

BRANCH LIAISON SECRETARY

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Officers' Newsletter 202

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Dear All

Firstly some more good news to add to what was included in Officers' Newsletter 201.

REPTA – The Railway Employees & Public Transport Association

We have negotiated membership of REPTA, available to all RCTS members, without the requirement of being an active or retired transport worker.

Membership costs just £5 a year and includes a range of offers and discounts across a wide range of retail, leisure activities and attractions, including:

- Discounts at high street stores such as M & S, Argos, Boots, W H Smith, Curry's PC World.
- Special rates at many UK Theme Parks such as Alton Towers, Drayton Manor, Madame Tussauds, Legoland, Chessington World of Adventure.
- Special rates from holiday companies such as Warners, Great Rail Journeys as well as hotel deals throughout the UK.
- Discounts to many national attractions such as the Shard in London and the Royal Yacht in Edinburgh.
- Plus much more

Visit the REPTA website at <https://repta.co.uk> for further details or write to:

Colin Rolle, 4 Brackmills Close, Forest Town, Mansfield. NG19 0PB

A membership application form providing additional information is attached as **Appendix 1** to this Newsletter.

Updating branch pages on the website

Just another quick reminder about updating branch pages on the website – some appear to show no changes for over two years. Our web team are very friendly so please ask for help if you need it. This is important, both for the branch and to encourage members to be more engaged with the Branch and the Society as a whole, especially while we cannot get out and about freely. Please make sure that branch officer contact details are up to date otherwise it becomes more difficult for members and guests to get in touch to find out more. Where there are only contact details for one person, a second would be really helpful just in case the first is not available. Who knows, you might just find that volunteer you were looking for!

The information contained in this newsletter is for use of RCTS Officers and Members only and should not be communicated outside of the Society

Vacancies

1 Minute Taker to the Trustees

The Trustees are seeking a volunteer to take on the role of Minute Taker to the Board of Trustees (BoT). The successful person will not be a Trustee themselves but would attend BoT meetings to record and later produce the minutes of those meetings. While the meetings are held using Zoom, a recording of each meeting will be made to assist this process. If you are interested, please apply to Society Chair Callum MacLeod on chairman@rcts.org.uk.

2 Features Editor

Managing Editor Mike Robinson is seeking someone to fill a new position of 'Features Editor'. This will involve going through the many feature articles he receives, making sure that they follow *RO* Style Guidelines, and have no spelling or grammatical errors. In some cases it may also be necessary to edit the text to make sure that it will fit the length limits for each *RO* issue. Anyone interested in this role should apply directly to Mike on observer@rcts.org.uk.

Society Structure

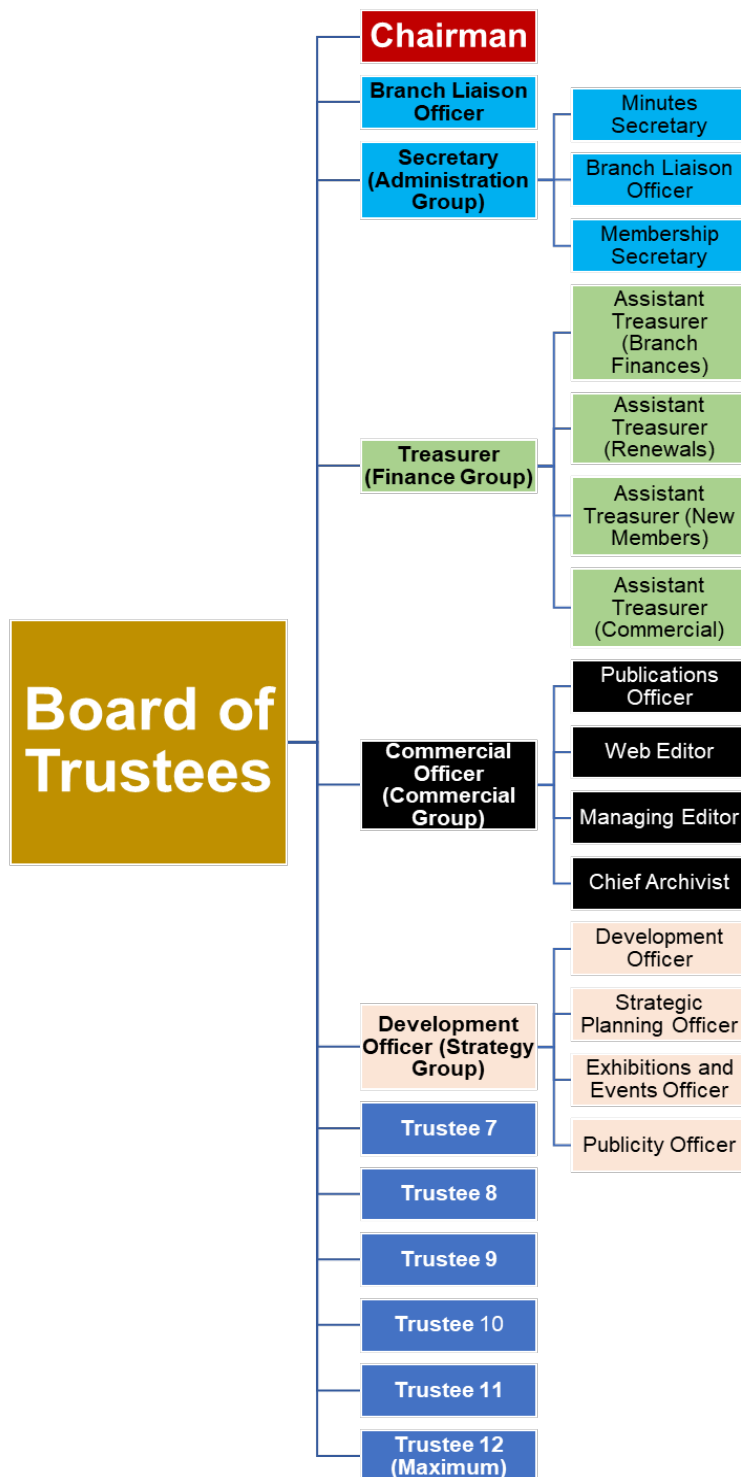
You might find the chart on the next page helpful. It shows the new central structure of the RCTS as per the revised Rules that were agreed at the AGM in October 2020 which enshrines what was originally promised when the RCTS became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) - that there would only be one body at the centre ie the Board of Trustees or BoT for short. This removes the confusion between Trustees and the former Management Committee. There are, of course, links between the various governance groups that are not shown here as there is only so much you can put in a simple chart before it becomes too messy to read easily.

The current Trustees are as follows:

Society Chairman	Callum MacLeod
Branch Liaison	Irene Rabbitts
Society Secretary	Geoff Adams (leads Admin Group)
Society Treasurer	Reg Wood (leads Financial Group)
Commercial Group	David Bird (leads Commercial Group and is also Publications Officer)
Strategy Group	James Milne* (leads Strategy Group and is also Development Officer)
Trustee	David Goddard (Membership Secretary)
Trustee	Mike Robinson (<i>RO</i> Managing Editor)
Trustee	Andy Davies (Chief Archivist)
Trustee	John Redgate
Trustee	David Kelso
Trustee	Matthew Shaw* (IT and web)

* co-opted as a Trustee

This is the current list as at the time of this newsletter. Trustees will change from time to time as one steps down and another is co-opted – for later appointment or election at an AGM. Trustee vacancies will be advertised in advance of the Society AGM and nominations invited.



I hope you find the information in this newsletter of interest and please share it with your branch members, especially with regards to the new member benefit about joining REPTA, and for the volunteer vacancies. If you have any queries, please ask.

Kind regards

Irene

Appendix 1

REPTA 2021 membership

**REPTA
WORKING
FOR YOU**

Everyone loves saving money

- All transport industry sta^{ff} (active & retired) and relatives are eligible to join

ONLY £5

membership for 12 months

Look what you get for your membership fee!



- New for 2021. Bunches Flowers, Holkham Hall, Wightlink Ferries and Leonardlee Lakes & Gardens.
- Special home contents, motor and travel insurance rates from our broker, Alan Boswell Group. Give them a call Tel 01603-649737.
- Discounts via free Love2shop card at major high street stores and supermarkets with vouchers or loadable card, including M&S, Asda and Boots.
- Special private healthcare and dental insurances deals.
- Staff travel card loss cover.
- Discounted admission to many national attractions including Alton Towers, Legoland, Madame Tussauds, Thorpe Park, The Shard & many more.
- Special REPTA day out to the Royal Albert Hall in London, including afternoon tea.
- REPTA Christmas Weekend Break at Warners - Cricket St Thomas in Somerset.
- Information on rail travel.
- Holiday Offers with Fred Olsen, Warners, Haven Holidays, River Cruise Line, Arena Holidays, Great Rail Journeys and Holidays & Cruises For You.

Find out how much you can benefit from REPTA

Join on line securely through PayPal repta.co.uk and start saving or fill out the form below

We also print a Booklet summarising our offers which you can request on payment of P&P.
Questions? Call Colln Rolle on 01623 646789 candarolle@btinternet.com

Complete now and hand to your Local Secretary with the appropriate remittance or join online at www.repta.co.uk. Please see below for mail order service.

Full Name(s) **CODE: RCTS**

Address

Postcode date of birth(s)

Telephone No Email

(We will use your email to keep in touch and save postage costs.
See our Yearbook and website www.repta.co.uk for Data Protection Information).

MEMBERSHIP - £5 per person per annum (Excluding p&p)



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Expiry date of current membership

or New Member ☐ (please tick)

NOTE SPECIALLY:
 For one Membership Card + REPTA booklet, including Postage & Packing, the charge is £7 Each additional Membership Card £5.
 (Family Membership: 2 adults and all children up to age 18 £13 inc. P&P)

Total remittance enclosed
 £

(by cheque or Postal Order made payable to **REPTA**)