

Summary of responses

18 completed forms (19 for equipment)**About the Membership**Age Range

No response	40-50yrs	50-60yrs	60-70yrs	70yrs+
1	1	1	9	6

Other Clubs

Yes 4

Training

Yes 8 No 9 No response 1

Qualifications

Yes 4 No 14

Experience

Up to 70years!

Photographic Equipment

Camera makes	Canon	8
	Nikon	4
	Panasonic	2
	Olympus	2
	Pentax	1
	Fuji	1
	Sony	1
Camera types	DSLR Full frame	11
	DSLR Crop Frame	12
	Mirrorless	4
	Compact	12
Camera Media	Film	2
	Digital	19

Photographic Activity

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Daily	4
Weekly	7
On Special Occasions	0
When the opportunity arises	9

Photograph Types

Colour only	1
Monochrome only	Many images are taken in colour and converted to Monochrome
Monochrome & Colour	17

Picture subject interests

Street Photography	9
Portraits	Friends & Family 11 Other Models 6
People in Groups	8
Wildlife	12
Plants	13
Studio Shoots	4
Still Life	8
Buildings & Architecture	16
Sports & Action	7
Travel	15
Landscapes	15
Abstracts	11

Editing Software in use

Photoshop	8
Photoshop Elements	7
Lightroom	8
Paintshop Pro	3

Involvement in the Society

Attendance at Weekly Meetings	All/Most weeks	16
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	2 out of 3 meetings	1
	Once a month	1
Reasons for not attending	specific	3
	Holidays/illness etc.	12
Skills or experience that may be	business management etc.	4
beneficial to the society	photographic technical	2
	Teaching/coaching beginners	1

Competitions

Take part in competitions	Yes	15	No	3
Reasons for not taking part	Judges style/attitude			2
	Too many competitions			1
	Dislike of procedures			1
	Do not wish to be embarrassed			1
	Do not wish to be disheartened			1
	Workload/lack of time			2
Improvement suggestions	Reduce number of rounds in league competitions			1
	One competition secretary			1
	Clear and simple rules for all competitions			2
	Amalgamate print competitions			1
	<u>Always</u> have 1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd in each group (not joint)			1
	Strictly enforce entry dates			1

Society finance & management

Door levy – VFM	Yes	16	No	2
Door levy purpose	Yes	17	No	1
Annual Subscription VFM	Yes	17	No	1
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Meeting location comments	seats uncomfortable			6

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	Blinds needed for summer months	4
	Location has improved socialising side of society	1
Running of meetings	Dislike being addressed as “folks”	1
	If competition/talk finishes early, conclude meeting early	1
	Rota for setting up and dismantling equipment	1
	Regular !5 minute break time	1
Improvement suggestions	Photographic outings	
	More practically orientated meetings – camera craft	2
	Less emphasis on digital manipulation – more on getting it right in the camera	2
	Have a competition with no post processing of any sort allowed	1
	More talks from outside speakers	2
	Have more model group shoots	2
	Have a social outing to a pub or restaurant	1
	Stop allowing female nude images in competitions	1
	Stop allowing “gamesmanship” in competitions by the	
	Inclusion of images taken on large format cameras	1

Activities/events that were particularly enjoyed – should be repeated

	Portfolio Evening	3
	Informal sessions where members can show images and get feedback	2
	Abstracts Evening	
	Talk about filters and their use	
	Still Life photography session as at OTH	

Other comments/suggestions

	Be willing to adapt to change
	New blood in the Society is desperately needed

Attempt to recruit junior members

Attempt to increase the number of women members

More members needed to be involved in the running of the Society

Encourage new blood on the committee

Finances must be sustained/improved.

Society days out to take photographs

Get experienced members to share their knowledge and skills

Viewfinder is a very good read.

Work to make meetings and events welcoming.

Ensure all talks/activities are interesting and relevant.

The Society is more friendly than it used to be.

Talk about panning and blurring images

Have other talks on the historical aspects of photography

Have a program to help new members the best out of their cameras and also compose images.