



Northern Counties Photographic Federation

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday 03rd December 2025 on Zoom.

The President, Gerald Chamberlin, opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

Present: - Gerald Chamberlin, Phillip Dove, Alan Wilson, Jim Welsh, Margaret Welsh, Jill Chamberlin, John Fare, John Smith, Jo Knight, Alan Forster

25/12/01 Apologies for Absence: - Dave Coates, Richard Speirs, Glen Lawson

Incommunicado: - David Brown

25/12/02 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2025 were approved and signed on behalf of the President.

Proposed by Alan Forster – Seconded by John Smith

25/12/03 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

25/12/04 Correspondence

No correspondence received

25/12/05 Treasurer – Jill Chamberlin

Appendix 1a/b

Jill read through her report and outlined the expenses. Letters have been sent out to the clubs requesting the annual fees.

John Fare asked if Saltburn could be changed to Gosforth for the PAGB Print Championships fees as Saltburn have pulled out of the competition. Jill said she would change it.

Report accepted and attached.

25/12/06 Reports

25/12/06-1 Competitions Chairman – John Fare

Appendix 2

John read through his report. He said that at the Presentation Awards comments had been made regarding the state of some of the trophies. He asked if we should look at repairing or replacing the worst ones. A suggestion he put to the Executive was replacing the trophies with just a certificate and memento which could possibly be engraved with the trophy details. Alan Forster proposed that a Roll of Honour could be added to the website with individual photos of the trophies and a list of the previous winners. This could be added to each year with the current winner's names and they would retain the certificate and memento. After discussion it was agreed that this would be put to the clubs at the NCPF A.G.M. for approval.

PAGB Interclub PDI Championships – John said that Keswick PS won the Plate Competition in 2025 which automatically gives them a place in 2026. In view of Keswick's automatic qualification do we nominate one other qualifying club or do we send the two qualifiers as well as Keswick. Three clubs would mean an extra £200.00 from the accounts. After discussion it was agreed that the two qualifying clubs would be nominated along with Keswick making a total of three club nominations for the PDI section in 2026.

Club Championships/Annuals – John said that we would need extra help with the competitions entries when Phillip became President. He asked for names for potential recruits if anyone thought their club members could help. John will produce a document to be put on the website and sent out to the clubs with details of the work involved. John finished by saying that the draft rules for the Annuals will be discussed at the next subcommittee meeting. One judge change – Arjun Nambiar has dropped out as he will be at a conference in India. He will be replaced by Bill Broadley.

Report accepted and attached.

25/12/06-2 Representative to PAGB – Richard Speirs

Appendix 3

Margaret read Richard's report in his absence.

This was accepted and attached.

25/12/06-3 Merit Awards Officer – Gerald Chamberlin

Appendix 4

Gerald outlined his report.

Report accepted and attached.

25/12/06-4 Editor Northern Focus – Alan Wilson

Alan was annoyed that discussions had taken place, in his absence, at previous Executive Meetings regarding the abandonment of the Northern Focus as a publication and adding it to the website as an online document as and when information was sent to the webmaster. He said that he was still officially the Northern Focus Editor and asked why he hadn't been contacted by the President to get his views regarding the proposed change. He agreed that there were delays with the publications due to personal problems that have now been resolved and still wished to remain in post. He asked for the backing of the President and the Committee to remain in his role. After opinions were shared and grievances aired it was agreed by all that he would remain in his role as Northern Focus Editor. He said the next publication would be out for Christmas

25/12/06-5 Judges Sub Committee – Richard Speirs

Appendix 5

Richard's short report was read in his absence. John Fare asked if a recruitment meeting was going to be held in the North East. Gerald said Richard had talked about it but due to other commitments it hadn't been finalised as yet.

Report accepted and attached.

25/12/06-6 Data Manager – Richard Speirs

Richard’s report was read in his absence.
Report accepted and attached.

25/12/06-7 Portfolio Secretary – Phillip Dove

Phillip said that all was quiet after the Awards Presentation which went smoothly. All is quiet for a little while until the arranging of the club Championships. Margaret said that she had 6 sets of uncollected club certificates that will be posted and 2 for the Northern Area which will be handed out at the next Interclub Competition.

25/12/06-8 Club Support & Development – John Smith

No Report.

25/12/06-9 Webmaster – Jo Knight

Appendix 7

Jo outlined her report. She has changed the Providers for the website saving a substantial amount of money.
Report accepted and attached.

25/12/07 Area Reports

25/12/07-1 Northern – Jim Welsh

Jim outlined his report. He said that the new Interclub Open PDI Competition went very well. Cambois CC hosted the competition for the first time and it was well organised.
Report accepted and attached.

25/12/07-2 North Tyne – David Brown

No Report.

25/12/07-3 South Tyne – Glen Lawson

Appendix 8

In Glen’s absence his report was accepted and attached.

25/12/07-4 Southern – Phillip Dove

No Report. Phillip said that the judges for the NYSD competitions are given the entries in advance. During the competition he said that most of the images displayed had also been entered in the NCPF competitions and the results were similar despite the two different styles of judging.

25/12/07-5 Wear Area – Vacant

25/12/07-6 Western – Gerald Chamberlin

Gerald’s brief report was discussed.
Report accepted and attached.

25/12/08 Any Other Business

Phillip said that at the A.G.M. he will become President. He said that he was pleased to announce that Alan Forster has agreed to become his Vice President. This was very well accepted by the Executive.

Gerald said that our next meeting was a face to face at Clara Vale. He said that in view of the lack of numbers attending the A.G.M. last year he would like to discuss the possibility of holding it on zoom. After a brief discussion it was agreed this will be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Future Meeting Dates: Monday 16th February 2026 - Clara Vale - 7.30pm (confirmed by Clara Vale)
Sunday 29th March 2026 - A.G.M. - Clara Vale - 2.00pm (confirmed by Clara Vale)

Finance report

30 November 2025

Expenditure

- The monthly printer ink contract has been paid at a cost of £26.98
- The Lloyds Bank monthly fee has been paid at a cost of £4.25
- Trophy keepsakes have been bought at a cost of £899.00, these will cover 5 years awards
- Email hosting for a year has been paid for at a cost of £23.99, Jo has found a cheaper supplier than previously used.
- The zoom licence has been renewed for another year at a cost of £155.88
- The trophies have been engraved at a cost of £85.00
- Refreshments for the Presentation day cost £7.44
- The raffle prizes cost £30.42 and the raffle raised £100.00

Community Account

Balance at AGM	£2,849.73
Transfer from	
Instant Access a/c	£1,000.00
Expenditure	<u>-£3,267.82</u>
Current balance	£785.89 *

(*£203.98 from Annuals Competition in 2004/5 accounts)

Commercial Instant Access Account

Balance at AGM	£3,047.61
Transfer to Current a/c	-£1,000.00
Interest	<u>£14.79</u>
Current Balance	£2,062.40

Fixed Term Savings Account £16,000.00matured 4 November with interest of £440.00

The £16,440.00 has been reinvested at 2.24%, interest will be £368.26

Jill Chamberlin
NCPF Treasurer

Appendix 1b

NCPF Accounts 2025-26

Bank	Date	Statement	Detail	Income	Expenditure	
Subscriptions 2025						
NCPF (42 clubs)				£2,940.00		£2,940.00
Commercial Instant Access A/C				Income from Savings A/C	£1,000.00	
				<u>£1,000.00</u>		£1,000.00
PAGB Subscriptions 2026						
BACS			PAGB subscriptions for 2026			
				<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	£0.00

Executive Committee

	DEB	15/04/24	01/05/24	HPI Instant Ink contract		£11.99	
	DEB	18/03/25	01/04/25	Microsoft 365 for 1 year		£69.99	
	DEB	21/03/25	01/04/25	Iceland Refreshments AGM		£12.05	
(Tynemouth P S)	SO	01/04/25	01/04/25	Annual Photographic Equipment storage		£20.00	
2025	DEB	02/04/25	01/05/25	Alan Wilson expenses		£7.00	
(E S of Boxing - Blyth)	SO	14/04/25	01/05/25	Annual Archive material storage		£20.00	
	DEB	16/05/25	30/05/25	HPI Instant Ink contract		£11.99	
	DEB	16/06/25	01/07/25	HPI Instant Ink contract		£13.49	
	BACS	16/06/25	01/07/25	R.E.V.Gomm Ltd 3 NCPF medals		£252.00	
	DEB	14/07/25	01/08/25	HPI Instant Ink contract		£13.49	
	BACS	12/08/25	31/08/25	Clara Vale Village Hall CVVH727 Exec meet		£22.00	
	DEB	14/08/25	31/08/25	HPI Instant Ink contract		£13.49	
	DEB	18/08/25	31/08/25	Paper and Card for Secretary		£25.43	
	DEB	15/09/25	30/09/25	HPI Instant Ink contract		£13.49	
	DEB	14/10/25		HPI Instant Ink contract		£13.49	
	DEB	04/11/25		Zoom licence fee		£155.88	
	DEB	14/11/25		HPI Instant Ink contract		£13.49	
					<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£689.27</u>	-£689.27

Bank Charges

18/03/25	01/04/25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 4501544008	£7.35	
22/04/25	01/05/25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 452565988	£4.25	
19/05/25	30/05/25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 455022820	£5.17	
17/06/25	01/07/25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 457433582	£4.25	
21/07/25	01/08/25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 459915249	£4.25	
19/08/25	31/08/25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 459915250	£4.25	
19/09/25	30/09/25	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 459915251	£4.25	
20/10/25		SERVICE CHARGES REF : 459915252	£4.25	
18/11/25		SERVICE CHARGES REF : 469515934	£4.25	
			£0.00	£42.27
				-£42.27

NCPF Website

04/05/25 - 03/05/26	DEB	06/05/25	30/05/25	Annual fee for Domain name (Easily Ltd)	£12.40	
06/07/25 - 05/07/26	DEB	06/06/25	01/07/25	Annual fee to WordPress	£43.20	
01/11/25 - 31/10/25	DEB	27/10/25		Mail Hosting – Silver Mail	£23.99	
					£79.59	-£79.59

Annuals Competition

12-13/04/25	DEB	02/03/25		Accommodation for Judge John McVie	£203.98	(in 2024-25 acnts)
	BACS	02/04/25	01/05/25	Clara Vale Village Hall CVVH667	£518.00	
	DEB	11/04/25	01/05/25	Farmfoods Refreshments Judges	£6.57	
	DEB	11/04/25	01/05/25	B&M refreshments/lunch Judges	£15.46	
	DEB	11/04/25	01/05/25	Iceland lunch Judges	£48.29	
	BACS	17/04/25	01/05/25	John McVie Judge	£90.00	
	BACS	17/04/25	01/05/25	John Tillitson Judge	£60.00	
	BACS	17/04/25	01/05/25	Jane Abson Judge	£47.00	
	BACS	17/04/25	01/05/25	Bill Broadley Judge	£20.00	
					£0.00	£1,009.30
						-£1,009.30

Club Championships

Presentation Day

2025

DEB	17/09/25	30/09/25	Amazon - Card for Awards Certificates	£40.53	
FPO	26/08/25	31/08/25	Clara Vale Village Hall CVVH736	£125.00	
	17/11/25		Trophy Engraving	£85.00	
	19/11/25		Refreshments	£7.44	
	19/11/25		Raffle Prizes	£30.42	
	28/11/25		Raffle Income	£100.00	
				£100.00	£288.39
					-£188.39

Club Championships

Feb 26

CHQ		01/05/25	David Phillips	£20.00	
				£0.00	£20.00
					-£20.00

PAGB Championships

PDI's

BACS	06/08/25	31/08/25	Keswick Photographic Society	£100.00	(£100 each club)
FPO	14/10/25		Saltburn Photographic Society	£100.00	

Prints

			Keswick Photographic Society		
			Gosforth Camera Club		
				£0.00	£200.00
					-£200.00

NCPF Judges Training Day

30/03/2025

BACS	06/08/25	31/08/25	Dalston Victory Hall Judges Training	£62.50	
				£0.00	£62.50
					-£62.50

PAGB Awards Assessment Day

11/05/2025

BACS	11/04/25	01/05/25	Dalston Victory Hall Awards workshop	£50.00	
FPO	26/08/25	31/08/25	Clara Vale Village Hall CVVH735	£27.50	
				£0.00	£77.50
					-£77.50

Equipment

DEB	23/10/25		Trophies	£899.00	
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NCPF Area AGM Meetings

(Groups max £30)

			North Tyne Area AGM		
				£0.00	£0.00
					£0.00

Direct Debit	DD
Debit Card	DEB
Bank Payments	BACS
Standing Orders	SO

Lloyds Bank				
Community Account	2024-25	AGM		£2,849.73
	2025-26	Expenditure		-£3267.82
	2025-26	Transfer		£1,000.00
	2026-27	Subscriptions		£0.00
	2025-26	Bank Balance	28/11/25	£785.89
Commercial Instant Access A/C				£3,047.61
	22-Oct	Current a/c		-£1,000.00
Interest			28/11/25	£14.79
				£2,062.40
Fixed Term Savings Account		04/11/24	Matures 04/11/25 2.75% interest	£16,000.00
			Interest on maturity	£440.00
		04/11/25	To be reinvested to 04/11/26 2.24% interest	£16,440.00
	Max	28/11/25		

Competition Sub Committee Report November 2025

Appendix 2

The last meeting of the Competition sub-committee was held on 20 October with the next meeting due to be held on 8 December.

The PAGB Inter Club Print Championship took place on 18 October at Blackburn. The NCPF was represented by Keswick PS and Gosforth CC. The scores of both clubs were insufficient to qualify for the final so both went into the Plate competition. In the Plate competition Keswick scored 103 points and Gosforth 99 points. The clubs came 13th equal and 20th equal respectively out of 27 clubs in the Plate competition.

The presentation of the Annual Competitions awards took place at Clara Vale on 23 November 2025. In addition to the NCPF awards the presentation included PAGB competition awards for Jo Knight, Graeme Clarke and John Gravett. Many thanks for all those who helped at the presentation.

The NCPF Annual award trophies vary in condition and some are not taken by the winners so are returned for storage. Consideration should be given to reviewing the trophies and possible replacements.

The next sub-committee meeting will concentrate the forthcoming NCPF Club Championships. An item to be agreed by the Exec Committee is the number of clubs to be selected at the PDI Club Championships to represent the NCPF at the PAGB Inter-Club Championships. Keswick PS won the Plate competition at the 2025 PAGB PDI Inter-club championships. The PAGB Inter-club PDI Championship rules state that

The Entrant Clubs will comprise:

- All the Finalists from the previous year.
- The Plate competition winner from the previous year (starting in 2023)
- And additionally, two Clubs from each Federation, chosen from amongst those Clubs affiliated to the PAGB via the Federation by any method that the Federation may determine

Since Keswick PS have automatically qualified for the 2026 PAGB Inter-Club PDI championships, the Executive Committee need to agree if at the 2026 NCPF Club Championships, an additional 1 or 2 Clubs are selected to represent the NCPF at the PAGB PDI Inter-Club Championships.

Additional support for forthcoming competitions will be required when Phillip Dove takes on the role of NCPF President.

John Fare.

PAGB Representative's Report 03rd December 2025

Appendix 3

The most recent PAGB Executive Meeting was held on Saturday 4th October at Warwick University. Due to a clash with the 60th Anniversary of Dalston Photographic Society I was unable to attend.

The minutes have yet to be published so I cannot provide an update beyond what was reported to this Executive at the October meeting.

The AGM will take place online on the evening of the 9th April 2026 followed by the Executive meeting on the weekend of the 11th and 12th April.

Richard Speirs

Awards Officers Report – December 2025

Appendix 4

17 members from NCPF clubs have now been accepted for the April 2026 adjudication.

I have been informed by the PAGB that no more applications can be accepted as the event is now full and a waiting list for cancellations is now in place.

This is the first adjudication since Covid that is full.

A number of NCPF club members have approached with offers of help in April.

Gerald Chamberlin DPAGB, EFIAP

Judges Subcommittee Report 03rd December 2025

Appendix 5

In my last report to this Executive I identified that I intended to arrange a meeting of the subcommittee in November.

As there was no identifiable business to discuss I haven't called a meeting. The only issue which has arisen is that one of the judges selected for the Club Championships has had to withdraw due to work commitments. The reserve judge selected by the subcommittee has agreed to cover the vacancy.

Richard Speirs
NCPF Judges Subcommittee Chairman

Data Managers Report 03rd December 2025

Appendix 6

Since our last meeting I have received just a couple of enquiries regarding the CMS.

One was from the newly appointed Competition Secretary of a club who wanted to know how to be associated with his club. This was a very welcome enquiry as the club concerned had no one registered as a club officer. I advised the enquirer to try and get other officers to sign up. I've recently checked their club entry on CMS and all current officers are now identified which is good news.

The second enquiry was from a lecturer and judge who wanted to amend the details of his lectures and couldn't remember how to do it. I explained how to access his original lecture list and edit it. He subsequently confirmed that the alterations were successful.

Richard Speirs

Website Report 03rd December 2025

Appendix 7

When I took over the website in June 2023 there was a 3 year website hosting package already in place with Hostpapa. This included hosting both our Wordpress website space and email addresses. The package expired on 11th November 2025 and the renewal price for another 3 years was £780 (£260 per annum).

I had already switched our website hosting directly to Wordpress.com. This costs £43.20 per annum.

I've now switched our email hosting to Hostinguk.net. This costs £23.99 per annum for 25 individual mailboxes (we are currently only using 17).

Total for the year for both website and email hosting is now £67.19, so I'm happy we've made a substantial saving of £192.81 per annum by switching.

Our website name of ncpf.org.uk has always been hosted through Easily.uk. This costs £12.40 per annum.

Our entire package to run the website costs £79.59 which I think is good value for money.

Website traffic since the last meeting consists:

October 2025: 628 visitors and 1821 page views

November 2025: 761 visitors and 2000 page views

These are amongst some of our highest visitor numbers since the new site was launched.

Jo Knight
Webmaster

Northern Area Report 03rd December 2025

Appendix 8

NORTHERN AREA INTERCLUB OPEN PDI COMPETITION

The Northern Area Interclub Open PDI Competition was held for the first time on Sunday 16th November 2025. The event was hosted by Cambois Camera Club and the three judges were Alan Porrett, Rob Butler and Peter Maguire.

There were a total of 210 images entered from the 7 clubs in the Northern Area and the competition was well attended by members from all clubs.

After each image was scored the final results were as follows:-

Alnwick – 363, Amble – 374, Ashington – 362, Blyth – 369, Cambois – 341, Morpeth – 374 and Wooler – 352

We had a tie for first place between Amble and Morpeth who both scored 374 points. The lowest score from each club was eliminated resulting in Amble PG being declared the winners.

There were 8 images scoring the maximum of 15 points. The judges were asked to choose an overall winner from these images. The Best Image was 'Storm Brewing' by Richard Turnbull of Ashington CC.

The Chairman of Amble PG, John Twizell, collected the Trophy on behalf of the club and Malcolm Ross collected the Plate for the Best Overall Image on behalf of Richard Turnbull for Strom Brewing.

Thanks were given to the three judges and to Cambois CC for hosting the competition and providing an excellent spread at the end of the proceedings.

This competition replaces THE NORTHERN AREA KNOCKOUT COMPETITION. This was agreed by all clubs at the Northern Area A.G.M. held on Sunday 16th February 2025.

Jim Welsh LRPS, CPAGB, APAGB
Northern Area Representative

On the 18 November 2025 we held the South Tyne Print Competition hosted by Hexham & District PS. A copy of the article sent for publication on the NCPF Website is listed below for your information.

The next leg is the PDI Competition to be held on the 17 Feb 2026 and hosted by South Shields PS.

South Tyne Area Print Competition 2025

Hosted by Hexham & District PS on Tuesday 18th November 2025.

Judged by: Dave Phillips

All six clubs of the South Tyne Area, Gateshead CC, Hexham & District PS, Ryton & District CC, South Shields PS, Whickham PC and Winlaton & District CC gathered at The Torch Centre at Hexham on Tuesday, 18th November 2025.

After much shuffling and shifting around to get a good vantage point, we were ready to begin the inter-club print competition, with many club members keeping an eye on the proceedings and updating the tally on their score sheets.

It certainly was a night to remember. Each club had submitted 10 prints with a mixture of mono and colour covering a wide range of subjects. Daves comments and suggestions for improvements were informative, and his positive critique showed the work that he had applied to the task at hand. There were some tense moments and then that silent pause whilst the scores were worked out it was nail bitingly close.

1 st	South Shields PS	272 points
2 nd	Hexham & District PS	271 points
3 rd	Winlaton& District CC	269 points
4 th	Ryton & District CC	267 points
5 th	Whickham PC	262 points
6 th	Gateshead CC	250 points

The following prints scored 30 points:

Taking a break - Taj Mahal	David Richardson of Ryton& District CC.
First Light Loch Creran	John Petty from South Shields PS.
On the Rocks (Mary's Shell)	Andy Laing of Hexham& District PS.
Leader of the Pack	Graham Turner, Hexham& District PS.

David Richardson of Ryton & District PS was awarded "The Roy Elwood FRPS, MPAGB, APAGB, EFIAP South Tyne Best Print Salver" for Taking a break – Taj Mahal.

South Shields PS were presented with "The Roy Elwood FRPS, MPAGB, APAGB, EFIAP South Tyne Print Salver".

Regards,
G. Lawson