

In the spring I was able to take a sabbatical from work and spend three months on Lundy, volunteering to work in the Tavern and with the housekeeping team. It was a really rewarding experience and the island team made me very welcome. I had several useful discussions with other committee members who were visiting and I met a good number of members who were very positive about the work that we do. The committee works very hard so it was very encouraging to hear this positive feedback.

With 95 people at the 2018 AGM, we had what is certainly the highest attendance in recent times and possibly the highest ever. In writing this report I realised how much had been achieved during the year and I feel sure the LFS is in a healthy place and has a strong future. Thank you for your support.

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT 2018

2018 was another good year for the Society, with membership numbers increasing and many new members joining who were interested in Conservation Breaks.

Thank you as always to all members for paying their subscription in 2018 and supporting the Society in that way, and a huge thank you to those members who sent a donation along with their subs, these were greatly appreciated by the Society and helps us to fulfil the Society's aims.

Subscription and membership news

Subscriptions become due annually in January, and may I remind you that our preferred method of payment is by standing order, however if you prefer to pay by cheque please make your cheque payable to the LFS and post it to me at the address below, or if you would like to set up a standing order then also please contact me and I will send you the appropriate form.

A reminder that the subscription rate is currently £25 for individual members and £28 for family membership. A student membership is also available to members or potential members beginning a degree course, the reduced rate for students is £15, which we hope will encourage future members.

I sent 48 letters and emails out in the summer of 2018 to members who had not paid their annual subs. Half of those members replied and brought their subs up to date. Those who did not reply had their details removed from the database to comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). I also had to remove details of a few members who, after being contacted several times, did not pay the correct subs, again in accordance with GDPR.

As I indicated earlier, membership of the Society continues to increase, membership at the end of 2018 stood at 467 (counting only 2 members per family membership). As well as sending publications to all members, the Society also sends to 16 institutions which includes the legal deposit libraries as well as other libraries, the RSPB, BTO and The Landmark Trust.

I'm sorry to say that the Society has been informed of four members who sadly passed away during 2018.

Mary Gade
Roger Allen
Alan Johnston
Martin Wade

We have also been informed that Dudley Isles passed away in 2018.

New Members

Thirty-eight new members joined the Society in 2017, we welcome them all. The list below shows the names of new members who have given permission for me to publish their names and their main interest in this publication, again in accordance with GDPR.

Helen Booker	Seabirds/birds
Andy Chittenden	Lundy
Jill George	
Rob Hutchings	Birds
Bob Medland	Bird Ringing
Stephen O'Donnell	Botany
Elizabeth Oram	Wildlife
Dr Chris Pawson	Behavioural Ecology
Prof. Cuthill & family	Natural History and Animal Behaviour
Antony Rees	Built Historic Environment
Ester Spears	Photography
Steven Symons	Wildlife and Marine
Denise Wawman	oths and Birds
Tim and Jill Walker	Flora and Ornithology
Lars Liwendahl	History of Lundy and Lundy Stamps
J. Poole and M. Mackinnon	
S. Evans and E. Angseesing	
Susan O'Grady	

Keep in touch

To ensure that you do not miss any of the Society's annual or biennial publications that are part of your membership benefits please inform me direct if you change your address. Likewise, please let us know if you change your email address so that you do not miss any information that the Secretary might send out. Please do visit our website at www.lundy.org.uk for up to date information and all the latest news, and where you may read or search our publications and also view our list of publications available for purchase. Remember to visit our Facebook page which will offer you more informal information.

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