

# Report for 20<sup>th</sup> AGM – 18th September 2019

## Membership

Our membership currently stands at 231 (this includes three honorary members) – 4 more than this time last year. The membership figure is the highest it has been since 2002 and the trend in membership is continuing to rise each year.

78% of members have renewed their subscriptions. but since last year's AGM we have recruited 48 new members.

The presence of RAGES at various summer events in East Lothian and Berwickshire is clearly a success in terms of raising awareness of the RAGES cause and increasing RAGES membership. This is something we intend to continue with.

The use of standing orders or bank transfer as a method of subscription payment continues to be a more popular method of payment, 26% of members now pay by this method compared to 20% last year.

RAGES also received donations amounting to £104 when members renewed their subscriptions.

Membership breakdown by station is as follows;

Reston 52%  
Dunbar 15%  
East Linton 9%  
Haddington 4%  
North Berwick 3.5%  
Drem 3%  
Berwick Upon Tweed 2.5%  
Others 11%

RAGES have nine corporate members, seven of which are community councils;

Ayton Community Council  
Dunpender Community Council  
Eyemouth Community Council  
Dunbar Community Council  
Reston And Auchencrow Community Council  
Coldingham Community Council  
Haddington and District Community council  
Sustaining Dunbar  
T Tunnock Ltd

## Web Site

The web site continues to be updated regularly. Since the last AGM we have had around 2530 visits, which averages out at 49 per week, very slightly down on last year's figures.

## Facebook

Greater use has been made of our Facebook page in the last twelve months, this has allowed us to reach out to a wider audience and to provide updates of what is happening across the country with respect to rail transport.

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