

**British Computer Society**  
**Belfast Branch**  
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**Membership Secretary's Report**

As Membership Secretary I can report that our branch membership is healthy despite the current economic down turn. Current membership stands at 1025 which represents approximately a 0.2% decrease on last year's figures.

A breakdown of this year's membership figures shows CITP has increase 2.8% , with 352 of the overall membership falling into the YPG age group.

Of the current 1025 members the grade breakup is as follows:

<b>Membership Grade</b>	
<b>Affiliate</b>	32
<b>Associate</b>	56
<b>Member</b>	788
<b>Fellow</b>	46
<b>Student</b>	100
<b>Honorary</b>	3

Less than a quarter of our members live or work in Belfast therefore it is difficult for the branch to provide directed events and services to all the regions where members are located, however efforts are being made to ensure events are run in locations other than Belfast and we hope to continue this in the coming year.

Links are being made with the universities in the hope of establishing self sustaining university chapters. Over the coming years this could help expand membership particularly among the young professionals.

In conclusion, membership levels are healthy, with a good proportion of chartered members – but there is room for improvement. The services we provide to our members can also be improved and we are always interested to hear views from the branch membership or the wider IT community on how we can improve.

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