



## **Welcome to the latest Newsletter**

In in we invite you to create your personal Christmas presents for your family and friends, namely your 2025 Geograph Calendar. There's an update on ideas to celebrate Geograph's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and a reminder about photography including children in the image. As ever, please don't hesitate to have your say on the Forum or by contacting the Trustees.

## **From the Trustees**

The impact of Michael Dibb's untimely and very sad death earlier in the year is still being felt, and a team of Trustees is working hard to keep the good ship Geograph afloat, particularly in sorting out financial protocols. We all owe them our thanks for persevering with what is proving to be a tedious task.

## **Calendar 2025**

Alan Murray-Rust is now ready to take your orders for your 2025 Geograph Calendar. We know what a good quality product this is, showcasing your own photos, or any photos you pick from the nearly 7 million available to you on the Geograph site! Please bear in mind the need for high enough resolution to look good at A4 size – no less than 2000 pixels on the long side ideally please. Sadly, we have had to make a small increase in the price of each calendar, and a more significant increase in postage and packing costs. Alan here explains the rationale behind this.

*"There is a new look to the cover but otherwise the same features apply as last year; as well as selecting from your own submission you have the option of selecting other people's submissions, but these may not have a high resolution version attached which could affect the quality of the printed version.*

*The main change is that we are faced this year with significant increases in the price from our printer, due mainly to increases in materials and wages costs, the latter related to increases in the national minimum wage. In particular, the cost of preparing each individual order for the press has reached a point where this has to be reflected in what is labelled as the 'post & packing' element. This is a base cost which is unrelated to the number of calendars that an individual member orders and is reflected in the increase from £3 to £5.*

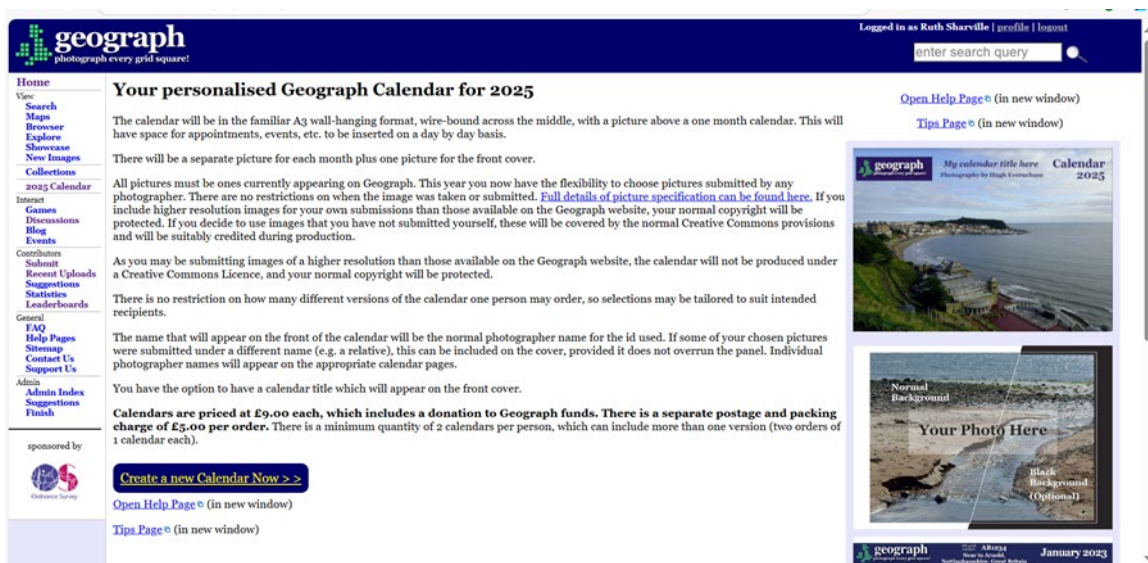
The unit calendar cost is increasing from £8.50 to £9. We are aware that members do not have bottomless pockets and even the 50p increase does in practice represent a lesser percentage increase than the increase in materials and press-run costs that we are being quoted. The minimum order quantity of 2 calendars remains unchanged.

We believe that the price still compares very favourably with commercial products and hope that members will continue to support the Calendar project as in past years."

Our thanks as ever to Alan for all the hard work and dedication he puts in to this project each year.

Please now get your orders selected and in to Alan – the sooner the better!

Here's where you'll find the link: <https://www.geograph.org.uk/calendar/> and this is what it looks like on the website. There is a "calendar 2025" link on the side menu also.



## Geograph's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025

The board discussed a number of ideas to help us celebrate Geograph's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. *Meetings* was high on the list. As mentioned in the last edition, this is a cost-effective and easy to organise thing to do. We're thinking along the lines of an annual get together in the summer, and as many regional meets as members would like to set up. We shall let you know the best way to get your meet publicised on the Forum and here in the Newsletter next time – but there's nothing stopping anyone from using existing channels to pull a group of people together for a social occasion.

A *photography prize*, probably in an educational context, was another idea the Board felt we could run with next year. More on that next time too.

*Regional and national publicity* will be key, and this can be stand-alone, or in the context of special events. If you have contacts in the media world please let us know, or contact them yourself and get them on board with this.

A "*Geograph Day*" on or around the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday date of 12 March, rather like the Christmas Day at Noon project, where contributors submit a photo on that day. Another idea was to dig out photos taken 20 years ago and revisit the locations.

Let us know any further thoughts you may have – contact details below.

## Policy Reviews

We reviewed all the policies that required annual review, and, after some removal of duplication, David Martin signed them off. One issue that we did identify, in relation to the Safeguarding Policy, was an image that we agreed to take down for a period of years after a complaint was received regarding the fact that the photo showed an identifiable child. We cannot publish photos with identifiable children in them, unless we know the images not to be current. This is to protect any child escaping violence or abuse, who could be recognised by their abuser.

## Contact us

We always value comments and suggestions, whether on the "Trustees" section of the Forum at <https://www.geograph.org.uk/discuss/index.php?&action=vtopic&forum=22> or direct to us by email: [trustees@geograph.org.uk](mailto:trustees@geograph.org.uk)



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