

Sources of Membership Data and Method of Calculating Statistics

Membership Numbers

Membership Data was usually from the Membership Secretary's report to the AGM. For various reasons, such as different reporting date, they are not directly comparable.

Age distribution and average:

Pre-1998 the figures were taken from the membership secretary's report.

The 1998 figures were from Peter Norriss's membership database program.

Subsequent ones I have computed from an anonymised extract of the database. This was sorted by gender and age and a tally of the number born in each year was noted on a spreadsheet.

A formula was written to calculate the average age.

Length of membership

The database extract was sorted by date of joining and a tally made of those who joined in each year.