

SBACC PHOTOSHOOTS 2024

Date	Location of Photoshoot
Saturday 25th January	RSPB Ham Wall – Winter Birds. Members are invited to attend RSPB Ham Wall for an afternoon wildlife shoot. At this time of year there is a strong possibility of witnessing a large murmuration as the startling's settle into the reed beds for the night. The reserve will also be hosting a lot of wintering birds and with the reeds being cut back they will be easily observed from the paths that run through the reserve Meet at 2pm in the Car Park. <u>Lead – Steve Davenport</u>
Friday 14th February	Dorchester Members are invited to attend a walk around Dorchester. Being the county town of Dorset there are many historic buildings to enjoy and to photograph. Those wishing to walk further afield could also venture around the River Frome, through the Borough Gardens, or even around Maumbury Rings. Dorchester has numerous coffee shops to stop and enjoy should the weather be cold or wet. Meet at 1030 pm outside or inside Costa Coffee shop, South Street. <u>No Lead attending the photoshoot</u>
Tuesday 18th March	Stourhead – Daffodils This venue is best known for its Autumn colours and the Azaleas that show in May, but at this time of year the gardens are well worth a visit to enjoy the daffodils that are showing around the grounds. Being a National Trust venue there will be a entry charge for anyone who is not a member of the NT. We will be meeting at 1030 am in the coffee shop which is just before the main entrance. <u>Lead Steve Davenport</u>
Saturday 12th April	Swanage / Kimmeridge Swanage is an excellent location to explore and practice your photography. Depending on the weather there may be opportunities to attempt some long exposures on the old pier, or just to grab a few images by walking along the promenade and around the gardens. We will meet around the train station at 11am. From here you will be free to go and do what you want. There are many cafes and restaurants to enjoy in the town centre. For those wishing to extend the day it may be worth moving on to Kimmeridge mid-afternoon to enjoy the sunset. <u>Lead to be confirmed</u>

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Friday 16th May	Montecute Village and Ladies Walk. Details to follow <u>Lead Mark Taylor</u>
June – Date to be confirmed	Mats Wildlife Adventure A visit to Mat Phillips small holding to capture images of spring flowers and mini beasts. Further details will be published nearer the date. <u>Lead Mat Phillips</u>
July / August	SUMMER BREAK
September – 12th	RSPB – Arne Featured in the BBC Springwatch and Winterwatch programmes RSPB Arne is a haven for nature and wildlife. With the summer coming to an end you still have a chance of catching sight of a Dartford Warbler, an Osprey or even a White Tailed Eagle as it fishes in Poole Bay. There should also be a good chance of finding many dragonflies and if you are lucky you may capture an image of a Sika Deer or two as they roam freely around the reserve. We will meet up at 1030 am in the car park. There is a good restaurant on site with facilities if they are needed. <u>Lead – Steve Davenport</u>
Saturday 18th October	Thorncombe Wood Autumn colours and practicing using manual camera settings. Spreading across many hectares there are a wide range of opportunities for woodland, landscape, wildlife and macro photographers. We will meet at the car park, (which is pay and display) at 10:30am where you are free to go your own way or team up make the most of the autumn woodland colours. (All should wear appropriate footwear as some paths may be uneven) <u>Lead – Mark Taylor and Elizabeth Jubb</u>
Wednesday 19th November	On Wednesday 19th November members are invited to meet in Wells for a day's photoshoot. Wells is a great city to practice both street and architectural photography. It will be the Christmas Market on this day so anyone wishing to engage in street photography should be split for choice. It is suggested that we meet at the Bishops Table at 1030am for a Coffee. Parking is available in the Waitrose multi story car park. <u>Lead – Paul Norman</u>
December	CHRISTMAS BREAK

Most photoshoots are weather dependent and subject to change. Any change will be notified via email.

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Photoshoots are arranged voluntarily for the benefit of members of SBACC. These events are arranged outside of Sherborne Bradford Abbas Camera Club programme. There is no expectation that members will attend all or any of the events, although attendance may benefit all involved. They are free and completely unstructured. Meeting times are fluid and only a suggestion for those who want to meet up with others.

What each member does during the day is entirely up to them

Should any member wish to bring along a partner or friend they will be very welcome.

As far as possible venues have been selected to allow access to refreshments and toilet facilities, although everyone should familiarise themselves with the areas to ensure these facilities meet their own individual requirements.

There is an opportunity to offer some limited coaching on request for any member who believes they would benefit from buddying with a more experienced photographer.