

# Neath & District Photographic Society

## Introduction to Adobe Lightroom

### 6 – Useful Tools

We can now start looking at the Tools available within Lightroom. These are accessible in the Develop Module.

The tools are shown in fig 1 (this may vary with LR versions)

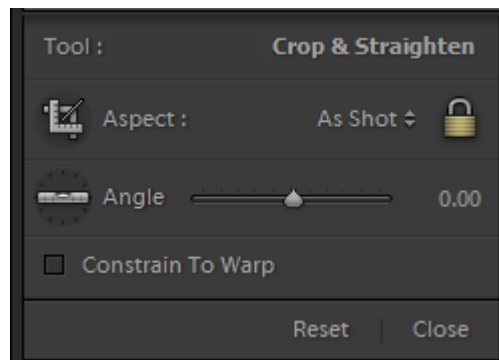


fig 1

Each tool, when activated will open its own menu. Let's look at each tool in turn.



**The Crop and Straighten Tool** – used to crop images to either standard or custom sizes. Also useful for straightening images.

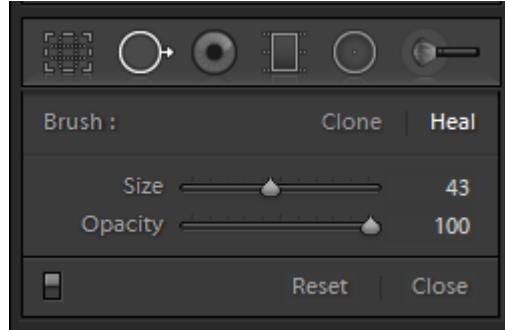


**The Clone and Heal Tool** – Not as advanced as Photoshop Clone and Heal Tools but getting better with each version. The tool in LR5 is the best so far, allowing you to paint over a subject to remove it. The older versions will only allow you to use a circular tool to remove objects.

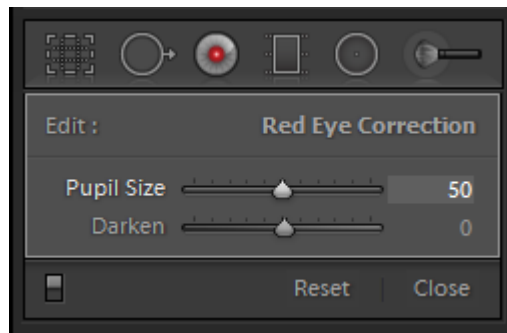
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**The Red Eye Removal Tool** – quickly removes red eye from subjects. Allows you to adjust for pupil size and darkness of the pupils.

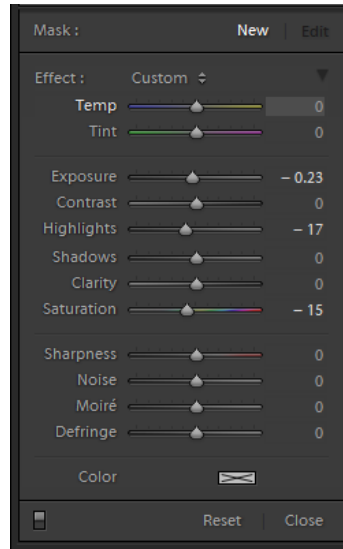


**The Graduated Filter Tool** – when selected allows you to make adjustments over a gradient, thus giving a smooth rather than harsh edge to the selection.

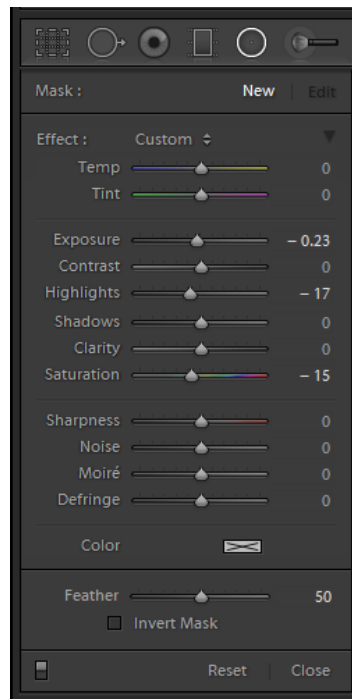
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**The Radial Filter Tool** – new for LR5 use the same as the Gradient Filter but allows you to vary the size and shape of the selected area.



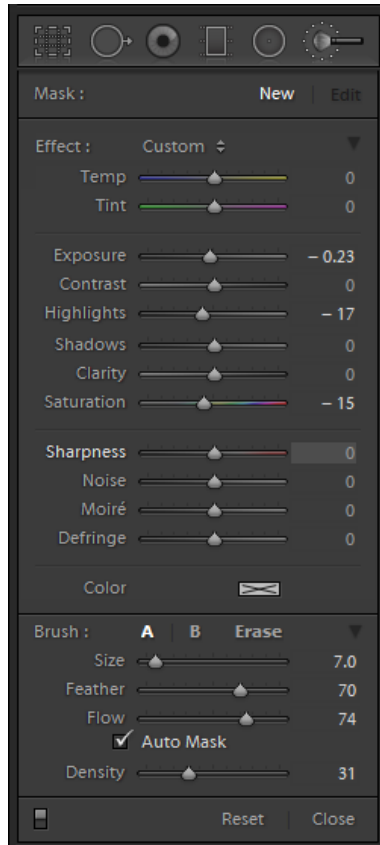
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**The Adjustment Brush** – by far the most useful tool in the box. Allows you to paint over areas and make selective adjustments to these areas.



These tools are not limited in the amount of times they can be used per image.