



# Newsflash Extra



20<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

## Welsh Photographic Federation Associate Assessment Day 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2023

### Distinctions Secretary's Report

The AWPf assessment was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Talbot Green Community Centre. It was very pleasing to see so many people who had come to view proceedings some of whom had travelled far and wide and my thanks go out to everyone who attended.

I am pleased to report that there were the maximum 25 candidates for the 2023 AWPf award, 21 print submissions and 4 Digital submissions. I was delighted to witness that 15 of the 21 print submissions were successful with a 71% success rate while 1 of the 4 Digital submissions was successful with a 25% success rate. The overall success rate was 64%.

Those 16 candidates that did achieve the high standard the award demands, are listed below.

<b>Carol McNiven Young</b>	Rolls Royce Derby	Natural Rhythms
<b>Robert Millin</b>	Wigan 10 Foto Club	World Gymnastics Championships 2022
<b>Samantha Owens</b>	Carmarthen PS	Furries
<b>Scott Coe</b>	Beyond Group	Scapes
<b>Peter Milsom</b>	Beyond Group	Sport
<b>Jane Barrett</b>	Beyond Group	Wildlife of Zambia
<b>Nick Alston</b>	Beyond Group	Sport
<b>Richard Hainsworth</b>	Mold Camera Club	Heavens Above: Landscape Astrophotography
<b>Roger Thomas</b>	Bridgend and District CC	Flower Portraits
<b>Paul Holt</b>	Maesycwmmmer CC	Portraits
<b>Steve Hawker</b>	Western Valley CC	Waterfalls of Wales
<b>Wendy Jones</b>	Morrison CC	Long Since a Home
<b>Allan Pick</b>	Afan Need CC	Life on the Street
<b>Dave Jowitt</b>	Mold Camera Club	Portals of Erddig
<b>Kevin Williams</b>	Ipswich and District PS	Wildlife Action
<b>Wayne Davey</b>	Beyond Group	WWII Aircraft in Flight

The Assessors were.

- **Leigh Woolford**, (Chairman) Hon.FWPF. DPAGB. EFIAP. AWPf. BPE4
- **Jenny Hibbert**, MPAGB. AWPf. EFIAP/G, BPE2
- **Les Loosemore** ARPS, AWPf, DPAGB
- **Peter Brisley** DPAGB, EFIAP, BPE2
- **Sue O'Connell**. DPAGB. EFIAP/d3. ABPE. MPSA, ABPE

**The day was a success because of the fine efforts of the photographers and of course because of the help and support of so many people who are dedicated to supporting amateur photography in South Wales and beyond. I thank them all and in particular:**

Our assessors for their expertise and detailed critique, their fairness in the assessment, taking the time to provide feedback to candidates and of course ensuring the maintenance of the high standard of photography needed to gain the prestigious award of AWPF.

Grateful thanks to WPF President Susan Surrige for opening and closing the proceedings.

David Lewis for his support on the day and for making himself available throughout the year when I needed advice and support.

Cliff Emery for supplying the display stands and helping through the day.

Martin Nagle for transporting all the equipment from the storage area.

Dave Condon, Peter Young and Guy Butler-Madden for arranging to display the prints on the day.

Cliff Emery and Peter Young for calibrating and operating the laptop and projector.

Jill Young, Susan Surrige and John Surrige for refreshments throughout the day and providing lunch for the assessors and helpers.

John Surrige for being the official photographer for the day. See some of his images below...

Thank you all very much for supporting the AWPF, without you it would not have been possible, and your help and guidance is a determining factor in the continued success and popularity of the AWPF distinction.

**The standard for AWPF continues to be high and I am so very pleased to see so many successful candidates. I have to report that I think that this high success rate was down to hard work from the candidates but also to the support that was given freely by the mentors. Thank you: Peter Young, Dave Condon, Ed Cloutman, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Slee and Cliff Emery. Your contribution is immeasurable and appreciated by the candidates, by me and by the WPF committee.**

There was a very high standard again this year and those less successful candidates, all of which were so close to gaining the award, are thanked for their contributions and recommended to address the constructive comments made by the judges and apply again next year.

Paul James AWPF

***Huge thanks also go to Paul James AWPF for organising and coordinating everything you have read about above. This was especially commendable as it was his first time. Well done paul!***





