

Settle Down December Photography Exhibition 2011

The Settle Down Café in Thornton Street, Newcastle (next to Tilley's Bar on Westgate Road) is rapidly gaining a National reputation for not only their fantastic tea, coffee and fabulous homemade cakes but also the locally sourced Art they display on the walls.

Owner and head cook and bottle washer, Neil le Flohic has been letting local artists hang their work on the walls since opening in 2009, and from Friday 2nd until Monday 19th December there will be a new exhibition by 24 local photographers on the theme of 'The North East as You've Never Seen It'.

At very short notice in November Alan Harrison from Washington contacted 20 of his locally based 'friends' on the Social Networking Site Flickr and asked them to donate a framed photograph that could be sold in aid of the Newcastle based charity **The Peoples' Kitchen**.

Everyone who was contacted immediately agreed and the hard work of choosing a photograph began; with subjects as diverse as the iconic bridges of Newcastle and Sunderland rubbing shoulders with backstreets of Derwentside, Bamburgh Castle, the Dunston Rocket and a motorbike flying over the Centre for Life!

By the very nature of their hobby Amateur photographers generally keep their work within the confines of their family with only one or two joining Camera Clubs but most saw this as a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to display their work in a Gallery setting alongside their peers from Flickr. They don't know it yet; but Alan hopes to make this an Annual event!

Even if you only take a cursory glance at the regional photo groups on Flickr; you will see pictures from every part of the region that can stand shoulder high with the work of Professionals.

For this Exhibition Alan selected a broad section of photographers who look at our Region from what he thinks is a 'different perspective,' and the finished work, on the walls of the Settle Down Café, is quite staggering in it's quality and broad range of subjects.

All of the photographs are on sale during the Exhibition between Friday 2nd December and Monday 19th many of the photographers; who come from all points North, South, East and West of what we know as the North East will be at the final auction on Monday 19th December between 5.30 and 7pm.

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