

Membership Secretary's Report. for Area 2026 AGM
These figures are for the end of October 2025

	2024	2025	Difference
Area total	1529	1564	+35
LE01 Hinckley	201	194	-7
LE02 Leicester	422	416	-6
LE03 Melton	113	104	-9
LE04 Coalville	234	229	-5
LE05 Rutland	140	151	+11
LE06 Loughborough	139	158	+19
LE07 Lutterworth	95	92	-1
LE50 LRWG	99	98	-3
LE96 Others	86	122	+36

As can be seen, a set of very conflicting figures with quite encouraging rises for Rutland and Loughborough being the almost exact numerical opposite for the other six groups. LE96 (members not attached to a specific group) has clearly shown to be the dramatic winner here as highlighted with the following figures from 10 years ago.

Area total	1565
LE01 Hinckley	229
LE02 Leicester	464
LE03 Melton	152
LE04 Coalville	220
LE05 Rutland	121
LE06 Loughborough	139
LE07 Lutterworth	110
LE50 LRWG	112
LE96 Others	17

I have been a member of the RA for over 35 years and served on the Leicester group committee as Chairman, Secretary and Membership secretary for most of those years and on the "Area" committee as the group representative but mainly as the membership secretary. Over those years the means of communication from central office went from dozens of sheets of computer-generated (green striped) paper to conventional A4 paper and then the breakthrough to a 3.5" "floppy disc (1.44meg) (and paper) and then to e-mail downloads with a dire warning not to open the file if it was blank!

By the time of the AGM in January I will be approaching 81 years of age so this will (should!) be my last AGM report. I wish my successor every success.

Ray Phipps (Area membership secretary) November 2025