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Possible Photography Projects

Here is a list of possible projects for local photographers as part of community and cultural engagement.

The Third Crossing.

I have talked briefly about local photography project with the 3rd Crossing community engagement officer and was encouraged with the response. This is a major infrastructure project who importance to Lowestoft can't be understated. It will not only change the visual landscape of the town, but how we live and work in it. Recording the process of building it should be an artistic undertaking, not just a journalistic one.

The East of England Park.

This is the first new park in Lowestoft in 100 years and is on property now owned by the Lowestoft Town Council. There is a community engagement budget set up for this.

Real Work, Real People, Real Lowestoft

A year long project to document the everyday working people of Lowestoft. So many photos taken now are of tourist spots, and don't document the lives of ordinary citizens. When we look back at the photos of 100 years ago, the most interesting image (and some of the rarest images) are of real people working. This project would look at the unsung heroes, the ordinary workers working at jobs in everything from care homes to offshore wind. The only criteria is that they must be taken in the Lowestoft area.

A Child's Eye

Photographs taken by the children of Lowestoft, showing what they think is important to them and their family and town.

My Street

A project to take a photo of every street in Lowestoft. Yes, we can look at a street on Google Maps, but those images are ephemeral and will disappear one day. Computer captured images also don't show the soul of the street as seen by its residents and the artistic eye of the photographer. This project will document the streets, houses and people who make up neighbourhoods.

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Urban Nature

A project to document the wild spaces, open spaces, and natural world in the Lowestoft urban environment. We have hidden oasis of nature in the middle of town (Fen Park, the Ham, etc.) with an abundance of wildlife. We have two miles of beach that is wild. This project will look at the natural world and how it coexists with a busy town and people. It is nature in context.

Events, Happenings, and Celebrations

This project is to record just what it says on the tin. Lowestoft has many events, happenings and celebrations and they need to be recorded in a way that captures their spirit. Often we are left with a “grip and grin” photo of a dignitary when that really doesn’t reflect the event at all. Photographs should show how people interact with the event and reflect their feelings over it. (On a side note, there are major events coming up that need to be recorded, major anniversaries, and the possibility of national days of mourning.)