

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

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I took over the role of Honorary Membership Secretary from Lucy Lo-Vel at the beginning of September 2025. It has been a busy time for me – learning how things are done, collecting the annual subscriptions during January 2026, and keeping up with the membership emails and queries that come in.

Subscriptions

Thank you for your membership subscriptions and donations – we do appreciate your continued support of the Society.

The subscription rates remain the same this year, despite the increasing cost of the LFS publications and postage:

- £25 Individual
- £28 Family/Joint
- £35 Overseas
- £15 Student

We would like to remind members that annual subscriptions become due on 2 January. Details about renewals are on the LFS membership page on the website, along with the LFS bank details for you to use if you wish to pay by standing order or faster payments/BACS. If you choose these options, please use your surname and postcode as your reference to us – you would be surprised at the number who don't use the correct reference, which makes it very time consuming trying to match the payment to the member.

If you are not renewing your membership, would you kindly email me on membership@lundy.org.uk so that we can take you off the active database. By default, any members who have not paid their subscriptions will be removed from our database six months after fees were due, after which they will not receive any more newsletters or publications from us.

Anyone joining between 1 October and 31 December 2026 will have up to 15 months of LFS membership, with their next annual subscriptions due in January 2028.

Membership News

Sadly, members who have died this year include Joan Rendall, Graham Cozens, and, early in 2026, Jenny George, whose obituary appears on **p31**. We send our condolences to their family and friends, and also to the families and friends of others whose deaths we aren't aware of.

Membership Count

At the end of 2025 there were 496 addresses on the membership database, equating to 679 members (counting only two for each Family/Joint membership). For the year, we had 74 people who did not renew – 27 members resigned, but in addition, 47 simply did not pay their subscriptions: if one of these is you, and this was simply an administrative error, please rejoin so I can return you to the active list!

Individual	250
Family/Joint	183
Overseas	10
Student	1
Corporate/Organisation	2
Life	33
Ex Officio	14
Honorary	3
Total	496 (679)

We received 64 new applications for membership – 43 individuals and 21 joint: a very warm welcome to all our new LFS members!

Those new members who gave us permission to print their names are as follows:

Wendy Astill and Timothy Thomas
Robert Booth
Simon and Jessica Butcher
Marie Caplice
Christine Challis
Rosie and Alan Chinn
Samantha Coates
Martin Covey
Cindy Covill
Andrew Cowell
Liz Crow
Sadie Davies
Sue Deedigan and Paul Batstone
Seth Dellow
Lucy Donaldson
Caroline Elliott
Jon Elston
Grace Eminton
Sarah Fairclough and Carl Ronald
Scott Fellows and Valerie Camp
Alan Ford
Tony Frampton
Karla and Andrew Gregory
Alison Haworth
Jacob Hubner
Andy Johnson
Christopher Johnson
Benjamin Keningale

Laura Larkin
Christopher Leeks and Georgina Evans
Helen Llewelyn
Ben Longman
Jackie and James Macbeth
Alan and Sandra Maskell
Paul and Sarah McGowan
Andrew Mills and Alessa Potter
Rachael Morris-Jones
Kirstie Nicholls
Nigel Padley
Frances Perkin
Edward Reilly
Johnathon Ross
Ambre Sallis
David and Miriam Sawyer
Hartley Selman and Nicola Eadie
Laura and Rob Skeet
Matthew Slocombe
Christine and Mark Smith
Marie Thomas
Inez Toth
Katherine Travers
Vanessa Whipp
Xanthe Whitehead
David Wilkinson
Matt Wood
Clive and Andrea Woods

Change of Address

Please do let me know if you change your postal or email address. You will be able to do this yourself on the upcoming portal, but for the present please email any changes to membership@lundy.org.uk