

Harrow Camera Club

Preparing Digital Files for Projection

This is a summary of the requirements for projected digital competition entries in Harrow Camera Club. The paragraphs are in the order you would probably perform them while preparing the image. Each paragraph is very brief. If you don't understand why or how to do this, separate advice is available on the Club's website, showing more detail, the use of both Photoshop and Elements, and how other events outside the Club may differ.

Master File:

- Save your file at full size and with all layers, assuming you want to work on it again in future. Then follow these instructions to make a copy just for projection.

Mode (Colour Model) and Colour Space (Profile):

- The Mode must be RGB (not eg, Grayscale), even for monochrome images.
- The Colour Space must be sRGB (not eg, AdobeRGB).

Image Size:

- The maximum image size is 1024 pixels wide and 768 pixels high.
 - Either, exactly 1024 pixels wide, and up to 768 pixels high;
 - Or, up to 1024 pixels wide, and exactly 768 pixels high.
- If your image is bigger in either direction, it will be resized with some loss of quality.
- If your image is smaller in both directions, it will be shown smaller on the screen.

Sharpening:

- However you do it, sharpening must never be obvious.

File Name and File Type:

- The file name format is: `TITLE by Author` where:
 - `TITLE` is the title in all upper case with spaces and hyphens allowed. Titles are required, and all your titles for one event must be different.
 - `by` is typed as shown, with exactly one blank between `TITLE` and `by` and exactly one blank between `by` and `Author`.
 - `Author` is your name in capitalised lower case with spaces and hyphens allowed.
 - `'.'` (dot) must not be used anywhere in the file name.
 - Example: `LATTICE WINDOW by Henry Fox-Talbot`
- Include the ICC colour profile (tick box on the Save As window)
- The file type must be JPEG file type, selecting lower case file type, which inserts .jpg, and with maximum quality (100%, or setting 12).
- **Note:** JPEG file type requires 8-bit data, flattened to one layer, and no saved alpha channels.

Media & Forms:

- All your image files for one event must be submitted on one CD.
- Put all your image files in one folder with an obvious name for the event:
Example: HCC 12Dec07
- Write your name etc on the CD. CDs will be returned, and can be reused.
- You must submit an entry list with your CD, to show your folder name and your image filenames, with the sections into which they are being entered.