

# Winchester National Exhibition 2015

## Report for 2015/16 WPS AGM

In May 2015 WPS launched the “Winchester National Exhibition” – a national competition and exhibition for projected images, run in association with British Photographic Exhibitions, BPE. The new exhibition runs alongside our existing Society annual exhibition which is now for prints only.

The exhibition was organised and run by a group of just four WPS members: Louise Brown, Viv Brett, Mike Roe and Chris Gillard, with additional help from Steve Green for the catalogue and Graham Barber handling the money.

We established four classes of entry: People, Landscapes, Open and Nature and permitted a maximum of four entries per class, charged at £1.50 per image. Entries were accepted, via the WPS website, during May and June 2015. We received 3,800 entries from 384 photographers from all over the UK, 38 of whom were WPS members. We set an acceptance rate of around 20%, resulting in an exhibition of 772 images from 276 photographers, 15 being WPS members.

The exhibition was shown in September 2015 and accompanied by an A4 colour catalogue. It was shown first at a presentation here at the DC on a WPS Society night, which included the presentation of awards and certificates, then repeated at three showings the following Saturday, again here in the DC. It was also viewable on a TV screen in the library for 3 weeks, and on the WPS website.

The exhibition generated a profit of around £1,700 for the Society.

The 2016 Winchester National Exhibition is in progress, being open for entries now until the end of June 2016. We expect it to produce a similar revenue for the Society.

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Exhibition Co-ordinator  
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