, photographic club or photographic group with a published constitution and a published programme of events, united by a common interest in photography, meeting in person for mutual cooperation, education, entertainment or competition and conducted solely from a physical location within Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man"

Only Clubs who fall within this definition can be insured under the PAGB agreed policies.

Subscriptions are payable annually by January 1st to both the WCPF and PAGB, and are as follows:

WCPF - £1.10 per member with a minimum payment of £27.50 (25 members).

PAGB Subscription plus Trustee Insurance Premium £34.75.

Public Liability Insurance Premiums- Minimum level of cover is £5,000,000. If a higher level of PLI is required please inform the Treasurer, together with a reason as to why.

Limit of Cover	Club membership band premium levels				
Members	1 - 25	26 - 50	51 - 75	76 - 100	Over 100
£5,000,000.00	£22.49	£44.75	£55.88	£73.90	£95.10

Further information:

PAGB Website: www.thepagb.org.uk

If you require further information regarding the WCPF, or a club membership application form, please don't hesitate to contact the Federation as follows:

email: wcpf.secretary@gmail.com

telephone: please email your telephone number and advise when it will be convenient to receive a phone call.