

# Requested Members' List update

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From time to time, the Club Committee receives requests for a list of members to be published. Years ago, we used to publish a Members' Handbook, which listed all members and provided some Club information. That was discontinued, mainly due to increased postage costs. Now we have the internet, some members have asked for an on-line list of members.

The Committee have discussed this on a number of occasions and have decided against publishing such a list. There are practical issues in producing and maintaining an accurate list, and there are on-going concerns over data protection, the need for members to opt in to sharing data and the growing number of members who are listed as 'details withheld' in the RSGB Yearbook.

The Committee position is, therefore, that if members want to know if a station they work is a Club member, they simply ask during the QSO. Exchanging membership numbers is much as you would do in a contest, requires no effort from the Club volunteer workforce, and the data is shared with the full consent of the sender.

This is seen to be a very G-QRP KISS solution. I hope that explains the rationale behind our decision.

