

# Report for 21<sup>st</sup>. AGM – 2021.

## Reston Community Hall 25/10/2021

### Membership

Our membership remains healthy with 207 members, which includes 3 honorary members and 15 new members.

This year the number of members who have not renewed is 11, the main reason being probably due to the COVID 'lockdown'.

RAGES has 9 corporate members, 6 of which are community councils;

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

Hopefully next year we can get back to attending local public events and galas where we have been successful in recruiting new members.

The use of bank transfer as a method of subscription payment continues to be a more popular method of payment, 46% of members now pay by this method compared to 43% last year.

RAGES received very generous donations amounting to £180 when members renewed their subscriptions.

Membership breakdown by station is as follows;

Reston 52%  
Dunbar 14%  
East Linton 11%  
Haddington 4%  
Drem 4%  
North Berwick 3%  
Berwick Upon Tweed 3%  
Others 9%

### Software

We have upgraded our membership and email software, this is now cloud based, meaning it can be accessed from anywhere. The previous software was no longer being supported. This has not been without its teething problems, especially the email system.

### Web Site

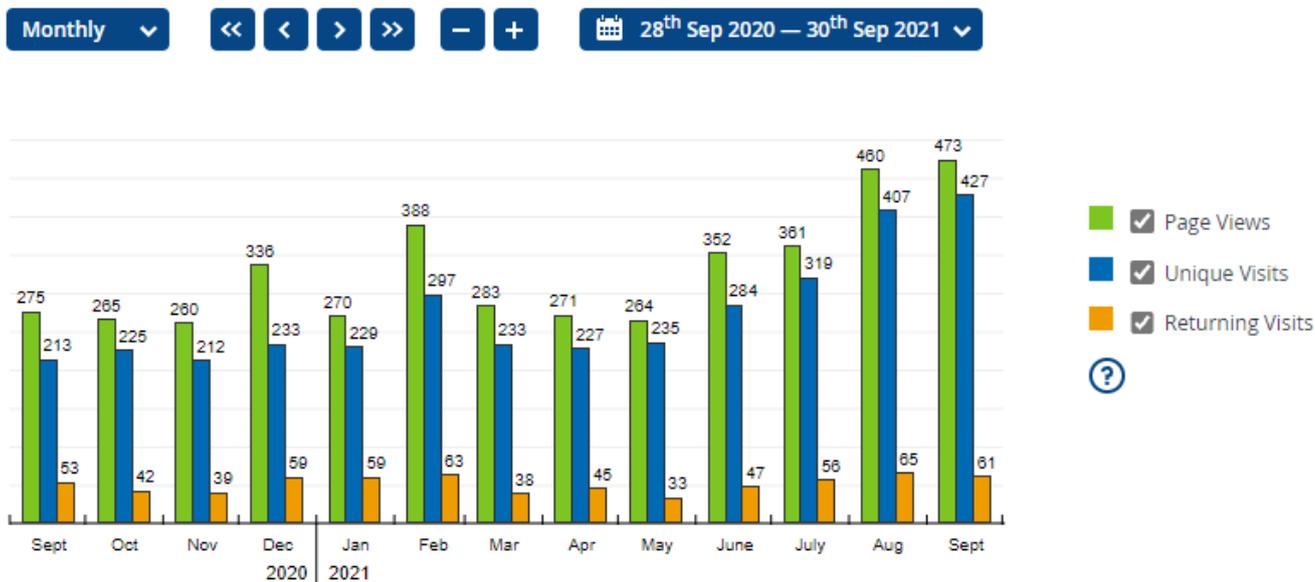
Our web site continues to be updated regularly courtesy of Russell Darling.

Over the twelve-month period from the end of September 2020 we have had around 3575 page views, which averages out at 68 per week. This is slightly less than the previous twelve-month period.

The web site has been regularly updated with the progress of the new station at Reston. Selected images showing the progress can be seen on the web site with the latest at the top of the web page and captions below each photograph. There are also some aerial images captured from a drone courtesy of Logan Inglis.

A new folder, called Publications, has been added to the drop-down menu of the web site. The Newsletters index has been moved into a subfolder of Publications. There are other subfolders, such as recent e-rags, committee minutes and reports which are presented at AGMs.

The bar graph below shows the monthly figures for the last year:



## Facebook

Our Facebook page continues to attract a lot of interest from users of social media, and is updated regularly with progress at Reston, this has allowed us to reach out to a wider group of people and to provide a broader content of transport related issues.