

Secretary's Report 2026

Membership

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Primary Members	519	546	560	596
Associate Members	645	650	651	675
TOTAL	1,164	1,196	1,211	1,271

Of the 596 Primary members 119 joined in 2025 meaning 83 (15%) of primary members either left or changed status, the same proportion of primary members that left or changed status during 2024.

Of the 675 Associate members 121 joined in 2025 meaning 97 (15%) of associate members either left or changed status. This compares to 131 (20%) in 2024.

Newsletter

Of the 1,271 members 1,057 receive the newsletter. At 83.16% of the total this is a slight decline compared with 2024 (84.48%).

Links with NEC

The Chairman or an alternate has been attending the Local Groups Zoom meetings organised by the NEC Local Groups Officer. Many points are included in the national Chair's updates for members. The key points from these to report back are:

- NEC added revised documents relating to social walks to the toolkit. There is a new policy, revised guidelines for walk leaders, revised register form, new safety checklist (replaces risk assessment) and revised instructions for uploading the walk register. London has already implemented these.
- Development of plans for the website upgrade – to be reported in the Webmaster's report.
- Plans to develop a repository of documentation, including rewritten guidelines and templates, to facilitate future organisation of the 100s.

Other

Only a couple of general enquiries were received during the year and were addressed. One of these was making it clear in the newsletter how members could unsubscribe from receiving the weekly newsletters.

Now that the Founders Challenge will no longer take place, the equipment the London group had will be offered to the collective national pot for 100s. Equipment is mostly catering equipment plus water containers, etc and of course the heavy duty floor covering that kept Peaslake village hall clean during many editions of the Founders Challenge. It is currently stored in Don Newman's garage. Plans are being made to move it from there to Kent around the time of the Hunnypot 100.

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