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Alton Art Society President, Lady Charlotte Bonham-Carter, pictured with Chairman Mr. Patrick Edwards (left) and Mr. D. P. Deshon, who opened the annual exhibition on behalf of sponsors Engelmann & Buckham

Alton art show sponsored for the first time

ALTON Camera Club's annual exhibition at the Assembly Rooms this week features selected prints by members of the Disabled Photographers' Society.

On show is the work of photographers who have had to overcome the limitations of a physical handicap, some even registered blind.

The photographs have been selected from the Society's annual exhibition and they demonstrate that disability need not be an insurmountable obstacle.

The Society's volunteers help its members with advice, instruction and the provision of adapted equipment so that any disabled person can participate in the absorbing, challenging and satisfying hobby of photography.

The Camera Club's exhibition is being held in conjunction with Alton Art Society's annual show although it ends on Saturday whereas the art display continues until October 12th.

It is the first time the show has been extended to two weeks and this has been made possible by sponsorship from Alton firm, Engelmann and Buckham.

Director Mr. D. P. Deshon opened the exhibition of 200 paintings and sculptures on Monday when he congratulated the Society on its forthcoming 60th birthday.

Mr. Deshon said he was particularly impressed with the children's work and referred to the Camera Club's special panels of prints by the disabled as "remarkable" photographs.

He was introduced by Society

Chairman Mr. Patrick Edwards, who described it as a "new look show" with a special welcome for the President, Lady Charlotte Bonham-Carter.

Once again, visitors will have the chance of voting to decide the winner of the "Exhibit of the Year" award.

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