## Poulton Photographic Society Flickr Group

The PPS Flickr group is an environment where members of the society can post their photographs for others to see and comment on. Both group members and the public can see the photographs, but only PPS group members can post images and access the discussions page. The intention is to encourage potential new members to join PPS.

To join the PPS's Flickr group you need to have your own Flickr account. Before you can create a Flickr account you need to register with Yahoo who own Flickr. Fortunately, it is quite easy to create both accounts. Of course if you already have a Flickr account you can skip the first step and simply apply to be a member of the PPS group.

## Steps:

To register with Yahoo, navigate on your web browser to https://uk.yahoo.com/ then click on 'Sign In' then 'Sign Up' and complete the registration form. Make a note of the email address used, account name and password. Next you can now create your free Flickr account.

Navigate to <a href="www.flickr.com">www.flickr.com</a> then click on 'Join Now' and choose your Flickr name then click on 'Create a new account'. Again make a note of your Flickr name and password. Answer the set up questions choosing the options you prefer. When you've finished you will be invited to add some photographs to your new site.

To join the PPS Flickr group, navigate to https://www.flickr.com/groups/poultonps/

Once there click on 'Join' and your Flickr name will be emailed to the site's administrator (myself). As long as you are recognised, you will be able to join the group. It might be a good idea to email me (m\_kay@blueyonder.co.uk) with your real name and your Flickr name if this is not clear from your Flickr page, so that I know it is a genuine request from a PPS member. If you have any problems please email me and let me know.

You can't upload photographs directly from your computer to the group. You have to upload them to your Flickr site first, using the 'Upload' button on the top menu of your pages. It is advisable to upload reduced size copies of your images rather than originals. I suggest setting the longest side to 1600 pixels, though the choice is yours of course.

If you then go to the Group page, you should see an 'Add Photo' button on the home page.

All new Flickr accounts are reviewed by Flickr staff who check the 'safety' of the pictures you upload. Until the review is done, your photos won't be made public. Accounts go into the review queue after you upload your fifth photo (so upload at least five images) and it can take a week or more for Flickr staff to do the review - this varies.

You can check for yourself to see if your account has been reviewed: click your buddy icon in the upper right corner of the screen, and select 'Settings'. Then read the line 'Your safety level' - if it says 'not set' your account has not yet been reviewed.

To encourage us to add only our best images, there is a 6 images per week group limit.

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