



# The Meconopsis Group

## Subscriptions Report for 2018-year end membership.

### Membership by Country.

Scotland 86	Norway 9	Netherlands 1	Canada 9	China 3	
England 56	Sweden 8	France 2	USA 12	Japan 2	
Wales 4	Denmark 3	Russia 1		New Zealand 2	
N. Ireland 3		Switzerland 2		Australia 3	
Ireland 1		Germany 3		India 2	
		Belgium 1			
					total
150	20	10	21	12	<b>213</b>

The Group also enjoys 15 complimentary and 7 honorary members. Honorary membership is awarded to people who have provided substantial services to the Group. Complimentary membership is awarded to people who currently support the Group in additional ways.

There is currently one student member who came to RBGE from the AGS. If any member is aware of any students of horticulture, botany or a related subject who may be interested in our student membership, please let them know of the Group's student membership and that is available free.

Total membership for 2018 was 236, which is less than the previous year. This is because of the major tidy up of the database that meant that we deleted lapsed members details and did not send out reminders to everyone as we used to.

In 2018 there were 28 new members compared to 41 in 2017. The extra numbers in 2017 came about at Gardening Scotland when the new Meconopsis for Gardeners book was launched.

### New membership by country

Scotland 6	USA 5	Sweden 1	India 1
England 5	Canada 3	Norway 1	Australia 1
Wales 1	France 1	Denmark 1	New Zealand 1
	Switzerland 1		

As of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 87 members have renewed their subscription for 2019.

Payments come in via PayPal, cheque or cash. Payment can be made via PayPal by credit or debit card without the need for a PayPal account.

2018 saw major changes that the Group had to comply with. The introduction of the mutually agreed **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** came into force on May 25, **2018**. It was designed to modernise laws to protect the personal information of individuals and to boost the rights of individuals to give them more control over their information.

Member's details are held on a database and we wish to remind all members that we will never divulge any personal details or share email addresses to any third party or group. Should any member wish to contact another member they can contact me and I can put them both in touch. If you do not wish to receive contact or emails in the future, please advise us of this and your details will be deleted.

These regulations now mean that we can no longer hold lapsed members information in our database and we have had to remove many names that we did store. In the past, we did contact lapsed members, as we do know that it is very easy to forget to renew.

This was usually around seed exchange time but in 2019, if subscriptions have not been renewed, no reminder or seed exchange information will be sent out. Should lapsed members realise they have not received information on the seed exchange they are very welcome to renew their subscription for the year and receive the seed exchange information.

Membership of the Group is from January to December. It would be helpful for the administration of the Group if members who have not already paid could pay subscriptions before or at the AGM. Renewal should be made by end of February to avoid details being deleted from the database and membership cancelled.

This year members who have an email address will receive their receipt letter and membership card with log in details for 2019 by email. Individual names will not be on the cards. This can be printed off and the card cut out should they wish. Postal members will still receive their letter and card by post and we would ask should they have an email address by then to let us know.

The AGM is on Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> and payment for subscriptions can be made on the day.

Sharon Bradley  
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