Dear Member,
The meeting was well attended with 16 in the hall, 3 on Zoom and 3 apologies.

1. Presentation - "HillingdonVision" by guest speaker James Carson

1.1 Hillingdon Vision started as an online newspaper where local residents could share their own stories. Over time, we noticed many charities struggled to access the media support they needed. Today, we're a not-for-profit media hub offering a full range of services, from photography, video, and journalism to graphic design, web management, and PR. we run training programmes, creative workshops, and community art projects, giving people practical skills in media and communications while fostering a more connected Hillingdon.

1.2 Photo of James at Southlands Arts Centre - 4 April 2025

1.3. **A poignant photographic assignment**
One evening James was telephoned at 8 p.m. and asked to attend Hillingdon hospital the next morning for a photo assignment. It was to photograph a wedding where the bride was suffering with terminal cancer.

James rang several friends and they all went that to the hospital that evening and into the night and setup suitable decorations for a wedding.

It was a beautiful ceremony, appreciated by all, unfortunately the bride died shortly afterwards.

1.4 A heart warming tale
A young woman had been told by others that she would never amount to anything in life.
She became associated with HillingdonVision and became interested in photography and found that she had an aptitude for it and went on to achieve qualifications that enable her to pursue a career in photography.

1.5 Opportunities for our photo group
You can contact the HillingdonVision Website for more details and perhaps volunteer in training, photographic assignments and join in activities at the Shortlands Arts Centre in West Drayton.

2. Competition Results - "Street Photography" - Entries 21

All the photos entered were of a very high standard.
When there are not enough votes for every photo entered those that did not receive any votes are just listed in alphabetical order

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - Oct 25			
Photographer	**Street Photography**	**Pos**	**Total**
Andrew Longhurst	Waste Bag Bandits	**1**	**16**
Denise Buckingham	This is the deal !	**2**	**12**
Gary Cooper	Catching Up	**3**	**9**
Magaret Dorigan	Celebrating Catalonia Day	**3**	**9**
Magaret Dorigan	A Fellow Photographer	**4**	**7**
Sue Finch	After work drink	**4**	**7**
Denise Buckingham	Saturday at Windy Corner	**5**	**5**
Steve Brynish	Security Man	**5**	**5**
Karol Schlachter	China Town	**6**	**3**
Brian Hillier	The Book Sellers	**6**	**3**
Norma Shirley	A rainy morning along The Portobello Road.	**7**	**2**
Sue Finch	Lego Giraffe	**7**	**2**
Gowan Clews	Penge Street Art	**7**	**2**
Gary Cooper	Local bus Egypt	**8**	**1**
Brian Hillier	Best of British	**8**	**1**
Norma Shirley	A stall of interest for all ages		**0**
Ian Brown	Bekonscot model village.		**0**
Ian Brown	Minature Steam		**0**
Gowan Clews	Our_Wheels		**0**
Karol Schlachter	OUT SHOPPING		**0**
Steve Brynish	Rocket Man		**0**
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The waste Bag Bandits - This winning photo by Andrew Longhurst is a charming so appealing

We must ask Gary Cooper how he achieved this effect

3. Competition Results - "Shot of the Month" - 18 Entries

All the photos entered were of a very high standard.
When there are not enough votes for every photo entered those that did not receive any votes are just listed in alphabetical order

U3A Hillingdon Photo Group - Oct 25			
Photographer	**Shot of the Month**	**Pos**	**Total**
Andrew Longhurst	A rose by any other name	1	16
Brian Hillier	Where is Wally's boat, Jersey	2	13
Magaret Dorigan	City of Arts and Sciences Valencia	3	10
Denise Buckingham	You put your right leg in	3	10
Magaret Dorigan	Definitely Different	4	8
Norma Shirley	Waiting for my train...as the clouds sail by	5	7
Andrew Longhurst	The Last White of Autumn	6	6
Denise Buckingham	View in the Tower	7	5
Steve Binysh	Shadows_In_Chinatown_DSCF4385	8	4
Norma Shirley	The UPHILL apple gatherer	8	4
Karol Schlachter	HARVEST FLOWERS	9	1
Gowan Clews	Aerating fish pond		0
Sue Finch	Green rhino		0
Steve Binysh	Japanese Dancers_DSCF4298		0
Karol Schlachter	JUST A POSIE		0
Gowan Clews	Ray_Forever_Home		0
Sue Finch	Scarey Halloween		0
Brian Hillier	St Matthews, Lalique Glass, Jersey		0
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A Rose by any other name - *(would smell as sweet - Beautiful) - By Andrew Longhurst*

City of Arts and Sciences - by Margaret Dorigan - Enhanced by converting to Black and White

4. Next meeting 24 November

This will be our final meeting of 2025.

4.1 Competitions for 24 November

- Themed competition - ***"My Hillingdon"***
- and ***"Shot of the Month"***

4.2 Presentation - ***"Artificial Light"*** by Brian Hillier

5. Thank you to

- Ian Brown for taking the attendance register
- Brian Place for setting up Projector and computer
- Andrew Longhurst for presenting the Competitions
- Anna Hillier and Carol Mitchell for making teas and coffees
- Tony Kemp for maintaining our website with winning photos and presentations

Kind regards,
Brian Hillier
Photography Group Leader