

Friends of Raymond

Annual General Meeting – Sunday 8th February 2026

Membership Report

Membership at 31 December 2025

Type	2025	2024	Variance
Sole (Paid Up)	48	40	+8
Joint/Family (Paid Up)	20	21	-1
Total Paid Up memberships	68	61	+7
Sole (Honorary/Concessions)	3	3	
Joint/Family (Honorary)	1	1	
Total memberships*	72	65	
Total individual members*	93	87	
*Does not include our Patron, Tim Coghlan			
Memberships gained in 2025			
Sole (New memberships)	9	3	
Sole (Rejoined)		1	
Sole (Switched from Joint/Family)	(1)	(1)	
Joint/Family (Switched from Sole)			
Joint/Family (New memberships)	1	1	
Total memberships gained	10	5	
Memberships lost in 2025			
Sole (Lapsed)		7	
Sole (Switched to Joint/Family)			
Sole (Retired)			
Hon Sole (Deceased)		1	
Joint/Family (Lapsed)	1	1	
Joint/Family (Switched to Sole)		(1)	
Total memberships lost	1	9	
Potential paying memberships in 2026			
Sole	47	38	
Joint/Family	20	21	
Memberships renewed for 2026 to date			
Sole*	41	34	
Joint/Family**	18	13	
*One sole member paying by SO has not amended their payment date but is expected to renew in June. Also, **one joint member pays by SO in March. Not included either in the above in case the payment doesn't appear.			

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Conclusion

This last year, ending 31st December 2025, has seen an increase in membership, thanks to networking by the 'hands on' volunteering team on boat duty days. As last year, I have put the switching in brackets for this category as I don't feel that you can count this as 'lost' memberships, only numbers of members ie joint/family to sole means that we still have a member but 1 instead of 2. They are not 'gained memberships' but retained, thankfully!

As for those non renewals, there was only one in 2025 and that was a case of a Standing Order payment not being received, due on 1st January 2025. The contact email has not been acknowledged either.

The renewals appeal emails for the new membership year beginning 1st January 2026 were sent out in December 2025 and this resulted in a good start for the finances. These will be shown in the figures for the end of 2026. Currently we have 2 joint renewals outstanding with a further 6 sole memberships that should be paid, totalling a further £140 of income. These include the two Standing Orders that come along at different times of the year, these are never taken for granted. Following this, there was one further email reminder sent in the early part of the year. One person has replied by confirming that their circumstances have changed so they won't renew this year.

I would like to say a big thank you to Jeremy Cooper for his work on the website and encouraging the completion of a Membership Renewal form for each payer, this means that the data we maintain is kept up to date. Obviously, the confirmation of the receipt of payments is integral to the system and so again I thank our Chairman, Nick Lake, for his support and confirmation emails to me.

I hope that these details are sufficient for the management committee and the AGM.

Thank you for your help over the last twelve months and I look forward to continuing my support of The Friends of Raymond in the coming months.

Michele l'Anson

Membership Secretary
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26th January 2026