

# **Consett and District Photographic Society**

## **Resizing you Image in Adobe Lightroom**

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Club photographers usually set their cameras to take RAW or high quality (fine) jpg images. This produces large image files made up of an enormous number of pixels that are well-suited to producing excellent prints.

Other things being equal, the larger the number of pixels the larger the print size you can produce without loss of quality from magnification blurring.

On the other hand, such large images are a terrific over-kill for display on computer monitors and screen projection.

Attaching several large image files to an e-mail may exceed the size that Google or Hotmail may allow to be sent.

Therefore, it is good practice to appropriately shrink image files before sharing them without losing quality and saving disk space for the sender and recipient.

## **EXPORTING IMAGES IN LIGHTROOM**

In Lightroom, you can resize your images when you export them. To do so, go to the Grid mode of the library module (by pressing the shortcut "G"). Select the image or images you want to resize.

Click the Export... button (bottom left) to open the export dialog.

There are now numerous choices to be made!

- At the top - Export to; choose Hard drive

In the top panel on the right Export Location choose where you want the smaller images to go to.

My documents folder or My pictures folder could be a good choice from the Export to: drop-down box.

Now you could choose to create a subfolder e.g. "CPS competition entries". To do this check the Put in subfolder: box and type in the chosen folder name.

If you want those images to be available in Lightroom, check the Add to this catalog box. I find that specifying Ask what to do in the Existing files: saves grief and tears!

- The File Naming panel allows renaming of a single image, renaming a batch of images or leaves image names unchanged.
- Ignore the Video panel and move to File Settings. For our purposes select Image Format: JPEG and Colour Space: sRGB. Type "40" into the Quality: box, this is a medium setting. Leave the Limit Image Size: box unchecked.

- Now the Image Sizing panel.
- Check the Resize to Fit: box and choose Width & Height. Check Don't Enlarge. Specify W: 1600 and H: 1200 and Resolution: 240 pixels per inch. N.B. These are the standard NCPF PDI settings. You can get better results in some circumstances by specifying dimensions that match your screen resolution but that is beyond this discussion.
- You may wish to save all these settings for future use, if so, click Add at the bottom of the left panel and choose a suitable name. The settings will now be stored in the list in the left panel and can be select by a single click.
- Finish the exporting by clicking Export in the bottom right of the screen.