

Why not issue Membership Cards for your club members?

It adds a bit of credibility if they need to show that they are serious and responsible about their photography.

The following text about Photographer's Rights is that printed on the back of Oldham PS's Membership Card. It was written by Christine Widdall and Mike Lawrence. They are careful to point out that it has not been drafted by lawyers but may be useful both to the bearer and anyone challenging them.

"There is no law in the United Kingdom preventing a photographer from taking photographs in a public place. Individuals have no legal right to stop a photographer from photographing them. Photographers can shoot street scenes, landscapes, buildings, people, including children, the police and other officials, without breaking any law and with perfect freedom to do so. It is, however, courteous to desist from photographing if someone is upset by it. Photographers should at all times co-operate with the police and should take particular care to avoid obstructing the police or emergency services. Anti-terrorism Laws do give the police powers to stop and search anyone for the prevention of terrorism. No-one can force you to delete any images without a court order."

Thanks to Oldham PS, Chris and Mike for allowing us to publish it here.

John Royle, L&CPU Webmaster.