

Group Co-ordinator Annual Report - September 2026

It has been a busy and active year!

Many of our interest groups attended our 30th Anniversary Open Day in November 2025, which, apart from being a most enjoyable day, resulted in a significant influx of new members. Our presence at Cowbridge May Fayre also proved successful in raising our profile and attracting further new members.

Over the year, we gained 91 new members, many of whom wished to join one or more of our interest groups. However, many of our groups were full, whilst others only had limited capacity. New groups were therefore required and, following advertising at General Meetings, on our website and on Facebook, the following five new groups were established:

Cover to Cover

Cycling for Pleasure

Books and Banter

Family History

Astronomy

The first four of these groups are now full, so more groups are required. In the pipeline, subject to support, are:

Art Appreciation

French Conversation

Spanish Conversation

Italian Conversation

Singing for Pleasure

Hopefully, these groups will soon be underway!

A Beacon Training Day for Group Leaders in April 2026 was well attended and proved very informative improving communication with our members.

In addition, four New Members Meeting have been attended introducing our 26 active groups and providing details of how to access the information on our website and how to join or indeed start up a new group where their interest is not covered.

Attention to the potential new groups above and others is on-going and hopefully will result in further ones being formed.

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