

11. The Committee shall arrange for at least one Exhibition a year.
12. The Club can in no way be held responsible for any loss or damage to works exhibited at or outside normal club venues, or equipment presented to any activity of the Club.
13. The Committee may remove from the roll of members any members whose conduct is unseemly. Such members shall have no claim for any subscription or entrance fee paid.
14. All cheques drawn on behalf of the Society to be signed by any two of the following – the Hon Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and/or Chairman.
15. Expenses, other than petty cash, incurred by the Club must have an official suppliers invoice submitted to the Hon. Treasurer and must be settled by the Hon. Treasurer with a cheque drawn on the Club's building society account.
16. Notice of resignation of any Committee member prior to the Annual General Meeting must be submitted to the Hon. Secretary in writing.
17. Extra Ordinary General Meetings may be convened by the Hon. Secretary, if requested by at least twelve members or by the Committee.
18. In the event of the Club being wound up, the property and assets of the Club shall not belong to any member but an inventory taken and the proceeds given to a worthy charity and/or local art club(s) nominated by the Committee.

Introduction to our club

Welcome to Ashford Art Club.

At Ashford Art Club we welcome members of any ability. Our membership consists of all standards of painters and sketchers from absolute beginners to professionals.

We try to provide a meeting place that suits as many artists as possible.

Members belong to our club for many reasons, and below are just a few:

- 👉 They like to have the opportunity to show their paintings at least twice a year,
- 👉 They enjoy watching demonstrations
- 👉 Some members like painting in a group
- 👉 There is the opportunity to paint people and portraits and still lifes
- 👉 There are members who like to meet their fellow artists
- 👉 Members have a place where they can discuss art related items

and finally, some members have been meeting every week at our club for many years, and simply enjoy each others company.

We do not teach art, but there is usually a member that can point you in the right direction, if you are interested taking tuition in a particular branch of art.

We aim to provide an interesting, helpful, relaxing and inspirational environment.

Venue and meeting times



We currently meet every Thursday evening at 3rd Ashford Scout Hut, Ford Close, Ashford.

Our meeting times are between the hours of 7.30 pm until 10 pm.

We need to be out of the hut by 10pm and appreciate any help given in tidying away.

The tables need to be folded up and placed against the wall in the far right hand corner, and the chairs need stacking.

Please remember to leave a gap in the car park, so we can park in two or three rows if need be.

There are tea and coffee making facilities and we run this with a separate kitty. We ask club members to put a donation into the kitty for refreshments. All the monies in the kitty are used for refreshments and if there is an excess, we will spend this on cakes and biscuits and art items for members and so on.

As nobody likes washing up, we do ask members to bring their own cups. If you do forget your cup, there are cups that can be used in the cupboard, but please remember to wash, dry and put back in the cupboard at the end of the evening.

ASHFORD ART CLUB RULES

1. As approved by the committee on 8th September 1995.
2. The aims of the club shall be to provide a meeting point for people of all ages to encourage their interest in painting, sketching and in art in general.
3. Provision shall be allowed for the election of a President.
4. The Club shall be managed by a committee consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer and four Committee Members, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Four Members shall constitute a quorum.
5. The retiring Officers shall not be re-elected "en-bloc".
6. The Committee shall have the powers to co-opt as considered necessary.
7. The Annual General Meeting is normally held in the month of July.
8. The Annual Subscription shall be such amount as shall be decided from time to time by the Committee, such amount once decided will remain in force for a minimum of one year, and is payable annually in September or in two instalments in September and March.
9. The Committee shall be empowered to arrange meetings, lectures and demonstrations as considered necessary for the benefit of the club.
10. Members may bring visitors to club demonstrations for a nominal amount.

<p>Squires Garden Centre Halliford Road Upper Halliford Shepperton Middlesex, TW17 8SG</p> <p>01932 784121</p> <p>www.squiresgardencentres.co.uk</p>	<p>This garden centre has a dedicated craft area, which sells art materials.</p> <p>There is a café.</p>
<p>Riverhouse Barn Gallery Manor Road Walton on Thames Surrey, KT12 2PF</p> <p>www.riverhousebarn.co.uk</p>	<p>Art exhibitions run throughout the year.</p> <p>Coffee and snacks available.</p>
<p>Chertsey Artists Windsor Street Chertsey Surrey</p> <p>www.chertsey-artists.co.uk</p>	<p>Art exhibitions are held throughout the year.</p> <p>Many of our more proficient members show their paintings here.</p>

Fire Drill

In order to comply with fire and health and safety you need to sign in each week. A committee member will check you in.

The nearest fire exit is the door is through both sets of double doors and the assembly point is in the car park.

You will find the instructions on the wall by the double door.

Membership fee

Our club has an annual fee, which is £25.00 for 2011/2012. This membership fee gives you the right to hang paintings in our exhibitions, come to any meetings and events, become a member of our web-site and post into our Facebook page. How you enjoy our club is entirely up to you.

We also have a weekly fee of £1, unless this is a demo evening, where members pay £2 and non-members £3. Fees are reviewed by the committee each year. The fee includes a raffle ticket on demo evenings.

Demonstrations are usually open to all, members and non-members alike. If there is another evening, which you would like to bring along a friend to, just speak to a committee member. We will normally accommodate.

If you are introducing a new member, they may come and try before deciding if they wish to be a member.

We pride ourselves in being a friendly club. If you notice an unfamiliar face, we are sure you will make them feel welcome.

Programme

Friendly, regular meetings take place throughout the year, providing members with a full programme of activities.

Each year our programme is printed on a card which you receive when you pay your membership fee. This card is also your membership card. Sometimes there are changes to the programme, so be sure to keep in touch. We do try to e-mail members with any changes.

General painting evenings

Our programme includes general painting evenings. These are relaxing evenings where members can paint, draw and catch up with other members. Just bring along your materials and enjoy painting in a group.

Demonstrations and workshops

A programme of demonstrations and workshops by professional artists are always well attended. Interested visitors are made welcome on demonstration evenings, so please invite your friends to these events.

Portrait evenings

Members themselves arrange sitters for portrait painting, and will often sit themselves. This gives other members opportunity to practice sketching and painting live models.

Ashford Art Club website: www.ashfordart.co.uk

Ashford Art Club Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ashford-Art-Club/194246927294993>
Remember to 'Like' our page

Ashford Art Club email : ashfordart@virginmedia.com

Other useful contacts:

Painting & Drawing Channel Sky 195 4-5pm every day
www.thepaintinganddrawingchannel.co.uk

Painters Online The web-site for Leisure Painter, a monthly magazine. Large web-site dedicated to art.
www.painters-online.co.uk

Society for All Artists Large art materials supplier, with discounts for members. Bi-monthly magazine and many other benefits.
www.saa.co.uk

Great Art Internet art materials seller.
<http://www.greatart.co.uk/>

Jackson Art Supplies Very large art materials supplier.
www.jacksonsart.co.uk

Steve Lucas Lucas Displays 13 Station Parade Hounslow Road Feltham Middlesex TW14 9DF Tel: 020 8890 0764	Club members discount available as long as you show a current membership card/programme
Peter Cox Shepperton and Sunbury Picture Framing 39 Thames Street Lower Sunbury Middlesex TW16 5QF Tel Shop 01932 989202 Tel Workshop 01932 222003 www.shepframing.com	Bespoke service.
LION Framing Supplies Units 2&3 Squirrels Trading Estate Viveash Close Hayes, Middx UB3 4RZ Tel 0208 848 4558 www.lionpic.co.uk	All your framing supplies under one roof, if you make your own frames.
Peter Grainger 35 Chestnut Road Ashford Middlesex, TW15 1DD Tel: 01784 245109 Mob 0771 983 8598 petergrainger9@yahoo.com peter@petersframes.co.uk	Mounts and frame maker. Photographer.

Still life evenings

A still life should consist of a maximum of five items. Members take turns to bring these items in, and arrange them. This gives all members the opportunity to paint, sketch and draw a still life.

Other activities

We also hold some other activities, such as auctions, social nights, en plein painting. Sometimes outings and trips are arranged.

Web site

We do have a web-site. Anyone can view our web-site at www.ashfordart.co.uk. However, as a club member you may also become a member of our web-site. As a member, if you already have your own web-site, we will happily provide a link to your site. We also have a forum, which is for club members only, where you can post your ideas and suggestions.

You will also receive additional e-mails from the club web-site, when something of interest turns up.

If you find you are having a problem becoming a member of our web-site, e-mail ashfordart@virginmedia.com, and we will send you step by step instructions in a pdf file, which you can download. It may take a day or two to approve your membership of the site, so please be patient.

We also have a Facebook page which can be used by members and non-members alike.

Post Box

Each week there is a post box, which is available for all members to use. Please put the following in the post box:

- ★ Changes to names, addresses and phone numbers
- ★ Suggestions
- ★ Members articles for the newsletter
- ★ Funny but clean jokes
- ★ Other jokes
- ★ Anything else suitable for a post box of this type

Exhibiting Your Work

Twice a year we have an exhibition weekend and we encourage our members to exhibit their work.

Our club charges to members, when exhibiting their pictures are very reasonable and go towards recovering the costs.

At the exhibition the Favourite in Show is voted by the public. There is also a raffle, catalogues and refreshments for sale and occasionally demonstrations by our members.

Members may also hire tables, and use them for selling their craftwork. Tables are available to non-members at the committee's discretion.

PLEASE READ THE EXHIBITION RULES CAREFULLY. THESE MAY BE CHANGED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS, IF REQUIRED.

As well as exhibitions, the club also hangs pictures in local shops and other local venues. Members need to be aware that when the club hangs pictures for them, the club is not responsible for the picture.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Local art suppliers:

Anne & Pauls Sew Simple 94 Church Road Ashford Middlesex TW15 2PL 01784 255742 www.anneandpauls.co.uk	Discount craft shop sell some art supplies There is also a shop in Feltham 57a High Street, Feltham 020 8893 7779
Curtis Ward 15 Church Street Walton on Thames Surrey KT12 2QP Tel 01932 232578 www.curtisward.com	Quality art suppliers 10% discount on all non sale items for artists. Discount card on application
Colormax Printers 10a Woodthorpe Road, Ashford Middx TW15 2RY Tel 01784 245477	Printers and some stationery
The Works www.theworks.co.uk	Large High Street book shop chain which also sells some art materials. See web site for nearest branch.
Hobbycraft www.hobbycraft.co.uk	Large superstore chain which sells many art and craft materials. Nearest store Staines.

EVERY CARE WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE EXHIBITION, BUT THE CLUB WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE TO AN EXHIBITOR FOR THE LOSS OF, OR DAMAGE TO AN EXHIBIT, OR FOR ANY FINANCIAL LOSS ARISING FROM A GENUINE ERROR IN CONNECTION WITH SALE OF AN EXHIBIT. MEMBERS THEMSELVES MAY WISH TO INSURE AGAINST SUCH LOSSES.

12. **All exhibitors are expected to assist with stewarding, or setting up, or collecting monies or any other activity involved with running the exhibition for a short time.**

NOTES:

- a: Canvases with deep box sides are often displayed without frames. We do accept these pictures, on the condition that the sides of the picture have been painted and are presented in an acceptable form.
- b: Acrylic, oil or similar paintings, unframed, on canvas or board, are not considered to be portfolio sketches and paintings, and may not be submitted in this category.
- c: Members should be aware of copyright law. You must not put your name to work that has been copied from a picture, painting or photo belonging to another person, unless you have contacted that person or their representatives, and requested use of their copyright. You may be charged for the use of copyright. If you have followed a step by step painting in a magazine, or DVD or similar, you must credit the other artist.
The above note is only a brief description of copyright, and does not cover all circumstances. Once a copyright exists, it is in force for 70 years after death.

Ashford Art Club Exhibition Rules

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY TO ENSURE TROUBLE FREE HANGING

1. MEMBERS ONLY may submit up to 8 exhibits at £1 per exhibit.
2. COMMISSIONS ON SALES – The purchase price, less the clubs 10% commission will be paid by cheque or cash to the respective exhibitor at the following week's meeting.
3. MEDIA. Paintings may be of any medium. oils, water colour. pastel, pen and ink, collage, etc.
ALL PICTURES SUBMITTED MUST BE MEMBERS OWN WORK.
COPIES AND REPRODUCTIONS OF OTHER ARTISTS' WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. (See note c below).
4. PICTURES MUST NOT HAVE BEEN HUNG AT PREVIOUS ASHFORD EXHIBITIONS
5. PRESENTATION. Only oil or acrylic paintings that include the sides of the canvas as an integral part of the overall image will, at the artist's risk, be displayed without a frame. (See note a below)
All other pictures must be suitably framed; in the interest of safety clip frames are not permitted.
Please ensure that all fittings for hanging are securely fixed and are capable of supporting the weight of the frame. D rings or eyelets should be inserted a third of the way down from the top of the frame and a taught wire or picture cord between them.
Each exhibit must have a label securely affixed to the back. The following details to appear on the labels.

- (a) Name and Address of Member
- (b) Title of Exhibit and Medium
- (c) Price or N.F.S. (Not for Sale)

When submitting work it would be preferable if a title is given.

- 6. ENTRY DATE Please fill in both forms and give or send them to the Treasurer to arrive not later than **the entry date**. This date will be announced at our weekly meetings before the exhibition.

- 7. On receipt of your completed forms you will be given a NUMBERED STICKER for each entry submitted.

This must be placed on the lower RIGHT HAND corner of your picture. The top form will be returned to you for reference.

- 8. HANGING EVENING. All exhibits. properly labelled and numbered, must be brought to **the place of the exhibition within the required time frame**.

THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY EXHIBIT IT THINKS UNSUITABLE.

- 9. THE COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS AT CLOSE OF EXHIBITION

- (a) No pictures are to be removed from the exhibition before the exhibition is closed.

- (b) Members or their representatives MUST collect their exhibits within the required time frame. Please DO NOT remove sold pictures from the stands.
- (c) Purchasers of paintings will be informed of their collection time.

- 10. PORTFOLIO OF MEMBERS' SKETCHES AND PAINTINGS. Members may submit up to 10 unframed sketches and paintings suitably mounted. (See note b)

Paintings in this category, must be suitably mounted and each individual picture covered with a polypropylene bag or film. The committee will not accept paintings covered in polythene sheeting or cling film.

Price stickers to be placed on the right hand corner of exhibits.

Members name and address must be entered on the back of each entry. There is a small fee of 50p per painting or sketch.

- 11. CRAFTS. Members may submit up to three craft items at £1 per exhibit. Please use separate Craft Entry Form. All entries will be exhibited at the discretion of the committee. Tables may be hired at £5 per table with no maximum number of items.