

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership of the Society continues to increase I would like welcome all our new members and thank all existing members for their continued support of the Society and its many activities.

Many members send donations to the Society along with their subscriptions; all are very much welcomed and appreciated. Some members also increase their subscriptions by gift aid. In 2015, Life Members contributed a large amount in donations to the Society to help with the cost of publications and increasing postage costs. The Society greatly appreciates all these donations.

Subscriptions and membership news

Subscriptions become due annually, in January. The Society does not send reminders. However, if members have not paid by the middle of the year I do contact members to advise them that their membership is about to lapse and offer them the opportunity to bring their subs up to date. Doing so of course is time consuming and costs the Society extra postage, therefore I would like to encourage members to pay their subs, either by standing order or by cheque sent to me at the address below, during January to avoid membership lapsing. May I remind members that from 2016 the subscription rate is £25 for ordinary or individual members and £28 for family membership. Please contact me if you require a new standing order form.

In 2015, I sent out 42 subscription letters to non-payers. I'm pleased to record that 28 members subsequently paid their subscription and remain members of the Society.

Membership has grown from 350 in 2008 to 435 at the end of 2015. Some of the 435 are 'family' members, so the actual number of members equates to at least 542.

It is with regret that I have to inform you that one of our members, Mr M J P Srawley of Reading, passed away last year.

A record-breaking 48 new members (58 individuals) – listed below, along with their main interest if given – joined the Society during the year. We welcome them all.

John Adams	Wild places
Vikki Ames	Conservation Breaks
Bob Bagatti	Wildlife
John Barry	
Richard and Janice Berry	
Natasha Billingsley	Ecology
Martin and Angela Carney	
David Chamberlain	Butterflies/Dragonflies
Adrian Colton	Invertebrates
Jennifer Davis	Wildlife and Lundy
Rhys Deane	Conservation Breaks
Mandy Ealham	Conservation Breaks
Mandy English	Conservation Breaks
Chris and Ann Evans	
Marion and Bronwen Evans	Lundy ponies
Fiona Gibbon	
Nick Herbert	Habitat conservation
John Horton	Bird ringing

Neil Houston	Conservation Breaks
Stephen Jackson	
Peter Kennedy	Arthropods/Insects
C and B Kingshott	History
Sarah Laslett	Archaeology
Teresa Lee	Conservation Breaks
Ian Lewis	Conservation Breaks
Jane and Sandy Lock	All things Lundy
Geoff and Elizabeth Mason	Birds
Alan Mildren	Marine biology
Brian Nutley	Tree surgery/planting
Ben Parker	Horticulture
Jan Paul	Conservation work
Tim Pett	Birdwatching
Rachel Powell	Ringing
Ty Redif	Conservation Breaks
Martyn Roper	Birds
Susan Sabin	Bird ringing
Nicola Saunders	Marine
Robert and Felicity Shepherd	Birds
Isabella Skelton	Conservation Breaks
Peter Stacey	Archaeology
Barry Summers	Bird ringing/watching
Gail Taplin	Conservation Breaks
Ruth Turner	Birds
Donna Vince	Conservation Breaks
Chris Ware	Walking
Robert and Sue Waterfield	Lundy
Susan Wells	Wildlife
Andrew and Joanne Wilby	Birds

Keep in touch

Please inform me if you have a new or changed email address, and also if you change your postal address so that I can keep the membership database up to date and you do not miss any of the Society's annual or biennial publications that are part of your membership benefits. Please do visit our website at www.lundy.org.uk for up-to-date information, where you may read or search our online publications and also view the list of LFS publications available for purchase. You might also like to visit the Society's Facebook page for more interesting and informal information.

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