

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S AGM REPORT 2026

We ended the 2025/26 year with 389 members. At the start of the renewal period, membership had reached 407 members. However, on 16 June, I lapsed 61 members who had not renewed. There is a nine-week renewal window, and I allowed an additional two weeks to give members every opportunity to renew before being lapsed.

In February, I organised a New Members Get-Together, which was well attended and created a lively atmosphere. Many attendees commented that it was great to meet fellow members. Most group convenors were also present, giving them an opportunity to promote their groups and activities.

Members continue to join both at meetings and through the online portal. Current membership stands at 366, and I am confident that numbers will soon return to 400 or more. Considering that 61 members were lapsed in June, maintaining a membership of 366 is a very positive result and reflects the continued interest in the organisation.

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