

**British Computer Society  
Belfast Branch**

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**Honorary Chair's Report**

This year has been a fantastic opportunity for me personally, as I had the honour of meeting and working with so many fascinating people. From our newest members attending their first branch event to the Secretary for Enterprise, Trade and Industry and our latest IT Professional of the Year, I was constantly impressed by the calibre and talent of the people driving forward Northern Ireland's IT industry. This year has also been an opportunity for the branch to try new initiatives, new types of events, new venues for events and new geographic areas to hold our events in.

As I look forward to the next year and to our new chair Daniel Mooney's ambitious strategy for the branch, I see even more opportunities. I see opportunities for branch members to join a revitalised branch committee. I see opportunities for members to participate in exciting new events. I see opportunities for strategic links to be forged with other professional bodies and industry groups. I'm excited about the next year and ask every branch member to give Daniel their support by participating in the branch to the full extent they find possible.

I'd like to thank each and every branch member for having allowed me the honour of serving as chair this year.

John Fowler

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