

Membership Secretary's Report - Len Skilton

New Members. For obvious reasons it has been a very disappointing year as far as welcoming new members is concerned. With Covid restrictions in place since the last AGM we have recruited no new members but I am pleased to report that past member Sarah Huggard has re-joined us.

It's possible that we may have shed a few potential members during the lockdown but it is too early to put a figure on this. A contacts list of people who have expressed some interest in joining the society is maintained and they have been sent copies of the newsletter throughout the period and I am optimistic that at least some of these might contact us again in the future when things return to normal.

Subscriptions. Not all members have paid subscriptions this year, clearly influenced by the lack of productions and social activities. However overhead costs still have to be covered during the lockdown such as insurance, postage, workshop ground rent and electrical supplies.

Newsletter. Nine newsletters were produced during the last twelve months, three less than normal. With the cancellation of four of our productions there was far less to report about our normal activities so I was very grateful to those members who stepped into the breach and produced interesting articles to fill the gap. From January of this year a monthly newsletter has been produced and hopefully it can continue in this manner as we come out of lockdown.

Typical Newsletter distribution has been similar to last year, about 90, made up usually of:

- 43 emailed to members,
- 13 hard copies to members,
- 34 emailed copies to potential new members, past members and those who have expressed an interest in WDS and have expressly asked for a newsletter copy.