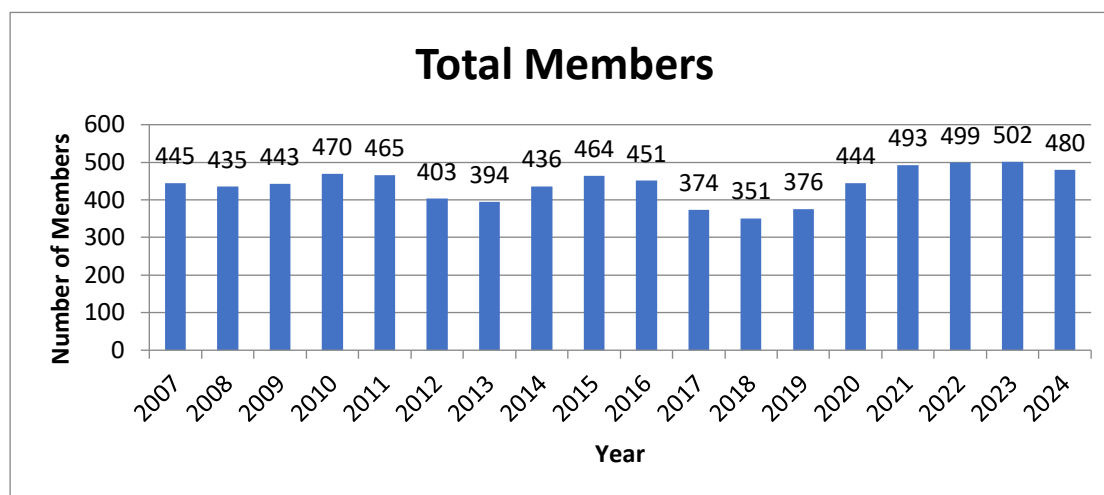


**British Psychological Society Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 28th January 2025**

Reports from BPC Council Officers

Membership Secretary



The current membership number is slightly down on July 2023 480 vs 502 but there are still membership payments being processed on line.

In the table you can see we are missing one Honorary member as Professor Raven passed away during the year. The membership breakdown remains similar to July 2023 and just less than a third of our members are students.

Membership Plan	No. Dec 2024	% of Total	No. Dec 2024	% of Total	
Honorary Membership	11	2			
Ordinary Membership with Journal	83	17			
Ordinary Membership without Journal	200	42			
Retired Membership with Journal	20	4			
Retired Membership without Journal	19	4	380	66	all ordinary and retired
Student (3 year) Membership without Journal	58	12			
Student Membership with Journal	14	3			
Student Membership without Journal	75	16	147	31	all student
Corporate Membership	0	0			
Total Members Active	480				

Graduating, New Job, New Email

Remember, you as a member, can edit your own page in the website when you are logged on or send an email to the membership secretary (membership@brphycsoc.org) or BPS Webmaster (admin@brphycsoc.org) telling us the changes required.

This particularly applies to students as your email address will be terminated when you graduate.

Webmaster

After many years of service as the Webmaster of BPS, I am finally retiring from the role for the simple reason that being based in the US has added some barriers to my participation and that my research interests have somewhat moved from algae to the deeper reaches of our oceans. Macroalgae, and indeed *Ascophyllum nodosum* and the BPS remain fondly in my heart, and I thank Council and our many members for the support that I have received over the years.

I am happy to announce that over the last several months, highly capable replacements have been found, and I leave our website in excellent hands. Several handover training sessions have been held, and I've walked through several different issues that crop up from time to time. Our Jan 1 annual membership renewal went through well, with only minor issues and I've dealt with some record updates for members that have moved addresses. We have seen an increase in readership of the website in 2024, with 63,766 unique visitors, an increase over the 43,181 visitors in 2023.

I will be available to support the final parts of the transition over the coming weeks, but with that, I will sign off with my gratitude and my admiration for the BPS, which has included membership in various (sometimes heavily lapsed...) forms since I was in my very early twenties, hosting the 65th BPS Winter Meeting in Bangor and as your faithful webmaster.

Secretary

Report not received

Treasurer

Report not received due to bereavement

Student Representative

The current student representatives are Ruby George and Jasmine Ramshaw as Phoebe Lewis will be rolling off this January. Since attending the summer meeting, the student reps have continued to be part of the Outreach and Education committee and maintain the BPS social media channels (Instagram and X) by re-sharing any tagged posts and promoting the ECR phycology network and the Winter meeting. With the Outreach Committee, we have decided to step away from X and set up a BlueSky account. The student reps would still be keen to be involved in a student/ECR panel to help review papers.

Editors-in-Chief, European Journal of Phycology and Applied Phycology

The BPS journals have a new Taylor & Francis Portfolio Manager, Rachel Alfiero. She is based in the US and has been very helpful in dealing with the usual type of problems we encounter. EJP and AP have further strengthened their teams of Associate Editors, both in biochemistry (Rodney Forster has kindly replaced John Raven) and in AP's biomedical applications field. We have an updated list of expertise for both journals.

EJP published four issues to time in 2024. Although these were 500 pages in total, they represented only 35 papers, not meeting our current requirement with T&F to publish at least 39 articles, indicating that we need to encourage shorter papers. Three of the articles planned for February are already published online, with 6 more in production. The wide range of topics covers all aspects of phycology including applications of algae. The editors continue to offer

transfers to Applied Phycology where appropriate. There were 124 new submissions in 2024, including 24 reviews, which corresponds to a running acceptance rate of <35%. Unfortunately many of the reviews we are receiving are AI-generated "systematic reviews" or "comprehensive reviews" which we do not consider suitable for publication in our journals.

We are pleased to report that Applied Phycology has an additional Managing Editor, Alla Silkina at Swansea. We published 14 papers in 2024 (volume 5), including a Special Collection on Algae at the Interface, curated by Juliet Brodie and Mikey Ross. The editors are seeking suitable areas for 2025. Inclusion in the Scopus database is an important step towards gaining an impact factor, and helps with encouraging submissions.

Editor, The Phycologist

Total printing costs for *The Phycologist* this year were £750, which were in full colour. Gentle reminder to bursary recipients and Manton prize award winners to please send your required reports by 1 March. Otherwise many thanks for your contributions this year, as always.