

Chairman's Review Royal Photographic Society 2017 Landscape Special Interest Group

It is amazing to think that less than two years ago this SIG did not exist. The dedication of the current and previous committee has led to a thriving organisation with over 700 members. The membership covers all ages and is located all over the world reflecting the broad interest in landscape photography.

Our inaugural year saw the group established, workshops and guided walks run and a fledgling presence in the wider RPS. 2017 has given a diverse programme of workshops, a manufacturer's visit and guided walks with more plans for 2018. We have delivered opportunities to share work on Facebook and in print circles and are currently trialling a new processing group. It is hoped that this will enable people to develop in their post processing skills.

We are developing stronger linkages with the regions so that we can localise the programme. In 2017, we ran a filters workshop in the South West, Southern and Northern regions of the country to ensure we delivered exposure to new techniques and our aim is to deliver training across the UK.

Our finances are in great shape and we are confident we can fund an exciting programme for 2018. We are currently planning guided walks, an exhibition or a magazine and a week-long trip to the Outer Hebrides.

There is one area where the group is not doing well and that is in attracting more volunteer to help run group activities. The response to appeals for help are minimal and whilst we are extremely grateful to those who do step up there is a need for far more of you to come forward. We are looking for people to run outings, write articles, and to take on the role of newsletter editor. The group is entirely run by volunteers so please "think not what your SIG can do for you but what you can do for your SIG".

It has been my pleasure to serve as chairman and I am delighted to have the support of a talented, resourceful and dedicated committee. We all owe them a great debt of gratitude for all their hard work.

Richard Ellis
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