

Membership Secretary's Report to the 2025 Annual General Meeting

Our current membership stands at 565 members, showing an increase of 30 over the past year. I am also pleased to note that very few decided not to renew their membership when it became due.

We haven't raised membership fees – we are aware they are very low in comparison to other Archaeology Societies around the country. With the increased costs involved in publishing and posting our annual Review we may need to increase the subscription at some point but for the moment we do not feel it is really necessary. I know some of you suggest that the Review should be published digitally, but this really isn't an option for various reasons – not least the sheer size of the file.

It should be borne in mind that the primary objective of OAS is the support, protection and promotion of Archaeology in Orkney and that to achieve this we need to raise funds. Our membership base is a very important way in which we do this. We are also very grateful to some of our members for their generous donations which come through from time to time and we really appreciate that.

Finally, I would like to add my personal thanks to our members for their continued support and look forward to being in touch with you all again during the year.

Anna Newton
OAS Membership Secretary