

Cairngorms Scenic Photo Post Project

Instructions for using the photo-posts

The photo posts are designed to work like a tripod, but they are fixed on to a single view to make sure that the uploaded photos are as similar as possible. The bracket at the top of the post will accommodate most camera types, from SLRs, compacts, camera-phones or even a tablet. You should be able to see the viewing screen or view finder of your camera when it is on the post.



Using the bracket is very simple, just place your camera onto the bracket pointing in the direction of the view. This is marked on the bracket. Make sure the camera is carefully set against the back and left hand upright of the bracket and press the shutter button!

The bracket is level so if you place your camera squarely into it you can be confident that the horizon in the photo will also be level. However if your camera has a rounded base or side it may not sit flat on the bracket so you may need to check this on the screen or viewfinder.

Your camera won't be fixed to the bracket so please keep hold of it while taking a photo, large cameras or tablets are particularly likely to fall off.

The posts are pointing in different directions. So for some, at certain times of the day, the sun may be shining into the camera lens. This is likely to reduce the quality of the photo but it can be overcome by shielding the lens with your hand so that it is in shadow – making sure of course that your hand doesn't appear in the photo.

Most cameras have 'zoom feature' that allows you to change the area captured within the photo. A wide angle view is more useful to the project because we want to study as much as possible. This comes from a short focal length; this is between 15 and 35mm on a SLR camera. Other types of cameras may not show this figure but don't worry, rely on the zoom feature and zoom out. Some cameras may even have an extreme wide angle setting or even 'fish-eye'. Please don't use these as they can distort the image by curving the horizon line for example. If you are unsure go for an angle that 'looks natural' to your eye.

Remember that the photos are for you, us and others to study, not just because they are pretty. So even if the weather is poor or the light is low take a snap and upload it. We would like photos from each post at all times of year and the day; so go back as many times as you like and send us another.

If you have any queries please contact the Photo Post team on CSPPteam@cairngorms.co.uk