

# The Friends of Raymond

## Membership & Volunteering Report to AGM 05 Feb 2023

### Membership

Memberships at 31 December 2022	2022	2021	Variance
Sole (Paid-up)	48	41	+6
Joint/Family (Paid-up)	16	18	-2
<b>Total paid-up memberships</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>+4</b>
Sole (Honorary/Concessionary)	4	5	-1
Joint/Family (Honorary)	1	1	0
<b>Total memberships*</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>+4</b>
<b>Total Individual members*</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>+2</b>

\*Does not include our Patron, Tim Coghlan

Memberships gained in 2022	2022	2021
Sole (New memberships)	8	5
Sole (Rejoined)	1	0
Sole (Switched from Joint/Family)	2	0
Joint/Family (New memberships)	0	1
<b>Total memberships gained</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>

Memberships lost in 2022	2022	2021
Sole (Lapsed)	3	3
Sole (Retired)*	1	0
Hon Sole (Deceased)**	1	0
Joint/Family (Lapsed)	0	1
Joint/Family (Switched to Sole)	2	0
<b>Total memberships lost</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>

\*Robin Bishop, retired owing to ill health; \*\*Tom Lapworth died March 2022

Potential paying memberships in 2023	2023	2022
Sole*	47	48
Joint/Family**	18	16

\*Plus 1 new membership since 01-Jan-2023, minus 2 memberships upgraded to Joint/Family

\*\*Plus 2 memberships upgraded from Sole

Memberships renewed for 2023 to date	Renewed	Pending
Sole*	28	19
Joint/Family	13	5

\*One Sole Member paying by SO has not amended their SO but is expected to renew in June

### Conclusion

Although 2022 was a sad year in that we lost the memberships of Robin Bishop owing to ill health, and Tom Lapworth who died in March, it was also a successful year in that we made an overall gain of four paying memberships, increasing our total memberships from 65 to 69, and the number of individual members from 84 to 86.

We are, as always, very grateful to everyone who has renewed this year, not least the two Sole members who upgraded to Joint/Family memberships. However, an unusually high number of memberships (19 Sole and five Joint/Family) have so far failed to renew this year, which we hope is not a cause for concern. We will send reminders in February, and keep our fingers crossed.

### Volunteering

After two years during which very little happened, it was heartening that so many members were willing and able to volunteer to help in one way or another in the 2022. A total of 31 members volunteered at various times to work on the boats, to crew or help to crew them, to make items to be sold, run the sales stalls at events, and engage with visitors to the stalls and the boats, and to carry out a whole range of managerial, administrative, and other "back office" functions that ensured FoR had a busy and successful year.

It was also encouraging to see some fresh faces among the volunteers. At least seven were either new members or members who are unable to help very often. We are extremely grateful to them, and to everyone who volunteered with FoR in 2022, and we hope very much that the charity can continue to build on this enthusiasm in the coming year.

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and Volunteers Coordinator