

Norwich & District Photographic Society is continuing to review its position to minimise the risk of COVID-19 to its members and we therefore ask for your support and understanding regarding this important matter.

From 2nd December 2020, **Norfolk has been placed in Tier 2: High Alert** by the UK Government.

This means you can only meet socially with friends and family **indoors** who you either live with or have formed a support bubble with unless a legal exemption applies.

It also means you can see friends and family you do not live with (or do not have a support bubble with) **outdoors**, in a group of no more than 6.

In addition, other activities, such as **hobby groups**, organised indoor sport, physical activity, and exercise classes can continue to take place, provided that different households or support bubbles do not mix. All such activity must take place in line with COVID-secure guidance.

In accordance with the latest guidance from Public Health England, the NHS, and the UK Government our **current COVID-19 policy for events (shoots) organised by the Society in order to keep members COVID secure** are:

Immediately BEFORE YOU TRAVEL to a shoot:

- 1) Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- 2) Make sure your photographic equipment and other equipment you bring to the shoot is thoroughly cleaned and regularly wiped down with antibacterial wipe(s).

We ask members NOT TO TRAVEL to a shoot organised by the Society if:

- 3) You **DO NOT HAVE A CONFIRMED AND VALID BOOKING** for the shoot. Pre-booking to attend a shoot is essential for reasons of 'track and trace'.
- 4) During the past 14 days you have travelled from, or transited through, any of the countries or areas that are currently on 'lockdown'.
- 5) You are unwell or have developed a fever (above 37.8C) or a new, continuous cough within the last seven days – upon arrival your temperature may be taken and if it is too high (above 37.8C) you will be asked to leave and you will not be permitted to participate in the shoot or another event until you can provide evidence of a negative COVID test or have self-isolated for at least 14 days.
- 6) Arrive at least 10 minutes before the shoot is due to commence so you can attend the briefing. Anyone who does not arrive on time will be recorded as absent and should not participate in the shoot.

7) Upon arrival you should maintain a **safe distance of at least 2 metres** between yourself and other members attending the shoot. For the time being the Society is discouraging handshakes as a greeting.

DURING the shoot:

8) Comply with any health and safety instruction provided during the briefing given to everyone before the shoot commences. During the briefing, the members attending the shoot will be split into smaller groups that will be expected to keep a safe distance (minimum of 25m) from the other groups for the duration of the shoot.

9) Maintain a safe distance between yourself and other people including other members of the Society. A **minimum distance of 2 metres** is recommended. We appreciate that sharing images on the back of the camera is an instinctive reaction on shoots but currently this should be avoided unless other precautions are being taken to keep safe.

10) Regularly apply sanitising gel to your hands.

11) Make sure you have a face covering with you. If you are unable to maintain a **minimum distance of 2 metres** from other people, it is **recommended that you use a face covering**.

12) **Do not share your photographic equipment** with other members at the shoot unless it is cleaned with an antibacterial wipe before and after being shared.

13) Do not leave the shoot before the end unless you make someone aware that you are doing so.

As the COVID-19 situation is changing rapidly, the Society will be regularly reviewing this guidance so please ensure you check the situation before you attend a shoot.

Norwich & District Photographic Society thank you for your understanding and support on this important matter.

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