

ASHWORTH P H O T O G R A P H Y

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOUR SESSION

Photographs are everywhere. They can be seen as illustrative, informative or enjoyable. Photography is an art form and I try to capture the emotion and personality of people artistically and creatively. The aim is to produce timeless images you will want to display in your home and share with your family and friends to enjoy for many years to come.

I have over 15 years experience in photographing people of all ages and all walks of life. From the tiniest newborn baby to couples celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. Each person is treated as an individual and every care is taken to ensure they feel their best during the shoot. I always allow from 1 to 2 hours for your session. It is essential that enough time is available even though the session itself may only last 30 minutes. This gives enough time to discuss your requirements, and get everybody relaxed before turning on the camera!

Clothing Guidelines

For everyone - Check that colours do not clash (e.g. one person in pink and one in red) and preferably try to all keep to similar colours or tones. Jeans and casual shirts or tops look great. Black also looks good, but preferably long sleeved. Wear clothes that are comfortable, but flattering. If you want your pictures to look relaxed and casual make sure your clothes reflect this - i.e. don't wear suits! I suggest having alternatives just to be sure. The following information may be useful. Remember these are guidelines so check with me first if you have any ideas yourself or if you want further advice.

Ladies. If you are self-conscious about your figure, avoid short sleeves, short skirts or dresses and light colours. Trousers or jeans and dark colours are more flattering. Wear a little more make up than usual and put on your favourite jewellery.

Gents please shave carefully as razor cuts cause all sorts of problems! Jeans look great, and if you have a jacket bring one along. Please wear dark socks and have your hair cut about a week before the session.

Children normally look delightful whatever they wear, but little girls in dresses or skirts can be a little tricky as they show up bruised legs and can also look messy when sitting. Trousers or jeans are great because they stay tidy and can be photographed at almost any angle. I suggest picking a selection to choose from. Please make sure they fit properly and don't have any chocolate stains!! Remember to bring hairbrushes, hairclips, wipes and anything else you feel you may need.

Young babies often look more like babies if they are in their birthday suit! If they are over 4 months, then choose very simple clothing. Bringing a change of clothes and a bottle is always a good safety precaution. Dungarees look cool but only if they fit well – and choose a t-shirt underneath. Trousers or jeans for boys and girls are better. Dresses and skirts (especially short ones) can be a distraction or look untidy.

VERY IMPORTANT

Please do not tell young children (under 5 years) beforehand that they are going to be photographed. The least said the better. There is no need to warn a child to sit still, to be good or to smile. Where some special expression is desired, asking the child must be avoided, please tell us - do not tell the child. On arriving, do not hesitate to mention to us - but not in front of the child - if he or she is exceptionally nervous or shy.

Bring some sweets (but not chocolate) to use in an emergency to 'bribe' the child if they refuse to behave, but do not let them know that you've brought it! If you do bring any sweets, please make sure they are ones which can be eaten quickly, i.e. no boiled sweets.

Thanks for reading. Now relax and enjoy your session!!

Capturing Life Creatively

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