



Special Newsletter

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Exhibiting work on our Website and Facebook page

The availability of an updated website and Facebook page has led to queries about the Club's rules on exhibiting photographs of paintings and other work, in relation to eligibility for the **Annual Exhibition**.

The existing rule, which is published in our Exhibition Guidelines and is also included in the entry information for the Annual Exhibition, is:

“No entry must have been previously exhibited anywhere in Hartlepool”

The intention of the rule is to make sure, as far as possible, that our most prestigious exhibition introduces new and unseen work from our members. In 2015, the Committee considered the whole question of social media in this context and concluded that the rule “includes websites and Facebook pages”. Snippets from entries could be shown, however, as it was felt this would build anticipation.

Following the recent invitation to members to submit photographs of paintings for inclusion on the website and/or Facebook it is felt that some clarification is needed:

- In order for an entry to be eligible for the Annual Exhibition, the **finished work** should not have been previously exhibited on the club's website or Facebook pages.
- Photographs of **'work in progress'** are welcomed and encouraged, but these should be quite early stages, not work which is almost complete bar a few strokes and a coat of varnish.
- As soon as the Annual Exhibition is open, the finished work can be shown on the club's pages.
- The rule applies only to the Annual Exhibition.
- The rule applies only to the club's website and Facebook pages.

Please do not let this deter you from sending in your photographs! We are very eager to include as much of our members' work as we can. We just need you to be aware of the rule in relation to the Annual Exhibition. Photographs can be emailed to Nichola Miles (nichola_miles@hotmail.com) so they can be added to FB or the website.

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