HESWALL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Heswall Photographic Society (HPS) is one of the oldest and largest photographic clubs on the Wirral. We currently have around 50 members, female and male. This friendly club has a skill mix that caters for absolute beginners and advanced photographers.

We enjoy a varied programme from September to April featuring competitions, tutorials, in-house and guest speakers, and we have an active website and Facebook page.

Membership is open to anyone interested in photography. Previous experience is not necessary and you don't even need to own a camera. Advice and mentorship are available in most aspects of photography and equipment.

We meet on Friday evenings at 7.45pm at St Peter's Centre, Lower Heswall village. This modern building has easy access for all abilities and plenty of free on-street parking just outside.

Visitors and potential new members are very welcome to come along and see what we do. Visit www.heswallphotosoc.co.uk or find us on Facebook for more information.

Irby Village 1940/41

Mark Kinnish has sent us these photographs of Irby Village in the winter of 1940/41.

Mark says: "The 1940s was a decade for cold winters and these two photos show heavy snowfall in that bad winter seen here in 1941. The top photo shows a member of the Home Guard walking along Irby Village in deep drifts of snow. You can just make out the former cottages that housed the dentist, doctors, and even the shop and post office which were demolished in the 1960s to make way for the terraced row which today houses the vets and coffee shop. The drifts of snow were up to 8 foot high along Thingwall Road during that winter. In the next photo you can see the road has been cleared of much of the snow which had caused a lot of problems for the local shops along there. Happy Christmas to you all."