

Membership Secretary Report – August 2026

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1. Membership overview

The society currently has 503 active members (11th August 2026), an increase of 24 from April, and an increase of 88 since last August (**Table 1**). There society's total membership decreased by 25 members between April and August due subscription lapses, which are still not automatically signposted. The Membership Secretary continues to manually email reminders to members whose subscriptions lapse, most of whom, with the exception of postgraduates who have moved away from academia, then renew. The current membership total exceeds the long-term (14-year) average of 489, the first time - with confidence - since 2019 (**Fig. 1**).

Table 1: Long-term membership breakdown 2021-2026

Type:	Sep-21	Sep-22	Sep-23	Aug-24	Aug-25	Aug-26	Change
Full	182	202	-	193	176	215	+39
Springboard/PhD	194	172	-	205	194	226	+32
Student/retired/unwaged	53	54	-	55	43	62	+19
TOTAL	429	428	-	453	415	503	+88

The Society's membership is predominantly partitioned between Full (215 members) and Postgraduate (201 members), comprising 83% of the total members. A further 25 hold Springboard memberships, while Retired, Unwaged, and Student members make up the remaining 17% (40, 6, and 16 members, respectively) (**Fig. 2**). Proportional splits between membership classes remains approximately the same as historic trends (**Fig. 3**).

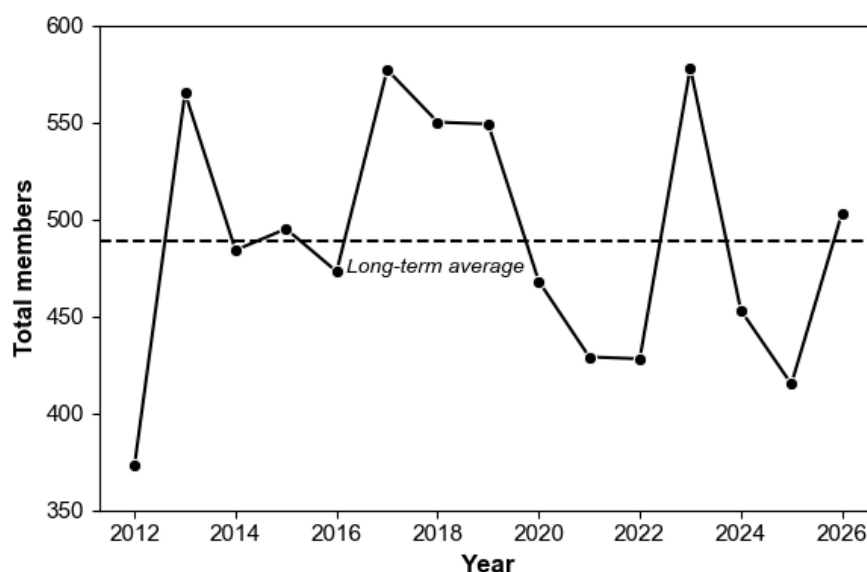


Figure 1. Annual total BSG members (2013-2026). The long-term average is shown as a dashed black line (489 members).

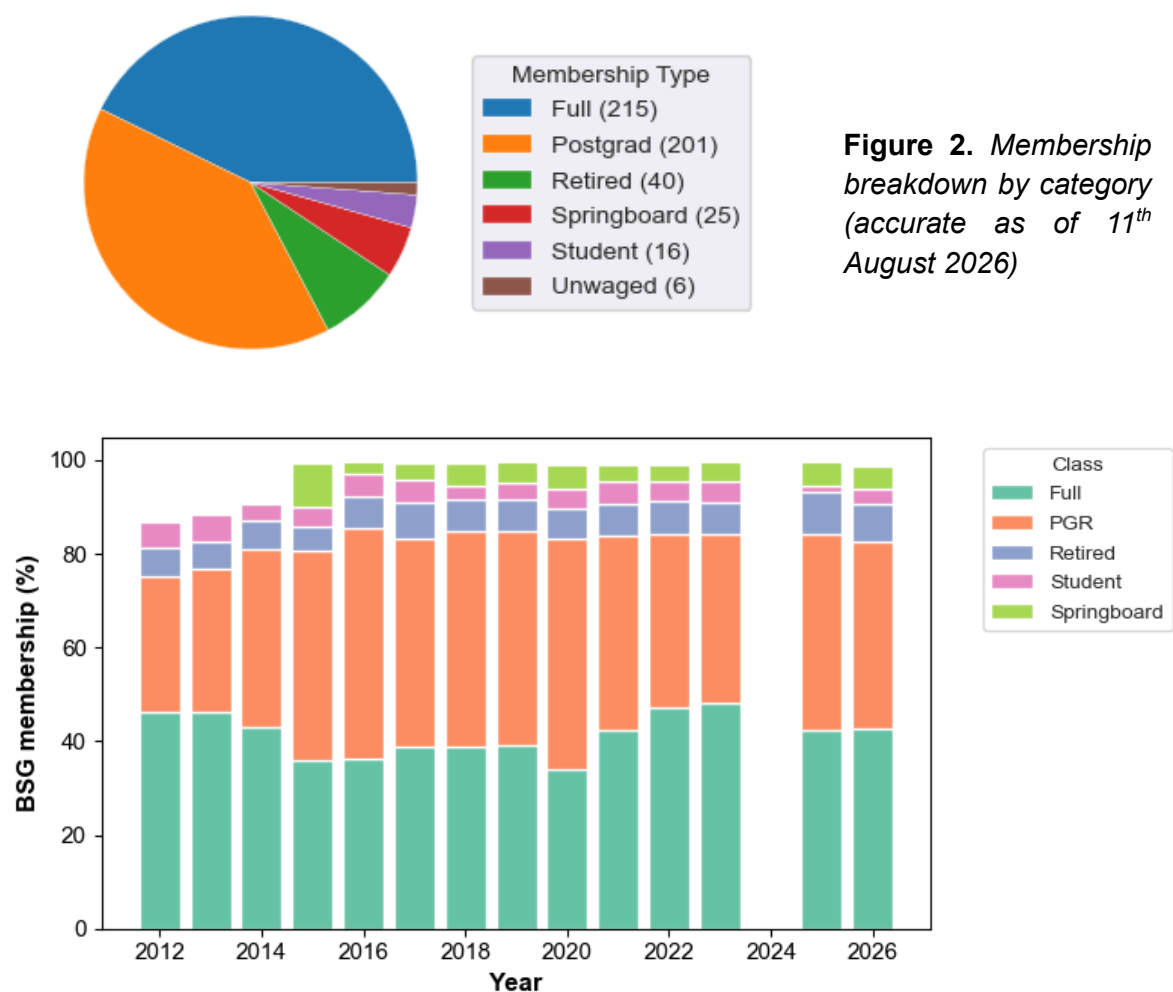


Figure 3. Proportional breakdown for each membership class (2012-2026) excluding 2024. Springboard membership is only added in 2015, replacing an “overseas” class which has also been omitted. Unwaged members are also omitted. Summary windows run approximately annually between AGMs (Sept-Aug).

The BSG’s sliding membership tariff has continued to attract members from a greater diversity of countries, with 21 memberships being purchased. Of these, 5 are from low-income countries, 10 from lower-middle, and 8 from upper-middle, although, 11 of these are ineligible for the membership category they have selected based on the BSG’s criteria for adoption. These members have all been contacted to make the remainder of their subscription payment.

2. Membership renewals

For the first time, the BSG hosted a stand at the European Geosciences Union (EGU) Annual General Meeting in Vienna at the beginning of May. The purpose of the stand was to raise the visibility of the Society within the wider Earth Sciences community and to attract new members from a global community. Over the course of the week, the BSG gained 68 new mailing list subscriptions, with newsletters and announcements reaching new subscribers in Belgium, China, Colombia, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, India, Italy, Netherlands, Philippines. Poland, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, and USA (**Fig. 4**). Of the 68 **new** mailing list subscribers, 8 purchased memberships (**Fig. 4; shaded green**), with a further 3 rejoining the society after a

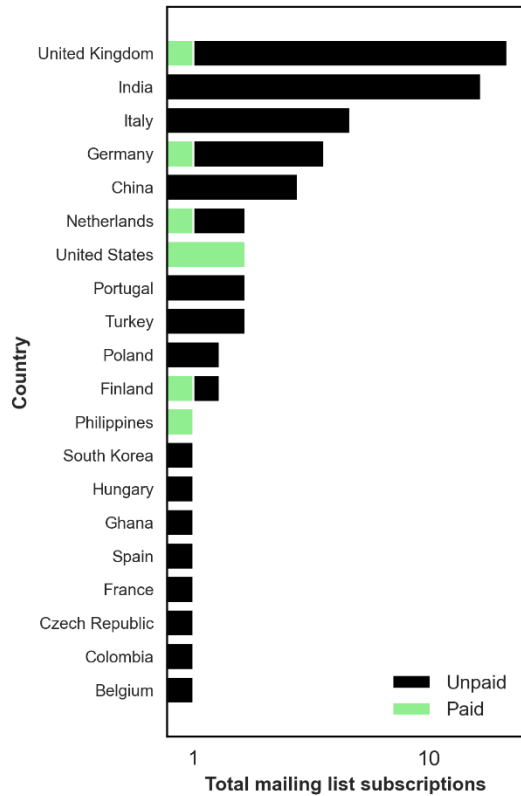


Figure 4. Membership breakdown by category (accurate as of 11th August 2026)

period of not being a member. These members subscribed as full members (6), springboard (3), and students (2).

A comparison of monthly subscription start dates from the past three years (August-July; **Fig. 5**) indicates a clear increase in memberships purchased in May, June and July 2026 (up by 7, 2, and 7 on 2024, and 10, 2, and 8, respectively on 2025). Many mailing list subscribers indicated that they would be interested in purchasing memberships, but that their department paid for these, precluding them from signing up in person. A potential solution to this might be approaching departments directly using the BSG's existing member network to encourage membership uptake.

Interestingly, the website's membership database revealed that there were 744 subscriptions made between April and August and ~84% (627) of these were created by bots. These accounts are likely to have caused some confusion in the past when statistics about the membership database were computed, particularly as some of them use legitimate email addresses mined from the web (e.g., Schmitz CargoBull, Chameleon Group, Yahoo, VHG Hotels).

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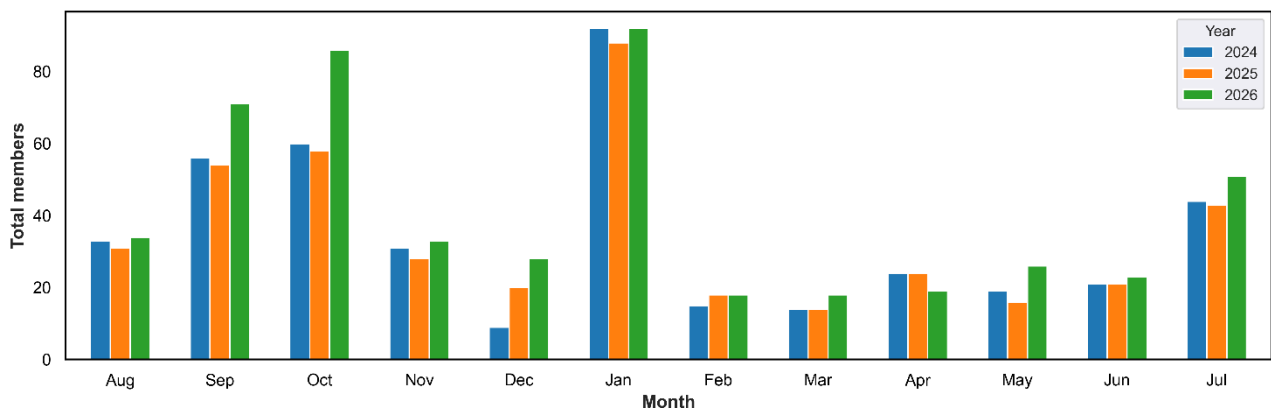


Figure 5. Membership subscriptions by month between 2024 and 2026.

3. Membership Demographics

3.1 Sectoral representation

The BSG continues to grow its representation through professional geomorphologists, with 66 now identified through the BSG membership database (where 95% of the membership are categorised). The majority of the membership have academic backgrounds with the strong

postgraduate representation. This is the greatest representation of professional geomorphologists within the society since records began, demonstrating the success of representatives from the Professional Geomorphology Committee to better curate activities to the wider community (e.g., at the annual general meetings).

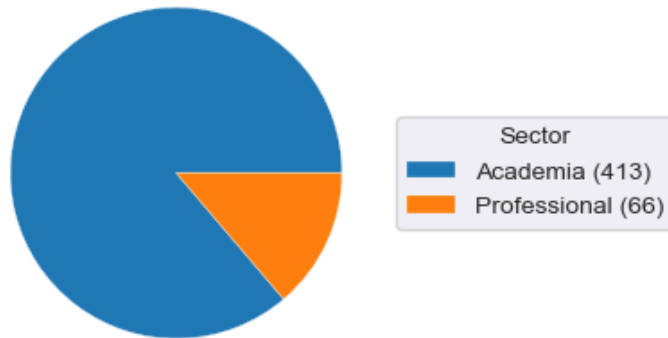


Figure 5. *Membership breakdown by sector. (accurate as of 11th August 2026)*

2.3 Internationality of Membership

Of the 465 members who have provided information related to where they are based, the majority are from the UK (361) and Ireland (12), with the remainder coming from Europe, North America, Australia, Africa, India, and China (**Fig. 6**). The society's global reach continues to increase, with more members coming from Asia, Africa, and South America in the last four months.

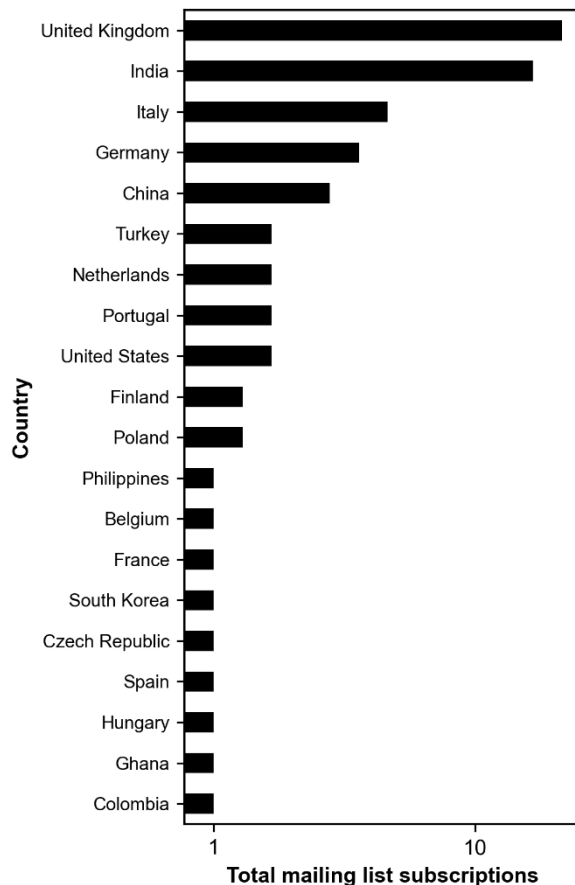


Figure 6. *Membership breakdown by nationality. (accurate as of 11th)*