

Kenneth Jackson

Ken was born in Preston, Lancashire and now lives in London with his wife and family.

He became the youngest ever member of the Preston Photographic Society and was elected as a junior member to their Committee.

As an excellent photographer Ken has worked professionally for many years in both the Ministry of Defence and the Victoria and Albert Museum where he has been Chief Photographer. He has extensive experience in many kinds of photography both inside the cultural heritage environment delivering projects, and outside the museum world in the commercial field.

At the V&A Museum, Ken has been instrumental in developing robust new workflow patterns for the massive digitisation programmes developed since 1999 lead by James Stevenson, his business partner and colleague of many years.

Ken has also been responsible for a continuous programme of training for young photographers entering the profession and has mentored a high number who have now found employment in many other museums around the country.

Ken Jackson is energetic, very organised and a good colleague. He has a straightforward approach and a sunny personality, which can be seen from his success in all the areas in which he is involved both inside and outside work.

This easy and approachable style enables work to run smoothly and any difficulties can be smoothed out which is why Ken and James have worked together as friends and colleagues over many years. They really enjoy working together as a team to successfully deliver interesting and also some very challenging and important national projects.

Some of Ken's professional history includes:

Photographer- Air Technical Publications Division at Chessington Surrey;
June 1968 – October 1972

Senior Photographer Victoria and Albert Museum October 1972

Principal Photographer Victoria and Albert Museum June 1988

Chief Photographer Victoria and Albert Museum September 1992 onwards

Ken was also on the board of the British and International Association for Historical and Fine Art Photography (AHFAP) from 1995 to 2005 and minutes Secretary of AHFAP 2001-2005

Ken's other interests include a keen interest in sport and gardening, both of which he does to an exemplary, even enviable standard.

He is committed to working with young people through The Scout Association, Girl Guide Association and Youth Clubs. He is a British Canoe Union appointed coach for kayak and open canoe, level 2. He is also a Qualified British Canoe Union, 4 star white water paddler and Qualified First Aider.

Ken Jackson is CRB accredited for working with young people and adults.