



THE ICKNIELD WAY ASSOCIATION

Membership Secretary's Report, 2024 AGM

- 1. Increasing the membership.** This continues to be one of the primary objectives of the Executive Committee. I am, therefore, delighted to report that 10 new members have joined the IWA since the 2023 AGM, one from as far away as Norway. One of these new members has taken on responsibility for wardening the stretch of the Path between Heydon and Linton, for which we are very grateful. All have received a letter welcoming them to the Association and providing information about its background and objectives, together with practical details about walking the Icknield Way Path.
- 2. Current membership.** At last year's AGM I reported that the Association had 69 subscribing members, 10 of which were joint memberships. However, that number included 29 people whose membership had expired in either September 2022 or September 2023. Letters or emails were subsequently sent to all 29 reminding them their membership had lapsed, asking them to either renew their membership or to let me know they no longer wished to be a member and warning that any memberships not renewed by 1st September 2024 would lapse and their names would be removed from our records. Five people subsequently renewed their membership, two queried the date and had their records corrected and two resigned formally. A further 14 memberships expired in September 2024 and reminders will be sent to those members in due course but at the time of writing the Association has 62 subscribing members, 7 of which are joint memberships. In addition, there are 15 Life members, one of which is joint. These include an honorary life membership awarded to Phil Prigg by the Executive Committee for his service to the Association over many years, and 2 new Life subscriptions.
- 3. Overall membership** has thus fallen slightly year on year but the membership figures are now more accurate and include only current members. The Association has also been unfortunate to lose 3 very long-standing Life members during 2023/24, with the deaths of David Allard, our Official Accounts Examiner for nearly 40 years and Janet Moreton, one of the original steering group that helped create the IWA and develop the route of the Icknield Way Path. Members of the Executive Committee represented the Association at Janet's and David's funerals. We also regret the loss of Janet's husband, Roger Moreton, another long-standing stalwart of the Association who has now resigned owing to ill-health.

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Membership Secretary, 3rd Oct 2024

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