

## Norman Nicholson Society – Membership Report 2021-2022

I thank Glenn Lang for dealing with *The Cumberland* (formerly Cumberland Building Society) and lodging cheques and checking membership payments. (Our use has been less convenient during the pandemic because of its lockdown closure or limited opening hours in Ulverston.)

The current membership (April 2022) is:

- 159 of which 6 are Honorary Life Members, and 4 are Youth members. There are 23 joint memberships. We had 12 new members (including 1 Youth and 3 joint memberships) over the last year.
- We are still chasing up lapsed members we had on the lists (possibly three). We had three resignations and deaths reported over the last year.
- We appear to have a stable core of members with a slow annual addition and with some recent enquiries in the last month. This is reasonable and reflects the growth of the Society over the years.
- We should try to increase the membership as Nicholson's poetry gains in popularity and members are used by, for example, educational institutions. Some publicity is gained from presentations made by members regarding Norman Nicholson and his poetry.
- I propose that your Committee continues to look at the *Society's Membership Review and Action Plan* with a view to generating more income from membership numbers. Increases of postage costs for example, need to be covered for mailing 'Comet'. We would also welcome ideas from the membership about increasing the 'visibility' of the Society and its work.

Brian Whalley  
Membership Secretary  
21st April 2022