BCS Member Group Chair's Report

Member Group Name:	Coventry Branch
Year:	2020
Report Completed By:	Peter Mason

Group Chair:	Peter Mason
Group Treasurer:	Gary Walton
Group Secretary:	John Rendall
Group Inclusion Officer:	Irene Glendinning
Other Committee Members:	Jerry Barnes, Ada Chan, Margaret Low, Adrian Pauling, Joanne Pyne, Don Stewart, Yuri Vershinin

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. Christmas Lecture	Annual lecture jointly with IET and IMA "Can batteries transport us to a greener future?" with 191 attendees
2. Monthly meetings held at Coventry or Warwick University (until lockdown)	5 out of 8 planned meetings were held. One was replaced by a joint webinar with Hampshire branch and two meetings cancelled as unsuitable for online meetings
3.Embraced GoToWebinar going forward	Our speakers for the early part of the 2020-2021 meeting programme have agreed to webinars and so far two have had a practice session

Plans

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

Planned Activity	Additional Comments
1. Planned monthly meetings	Currently planning for meetings to be online at least until 2021
2.2021 Coventry is City of Culture	Branch was planning a number of joint meetings with various partners until Covid-19 delayed City of Culture. We have webinars planned for early 2021 to "fill the gap"

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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. Group member involvement	Meeting attendance is by very small number of members. Attempts to reach out to members to understand what they would like from the group have been unsuccessful
2. Use of university facilities	Both universities are becoming more difficult with arrangements for rooms, catering etc and the group is heavily reliant on key members at each university to help us with resources
3. Speakers	Becoming more difficult to find local speakers for meetings.

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.

Attendance data

Date	18th September 2019	16th October 2019	20th November 2019	15th January 2020	19th February 2020	25th March 2020	22nd April 2020	20th May 2020	Average
Mtg	Geek.Zone	Automotive Cyber Security	Caching the Web	Cyber Security	BCS Apprentice ships	What about you?	BCS President	Towards Autonomous Cars	
BCS	11	11	7	13	8				10
Guest or Visitor		4	7	5	3				4
Total	11	15	14	18	11				14

Further Comments

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

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

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:

- 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.