

BCS Member Group Chair's Report

Report submissions must be sent to groups@bcs.uk or your Community Coordinator.

Member Group Name:	Berkshire Branch
Year:	2022-23
Report Completed By:	Andrew Fieldsend

Group Chair:	Andrew Fieldsend
Group Treasurer:	Chris Todd-Davies
Group Secretary:	Mike Buckland
Group Inclusion Officer:	
Other Committee Members:	Michael Dzandu, Lee Williams, Dr. Blessing Mbipom, Ugo Ekpo

The Chair's Report is a vital communication tool for the BCS Community Team to understand and support your activity as a group. The Programme, Practice, and Policy (PPP) Committee will review your submitted report and suitable action points fed into the Community Board for strategic planning. As one of the critical communication points with our members, your completion of this report supports not only your group but ongoing support and development of other member groups and the BCS itself

Successes

Please list the top three successes the group has achieved in the past year.

Success	Additional Comments
1. Great debate	In association with other local engineering institutions.
2. Reading hackathon	
3. Webinars	

Plans

Please list the top three activities the group is planning for next year.

Planned Activity	Additional Comments
1. Great debate	About to start planning for March, in association with other local engineering institutions.
2.	
3.	

Impediments

Please list and describe the top three impediments stopping you from succeeding in your group's ambition and support the BCS vision of "Making IT Good for Society."

Impediment	Description
1. Lack of volunteers' time.	Although we have several committee members, many of them (including myself) have other commitments, which does not leave much time for committee work.
2. Lack of volunteers	We have very few volunteers standing for election to specific roles or as general committee members.
3.	

Additional Facts and Figures

Please provide any facts and figures you think would be useful to the Community Team for further analysis and future activity planning.

Further Comments

If you have any further comments you wish to provide the Community Team; please give them below.

Mike Buckland has resigned from the committee for health reasons and both Chris Todd-Davies and I will not be standing for election to our respective roles this year, although we will be remaining on the committee.

Nominations for Awards and Recognition

It is important that the BCS recognise deserving voluntary service. If you are aware of someone who warrants one of these awards, then please nominate them. It is easy to nominate someone, but, if you are unsure about completing the form, the Community team and your liaison in the Programme, Practice and Policy Committee can help. Please email groups@bcs.uk.

There are three levels of Recognition of Appreciation award:

- Certificate of Appreciation – going beyond the normal expectations of a single voluntary role by directly contributing to significant involvements, achievements or benefits to BCS.
- Meritorious Certificate – going beyond the normal expectations of two or more voluntary roles in different areas of BCS by directly contributing to tangible involvements, achievements or benefits to BCS.
- John Ivinson Award – significantly furthering the BCS's strategic aims and mission on a wide scope of BCS's areas of endeavour by directly contributing significant achievements and benefits to BCS. Typically, the BCS will present this prestigious award to 1-3 volunteers per year.

There are long-service awards for 5, 10, 25, and 30 years of contribution to the BCS.

Volunteer Recognition

Please complete the table below and indicate if you wish to nominate a member of your team for an award of recognition. A member of the Community Team will get in touch to help you complete the process.

Group/Branch Member	Years of BCS Volunteering	Nomination
Mike Buckland	11	Meritorious certificate for his previous long-term role as branch events coordinator and, more recently, stand-in secretary, as well as for being the original driving force behind Oracle's partnership with BCS.
Chris Todd-Davies	10	Meritorious certificate for his long-term role as branch treasurer and STEM coordinator, as well as for giving his time to attend several annual STEM events such as TeenTech.

Honorary Fellowship

Nominees will have made an outstanding contribution to the charitable objectives of the BCS over an extended period.

The BCS award Honorary Fellowship under Byelaw 8 of the BCS's Royal Charter and Trustee Board Regulation 1.3 specifies that the BCS award may also make the award to non-members who may not be eligible for any other class of membership.

Community Board and Trustee Board will consider a candidate for Honorary Fellowship against the following criteria:

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- At any time, both the contribution to BCS's work and the stature of the individual nominated should be commensurate with the standards set by previous recipients. There is no overall limit to the number of Honorary Fellows although it is unlikely that there will be more than two Honorary Fellows elected in any one year.
- To be elected, the nomination must be on the Trustee Board Agenda, and at least 3/4 of those present must resolve in favour.

If you are aware of a nominee for Honorary Fellowship; please add their details below and a member of the Community Team will raise this at the next appropriate meeting of the Community Board.