

AWARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS

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PAGB AND MCPF

- Whitchurch Photographic Society is a member of the MCPF (Midland Counties Photographic Federation) which is affiliated to the PAGB (Photographic Alliance of Great Britain)
- Both the MCPF and the PAGB run competitions, exhibitions and salons. As a member of WPS you are eligible to enter these competitions and exhibitions.
- The PAGB also offers qualifications which can be used for life, require no annual fee and holders are entitled to use the designated letters after their name. They are:
 1. **(Badge) BPAGB** (7 prints at a level of “approaching Good Club Photography”)
 2. **(Credit) CPAGB** (10 prints or pdis at a level of “Good Club Photography”)
 3. **(Distinction) DPAGB** (15 prints or pdis at a level of “Open Exhibition Photography”)
 4. **(Excellence) EPAGB** (15 prints or pdis at a level of “Open Exhibition Photography”)
 5. **(Master) MPAGB** (20 prints or pdis at a level of “the highest standard of UK Amateur Photography”)

Entrants must have been an active members of an affiliated Club for a minimum of 2 years for BPAGB and CPAGB, 3 years for DPAGB/EPAGB and 5 Years for MPAGB.

FEES FOR PAGB AWARDS

- BPAGB - £52.50
- CPAGB - £75.00
- DPAGB - £112.50
- EPAGB - £112.50
- MPAGB - £150

BPE (BRITISH PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS) CROWN AWARDS

To qualify for BPE Crown Awards:

1. You need to enter any of the BPE member exhibitions listed on the BPE web site. These can be found in the Exhibitions section on this website where you can either download an entry form or find out where you can obtain one via the web site of the club whose competition you wish to enter.
 2. With every photo that you have accepted in an exhibition you accrue one point.
 3. When in the first instance you have accrued 25 points you can apply to the BPE Awards Officers (Alison and Andy Fryer) for the One Crown Award
 4. They will send you an application form to fill in listing the year, exhibition, section & numbers of acceptances.
 5. Following their verification of the form you will be sent your Certificate & Ribbon & be entitled to use "BPE1" after your name.
 6. You can continue this process until you reach "BPE5" for which you will have to have gained 300 points. You are then eligible for ABPE (Associate) and FBPE (Fellow) which you may then apply for.
 7. There is no charge for any of these services, except for the individual exhibition entry fees payable to BPE club exhibitions which you wish to enter.
- **The BPE currently consists of 15 member exhibitions.** These are typically organised by either a single photographic club or by a number of clubs in the same geographical area.

B P E

- The National Exhibitions which are members of the British Photographic Exhibitions offer a Crown Award system designed to enable successful exhibition photographers to gain additional recognition. Exhibitors are invited to aggregate their acceptances in the affiliated exhibitions and, upon reaching the accepted aggregate, to apply without charge for a Crown Rating Award. Each successful applicant for an award will receive a Certificate and a Ribbon and will be able to use the letters acknowledging their award after their name.
- **BPE1** Crown Award - 25 points
BPE2 Crown Award - 50 points
BPE3 Crown Award - 100 points
BPE4 Crown Award - 200 points
BPE5 Crown Award - 300 points
- Those who achieve the top crown award rating BPE5 are then invited to aggregate acceptances and awards in the member exhibitions and upon reaching the accepted aggregate to apply, without charge, for Associateship ABPE and Fellowship FBPE. The successful applicant will receive a Certificate and Medal and will be able to use the letters acknowledging their award after their name.

RPS (ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY) DISTINCTIONS

- **LRPS** (Licentiate - Royal Photographic Society)
- **ARPS** (Associate – Royal Photographic Society)
- **FRPS** (Fellowship – Royal Photographic Society)

LRPS REQUIREMENTS - THE LICENTIATE DISTINCTION REQUIRES APPLICANTS TO SUBMIT A BODY OF WORK/PROJECT CONSISTING OF 10 IMAGES AND A PRESENTATION LAYOUT

Technical: Camerawork

You must show appropriate:

- point of focus and depth of field.
- choice of ISO, shutter speed and aperture.
- sharpness in relation to the subject matter.
- level of exposure with control of highlight/shadow detail and tonal range.
- colour rendition if applicable.
- use of manipulation or post-production techniques, if applicable.

Artistic: Visual Awareness

You must show a good understanding of:

- how to use light in photography (natural or artificial).
- composition and design.
- viewpoints and an awareness of distracting backgrounds.
- the use of colour or monochrome in relation to the image.
- decisive moment, if applicable.

Communication: Visual Narrative and Presentation

Visual Narrative

You must show:

- clarity of intent.
- evidence of imagination and creativity to convey a mood, message, or idea.
- understanding and empathy with the subject matter, if applicable.

Presentation

You must show:

- a balanced and cohesive presentation.

LRPS PRESENTATION LAYOUT



Applicant: Marc Brimble Assessment date: 13th March 2024

Membership No. 127154

ARPS (ASSOCIATE)

The Associate distinction requires applicants to submit a body of work/project consisting of 15 images and a written Statement of Intent and a Presentation Layout. The images must be of a high standard.

Associate Criteria:

- A Statement of Intent that defines the purpose of the work, identifying its aims and objectives.
- A cohesive body of work that depicts and communicates the aims and objectives set out in the Statement of Intent.
- A body of work that communicates an individual's vision and understanding.
- A high level of technical ability using techniques and photographic practices appropriate to the subject.
- An appropriate and high level of understanding of craft and artistic presentation.

The Associate distinction is split into various specialist areas, which we refer to as *genres*. Many of the genres have additional specific criteria. It is important to read through the [Associate Guidelines](#) and the [Genre Definitions](#) documents for further information. We would also recommend reading the following article by Simon Hill HonFRPS called Framing Creativity. It will help your approach when applying for a distinction read the document [here](#)

Associate RPS Genres & Definitions

The genre definitions below are written to give you the widest creative freedom so that you can select the genre in which you are most likely to succeed. Assessments at Associate are divided by genre so that they are assessed by the appropriately skilled Fellows of the RPS.

- 1. Applied Photography:** Photography which has been produced for an intended purpose, utilising a stated output.
- 2. Contemporary Photography:** Photography that communicates a visual realisation of a stated argument, idea or concept.
- 3. Documentary Photography:** Photography which communicates a clear narrative through visual literacy.
- 4. Film:** The work can be created in any moving image format including film, video, and digital media.
- 5. Landscape Photography:** Photography that illustrates and interprets earth's habitats, from the remotest wilderness to urban environs
- 6. Natural History Photography:** Photography which illustrates an element of natural world within an unrestricted, uncultivated and untamed environment.
- 7. Photobooks:** A concept-led book that uses photography as a medium of visual communication in its own right.
- 8. Travel Photography:** Photography which communicates a sense of place.
- 9. Visual Art Photography:** Photography which communicates a creative vision.

MCPF EXHIBITIONS

- MCPF sends us notification of all its exhibitions throughout the year. We will forward this onto all members. This can be a gateway into entering national and international exhibitions and salons. However, images have to be of a sufficient standard to be accepted. Ribbons and Medals are awarded to the very best images. Don't expect your images to gain automatic acceptance. You will be competing against many hundreds if not thousands of images from all over the Midlands counties area. If you want to test the waters with your images then this might be a good place to start. As a club we can give advice and guidance so just ask and we can help point you in the right direction.
- MCPF exhibitions include:
 - MidPhot Panel Exhibition (entries are being accepted now – closing date: 21st Sept, 2024)
 - Midphot Exhibition
 - MCPF photofolio
 - MCPF print and projected digital image club championship