

Please help us...

As you know the BSS is operated on a day to day basis by a few dedicated persons who give their time for free and often over considerable periods of time too.

Quite often the Council have specific aspects to consider which add to that workload a little but which do not actually have to be done by the Council Members. It would be both a service to the Society and give us valuable other view points if we could turn occasionally to others to give us their views or to ask them to spend a little time in finding things out or doing some things for us.

But how to know who is prepared to help in this way and how to choose any such person anyway?

Perhaps YOU are one such person; who would be interested to help in small ways either now or even later in the future when your present commitments reduce a little? You probably are reluctant to put yourself forward for a formal Council position either because you have no wish to precipitate a vote for one of the current places or because you don't want to seem pushy. If so then this idea is for you!

In what sort of areas do we sometimes find the need for help? Well, they are rarely the same from one month to the next - this is a list of just a few that we have had recently:

1. Proof reading a bibliography of mass dials that needed to be preserved and placed into the library when the only form currently available was a scan of a 1997 version found on the Internet.
2. Reviewing new books on dialling for a comment in the Bulletin
3. Verifying new entries in the Register to ensure their accuracy.
4. Proof reading the recent Bulletin Index before publication.
5. Designing, developing and commenting on new Society leaflets.
6. Laying out publicity information for the Society using MS Publisher.
7. Providing temporary storage in your home for a box or two of the Society's stock of unsold Bulletins which are taking up too much space at the moment..
8. Helping to establish the dedications of some churches so that they may be properly described in the Register.
9. With the use of supplied software and a list of incomplete register entries, using your own PC to find the Lat/Long of dials from their known National Grid References and vice versa.
10. Helping to keep the Society's web site up to date by noting when it needs attention. And maybe even drafting summaries or reviews of Society events for inclusion on the web site.
11. Visiting a dial in or close to their own county to verify its location or to confirm some other important detail rather than to make a formal sighting for the Register.

In addition to the above our stalwarts on the Council cannot of course go on forever! In the past there have often been occasions where we only learned of a latent interest by

someone long after a lengthy search had discovered someone else. We do like to know of those persons who might be interested to help and what particular interests and skills you may have. If you are one of those who think that either soon or in the future you might be able to assist in one or other of the areas of the Council's activities do let us know so that we may contact you when an appropriate vacancy arises.

Do please let us know your views by completing the attached form and sending it in confidence to the secretary. There is no obligation, you can refuse at any time and you won't be pressured. Honest!

Expression of Interest

I am interested to help occasionally with some of the day to day issues of the Society.

My particular areas of interest are:

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My background/ profession/training/experience etc is:

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I have my own PC

I have some experience with using:

- MS Word
- MS Excel
- MS Publisher
- MS Access
- Other (please state).....

I am occasionally able to travel locally to my home to resolve dial issues

I am interested to proof read documents and/or to review new books.

I might be interested to join the Council when my commitments allow.

My interest would be.....

Name: (Please print)

Member Number.....