

Membership Secretary Report – August 2025

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1. Membership Summary

The BSG currently has 415 active members, a decrease of 8 from April 2025, with 40 memberships expiring over this period. The society's membership is divided across six classes (**Fig. 1**) with the majority of members (349) being classified as full members or postgraduates.

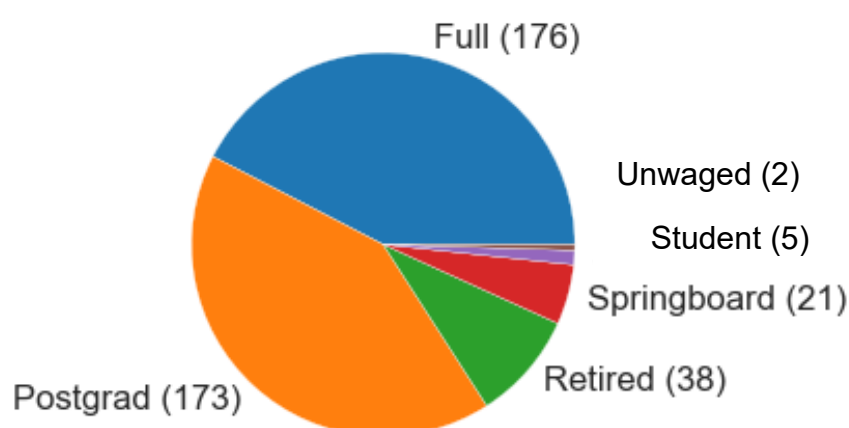


Figure 1. Membership breakdown by type (accurate as of 28th August 2025)

The total membership is in-line with the long-term average for the society (**Table 1**), having decreased by 38 since August 2024. As noted above, 40 membership subscriptions lapsed in the last six months, with no indication being made to members through the website. The membership secretary has identified and contacted these members to alert them to the change in status and encouraged them to resubscribe. Moving forward, the membership secretary will perform a database sweep each quarter to alert members to the expiration or near-expiration of their membership.

Table 1: Long-term membership breakdown 2021-2025

Type:	Sep-21	Sep-22	Sep-23	Aug-24	Aug-25	Change
Full	182	202	-	193	176	-17
Springboard/PhD	194	172	-	205	194	-11
Student/retired	53	54	-	55	43	-12
TOTAL	429	428	-	453	415	-38

2. Membership Renewal

The majority of members renew on an annual basis (219), while the springboard and postgraduate memberships renew over 3-4 year periods. Using the current database, the forecast for membership renewals, assuming full renewal, is outlined in **Table 2**, up to 2029.

Table 2: Expected membership renewal by year

Membership type	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<i>Full</i>	52	123	-	-	-
<i>Postgraduate</i>	8	50	58	42	15
<i>Springboard</i>	3	11	7	1	-
<i>Student</i>	1	4	-	-	-
<i>Retired</i>	8	30	-	-	-
Total	72	218	65	43	15

3. Membership Summary

The new sliding scale for membership costs highlights that the majority of the membership are from high income countries (predominantly UK, USA, Europe), with 7 members identifying from middle- and low-income World Bank-defined countries (**Table 3**). Memberships from the middle- and low-income scale are verified to prevent misuse. Note that this information is not available for the full membership as multi-year memberships will not update until the next renewal.

Table 3: Total membership by economic status

Membership band	Total
<i>High income</i>	179
<i>Upper-middle income</i>	2*
<i>Lower-middle income</i>	2
<i>Low income</i>	3
Total	186

*Currently under review