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Membership Secretary's Report

I am pleased to have this opportunity to share the Membership Secretary's report with you today.

Membership overview:
Overall, our membership has reduced this year.

At the end of last year, we had 183 members and currently our membership is 167 including 3 affiliates.

Here's the breakdown of these numbers:

During the year we gained 11 members, 5 were new to Ramblers, a further 2 were new to our group, and we've had 4 re-joiners.

We've lost 25 members this year through resignation and lapsed memberships, etc.

This represents a net loss of 16 members over the year.

Most of our membership is now happily receiving and accessing information via email and the website, which makes life easier when providing updates.

We do still have 12 members who require postal correspondence. Unfortunately, due to the slowness of the post service these days, it is proving quite challenging to ensure that updates arrive in a timely manner for them.

A bit of general information about the membership:
New Members - Every new member received a welcome pack which includes our current walk programme, upcoming events, useful information, meeting points, info about car sharing, key contacts, etc.

Leavers – we contact all leavers to establish the reason for leaving, so that we can act on any issues or learn lessons. It's generally that people are no longer able to join the walks, are moving out of the area or have become rather too busy to join in anymore.

A note on your data – Just to confirm that all your data and updates to member records are held securely and handles in line with current UK data protection requirements.

Recruiting – This year we had the opportunity to attend an NHS Active event in Stoke Gifford where we had the chance to speak to about 20 – 30 people about Ramblers as a whole and Severnside in particular. I'm not sure how many new recruits that brought but it's always useful to have the opportunity to share what we do with the wider community.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to the committee and all our members for your continued support over the past year and here's looking forward to another good year of Rambling.

Wendy Spooner

Membership Secretary