

RSPBA L & S of E Branch AGM – 29 November 2020  
Secretary's Report – Irene Samson

### 1. Annual Membership Update

	<b>2019/2020</b>
Cambridgeshire Caledonian	Fee Paid # Completed Form
City of Bristol	Fee Paid # Completed Form
City of London	Fee Paid # Completed Form
City of Norwich	Fee Paid # Completed Form
City of Plymouth	Fee Paid # Completed Form
Colchester Pipes & Drums	Fee Paid # Completed Form
East of England	Fee Paid # Completed Form
Essex Caledonian	Fee Paid # Completed Form
Gatwick Caledonian	Fee Paid # Completed Form
Glen Duart	Fee Paid # Completed Form
Glenmoriston	Fee Paid # Completed Form
Grampian Assoc Corby	NIL
Macánta Pipe Band	Fee Paid
Milton Keynes	Fee Paid # Completed Form
Pipes & Drums Scots Guards Assoc South	Fee Paid # Completed Form
Reading Scottish	Fee Paid # Completed Form
Stow Caledonian	Fee Paid # Completed Form
University of Bedfordshire	NIL
Welsh Piping Society	Fee Paid # Completed Form
Total = 19	Total = 17

- 27 Pipe Majors and 27 Band Secretaries/Treasurers (past + present) on the mailing list
- A possible new member is the 19<sup>th</sup> Reg Royal Artillery (the Scottish Gunners) - PM Trevor Lillie-Macey
- Email invitation to register with the Branch sent on 13 November 2020 with the news that the fee will be waived for 2020/21. To date only 5 Bands have completed the form - City of Plymouth, Essex Caledonian, Macánta Pipe Band, Gatwick Caledonian, The Stow Caledonian
- The City of Norwich informed me that on financial grounds they will not be renewing registration with the RSPBA nor the Branch. Welsh Piping Society will not be renewing RSPBA memberships

### 2. Comparison of Email Traffic since previous two AGM's - Nov 2019/20

Breakdown of **sent** emails ( 679/284):

- 301/211 x general multi various
- 299/66 x competition related
- Circulating the sad news that Robert Gardner, the Pipe Major of West Midlands Fire Service Pipe Band, passed away on 31st October 2020.(notified by Anne Rickards, Band Secretary).

### 3. General Comment

- The Branch year has been very quiet with cancellation of Competitions and Training due to the impact of COVID 19.

- The Online Solo Competitions necessitated enhanced DBS checks on any Branch adjudicators/officials with access to videos of children under 18 years.
  - I was designated the Accountable Officer for the Branch and had responsibility of registering with a Responsible Organisation namely UKCRBS.
  - The process started with adopting Branch Policies on
    - 1) the engagement of ex-offenders and 2) the Handling of DBS Certificate information.

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