

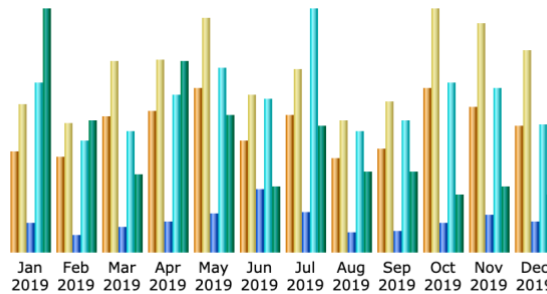
Summary paragraph of Webmaster’s report for inclusion in the BPS Council meeting/AGM minutes, January 2020 by Andy Davies

Main BPS Website

Since the last AGM, we have released the updated the website to reflect the new logo design and undertaken the second automated annual renewal during early January. Overall, this went very well, we had some minor issues with some member renewals that were largely due to their entry of incorrect PayPal account details, expired credit cards and so on. Each of these were handled manually by the webmaster and/or the Membership secretary.

We have had approximately 99.5% uptime on the site, with the longest outage of 5 hours occurring in November 2019 due to an issue at our hosting company. We promptly resolved this issue through communication with their support team.

Visitor numbers for the website are summarised below, currently we have received approximately 32,000 unique visitors to the site, accumulating over 1.7 million hits.



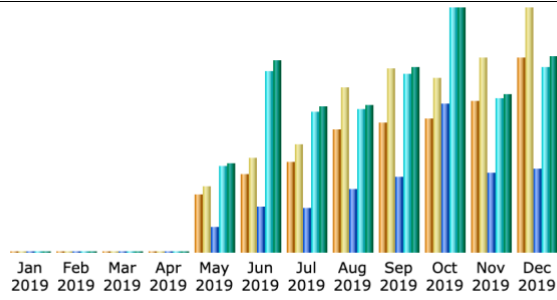
Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2019	2,178	3,207	27,530	163,968	14.19 GB
Feb 2019	2,050	2,792	16,784	107,374	7.68 GB
Mar 2019	2,926	4,148	23,711	116,789	4.56 GB
Apr 2019	3,057	4,159	29,764	152,474	11.12 GB
May 2019	3,560	5,085	36,720	178,634	7.98 GB
Jun 2019	2,409	3,399	61,211	148,810	3.81 GB
Jul 2019	2,959	3,961	39,018	235,630	7.36 GB
Aug 2019	2,046	2,846	19,030	116,892	4.68 GB
Sep 2019	2,235	3,263	20,344	127,375	4.66 GB
Oct 2019	3,547	5,262	27,848	164,207	3.33 GB
Nov 2019	3,148	4,961	35,541	159,389	3.80 GB
Dec 2019	2,735	4,367	29,635	123,607	3.36 GB
Total	32,850	47,450	367,136	1,795,149	76.54 GB

BPS Algal Records

The Webmaster was contacted by David John about an outage of the BPS Algal Records site, in discussion with David and Martin Wilkinson, we agreed that the site would be moved to under BPS Webmaster control. This decision was made to ensure that control of the site and the domain name was not lost. The site and the domain names were moved to our current hosting provider (Jolt.co.uk) in May/June 2019, with thanks to Martin for facilitating this move.

The inaccessibility issue was repaired after some difficulties due to the complexities of the database system used. The site was also updated to use SSL (secure communication between visitors and the website, an internet standard that is now required for a good listing on search engines and to reflect the new logo of the BPS.

Visitor statistics are only available for part of the year, but these numbers seem healthy for a highly targeted website:



Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2019	0	0	0	0	0
Feb 2019	0	0	0	0	0
Mar 2019	0	0	0	0	0
Apr 2019	0	0	0	0	0
May 2019	247	284	513	1,763	24.69 MB
Jun 2019	333	402	935	3,701	53.34 MB
Jul 2019	384	459	902	2,868	40.38 MB
Aug 2019	525	703	1,281	2,942	40.98 MB
Sep 2019	554	785	1,540	3,647	51.32 MB
Oct 2019	571	748	3,042	4,997	67.91 MB
Nov 2019	648	833	1,636	3,161	43.83 MB
Dec 2019	835	1,044	1,699	3,788	54.36 MB
Total	4,097	5,258	11,548	26,867	376.82 MB