

## Quarterly Membership Totals

| Cat                  | 2022-23      |              |              |              |              |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                      | 1 Dec        | 1 Mar        | 1 Jun        | Final        | Change       |
| 1. Jnr Bronze        | 10           | 9            | 8            | 6            | -88.7%       |
| 2. Jnr Silver (FREE) | 1142         | 2158         | 3329         | 4124         | 57.3%        |
| 3. Jnr Silver (paid) | 1945         | 2124         | 2266         | 2390         | 44.1%        |
| 4. Jnr Gold          | 821          | 930          | 1042         | 1137         | 30.4%        |
| 5. Jnr Platinum      | 12           | 18           | 19           | 23           | 35.3%        |
| <b>Jnr Total</b>     | <b>3930</b>  | <b>5239</b>  | <b>6664</b>  | <b>7680</b>  | <b>47.1%</b> |
| 6. Bronze            | 3838         | 4188         | 4398         | 4528         | 10.4%        |
| 7. Student Silver    |              |              |              | 161          |              |
| 8. Silver            | 1935         | 2281         | 2603         | 2715         | 41.6%        |
| 9. Gold              | 2191         | 2479         | 2698         | 2941         | 25.4%        |
| X. Platinum          | 101          | 108          | 113          | 120          | 0.0%         |
| Y. Lifetime          | 33           | 33           | 34           | 31           | -8.8%        |
| <b>Adult Total</b>   | <b>8098</b>  | <b>9089</b>  | <b>9846</b>  | <b>10496</b> | <b>23.2%</b> |
| QGS Supporters       | 22           | 38           | 53           | 72           | -16.3%       |
| Supporters           | 169          | 201          | 228          | 243          | -24.3%       |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>12219</b> | <b>14567</b> | <b>16791</b> | <b>18491</b> | <b>30.7%</b> |
| <b>Paying Total</b>  | <b>11022</b> | <b>12338</b> | <b>13375</b> | <b>14264</b> | <b>25.1%</b> |

Junior Bronze membership was withdrawn from sale after 31 Aug '22

| Cat                 | 2023-24      |              |              |              |              | Change<br>From '22-23 |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
|                     | 1 Sep        | 1 Dec        | 1 Mar        | 1 Jun        | 31 Aug       |                       |
| Jnr Bronze (FREE)   | 6            | 5            |              |              | 43           |                       |
| Jnr Bronze (paid)   |              |              |              |              | 21           | 250.0%                |
| Jnr Silver (FREE)   | 3707         | 4429         | 4109         | 3954         |              |                       |
| Jnr Silver (paid)   | 1518         | 1804         | 2048         | 2246         |              |                       |
| Jnr Gold (FREE)     |              |              |              |              | 4221         | 2.4%                  |
| Jnr Gold (paid)     | 812          | 1002         | 1033         | 1054         | 3510         | -0.5%                 |
| Jnr Platinum        | 18           | 20           | 21           | 19           | 22           | -4.3%                 |
| <b>Jnr Total</b>    | <b>6061</b>  | <b>7260</b>  | <b>7211</b>  | <b>7273</b>  | <b>7817</b>  | <b>1.8%</b>           |
| Bronze              | 3667         | 4336         | 4405         | 4581         | 4549         | 0.5%                  |
| Student Silver      | 163          | 370          | 544          | 542          |              |                       |
| Silver              | 2098         | 2393         | 2451         | 2549         |              |                       |
| Student Gold        |              |              |              |              | 541          | 236.0%                |
| Gold                | 2360         | 2737         | 2835         | 2922         | 5793         | 2.4%                  |
| Platinum            | 96           | 108          | 108          | 109          | 119          | -0.8%                 |
| Lifetime            | 31           | 31           | 31           | 31           | 30           | -3.2%                 |
| <b>Adult Total</b>  | <b>8415</b>  | <b>9975</b>  | <b>10374</b> | <b>10734</b> | <b>11032</b> | <b>5.1%</b>           |
| QGS Supporters      | 61           | 50           | 33           | 18           | 18           | -75.0%                |
| Supporters          | 183          | 212          | 212          | 217          | 223          | -8.2%                 |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>14720</b> | <b>17497</b> | <b>17830</b> | <b>18242</b> | <b>19090</b> | <b>3.2%</b>           |
| <b>Paying Total</b> | <b>10758</b> | <b>12617</b> | <b>13657</b> | <b>14239</b> | <b>14255</b> | <b>-0.1%</b>          |

QGS Supporter category was discontinued after 31 Aug '23

The percentage changes from 2022-23 are calculated taking the merger of Gold and Silver into account

| Cat                 | 2024-25      |              |              |          |          | Change<br>From '23-24 |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|
|                     | 1 Sep        | 1 Dec        | 1 Mar        | 1 Jun    | 31 Aug   |                       |
| Jnr Bronze (FREE)   | 47           | 260          | 413          |          |          |                       |
| Jnr Bronze (paid)   | 39           | 316          | 469          |          |          |                       |
| Jnr Gold (FREE)     | 3836         | 3616         | 3671         |          |          | -10.7%                |
| Jnr Gold (paid)     | 2845         | 3056         | 3193         |          |          | 3.6%                  |
| Jnr Platinum        | 21           | 24           | 26           |          |          | 23.8%                 |
| <b>Jnr Total</b>    | <b>6788</b>  | <b>7272</b>  | <b>7772</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>7.8%</b>           |
| Bronze              | 4014         | 4609         | 4749         |          |          | 7.8%                  |
| Student Gold        | 503          | 577          | 600          |          |          | 10.3%                 |
| Gold                | 4850         | 5474         | 5743         |          |          | 8.6%                  |
| Platinum            | 107          | 118          | 124          |          |          | 14.8%                 |
| Lifetime            | 32           | 32           | 29           |          |          | -6.5%                 |
| <b>Adult Total</b>  | <b>9506</b>  | <b>10810</b> | <b>11245</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>8.4%</b>           |
| Supporters          | 215          | 227          | 209          |          |          | -1.4%                 |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>16509</b> | <b>18309</b> | <b>19226</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>7.8%</b>           |
| <b>Paying Total</b> | <b>12091</b> | <b>13824</b> | <b>14513</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>6.3%</b>           |

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### AGE / GENDER PROFILE 2023/24

| Age Group    | Total        | Male         | Female      | Other      | % Female    | % by Age     |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| <9           | 1880         | 1453         | 422         | 5          | 22.4%       | <b>9.8%</b>  |
| 9-11         | 2700         | 2195         | 489         | 16         | 18.1%       | <b>14.1%</b> |
| 12-14        | 2028         | 1778         | 244         | 6          | 12.0%       | <b>10.6%</b> |
| 15-17        | 1209         | 1065         | 135         | 9          | 11.2%       | <b>6.3%</b>  |
| 18-20        | 709          | 637          | 64          | 8          | 9.0%        | <b>3.7%</b>  |
| 21-25        | 1014         | 923          | 73          | 18         | 7.2%        | <b>5.3%</b>  |
| 26-34        | 1491         | 1385         | 87          | 19         | 5.8%        | <b>7.8%</b>  |
| 35-49        | 2284         | 2156         | 114         | 14         | 5.0%        | <b>12.0%</b> |
| 50-64        | 2836         | 2750         | 77          | 9          | 2.7%        | <b>14.9%</b> |
| 65-79        | 2415         | 2370         | 40          | 5          | 1.7%        | <b>12.7%</b> |
| 80+          | 303          | 298          | 5           | 0          | 1.7%        | <b>1.6%</b>  |
| unknown      | 221          | 213          | 8           | 0          | 3.6%        | <b>1.2%</b>  |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>19090</b> | <b>17223</b> | <b>1758</b> | <b>109</b> | <b>9.2%</b> |              |

It is unlikely that the many of the members of unknown age are aged under 50

*Other* includes *Non-binary* and *Prefer not to say*

Ages taken as at 1/1/24

### AGE / GENDER PROFILE MAR '25

| Age Group    | Total        | Male         | Female      | Other      | % Female    | % by Age     |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| <9           | 1629         | 1276         | 345         | 8          | 21.2%       | <b>8.5%</b>  |
| 9-11         | 2699         | 2162         | 522         | 15         | 19.3%       | <b>14.1%</b> |
| 12-14        | 2127         | 1818         | 304         | 5          | 14.3%       | <b>11.1%</b> |
| 15-17        | 1229         | 1073         | 148         | 8          | 12.0%       | <b>6.4%</b>  |
| 18-20        | 824          | 731          | 78          | 15         | 9.5%        | <b>4.3%</b>  |
| 21-25        | 1017         | 926          | 72          | 19         | 7.1%        | <b>5.3%</b>  |
| 26-34        | 1533         | 1435         | 82          | 16         | 5.3%        | <b>8.0%</b>  |
| 35-49        | 2322         | 2191         | 116         | 15         | 5.0%        | <b>12.2%</b> |
| 50-64        | 2709         | 2623         | 77          | 9          | 2.8%        | <b>14.2%</b> |
| 65-79        | 2397         | 2353         | 40          | 4          | 1.7%        | <b>12.6%</b> |
| 80+          | 303          | 299          | 4           | 0          | 1.3%        | <b>1.6%</b>  |
| unknown      | 437          | 422          | 15          | 0          | 3.4%        | <b>2.3%</b>  |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>19226</b> | <b>17309</b> | <b>1803</b> | <b>114</b> | <b>9.4%</b> |              |

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Ages taken as at 1/1/25

## Geographical Distribution of Membership

Membership as at 1 Jun 2025

| County                  | Junior Bronze (Free) | Junior Bronze | Junior Gold (Free) | Junior Gold | Junior Platinum | Bronze      | Student Gold (Free) | Gold        | Platinum   | Lifetime  | ECF Supporter | TOTAL        | Members per 10k | Population (thousands) |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Middlesex               | 89                   | 80            | 622                | 539         | 15              | 233         | 84                  | 501         | 19         | 1         | 21            | 2204         | 5.78            | 3,811                  |
| Essex                   | 6                    | 22            | 177                | 156         |                 | 223         | 14                  | 222         | 9          |           | 6             | 835          | 2.57            | 3,254                  |
| Hertfordshire           | 31                   | 24            | 362                | 225         | 1               | 155         | 20                  | 209         | 4          | 1         | 9             | 1041         | 6.57            | 1,585                  |
| Buckinghamshire         | 19                   | 20            | 214                | 162         |                 | 84          | 15                  | 153         | 4          | 2         | 6             | 679          | 5.28            | 1,286                  |
| Berkshire               | 4                    | 19            | 46                 | 41          |                 | 41          | 10                  | 56          |            |           | 1             | 218          | 4.92            | 443                    |
| Oxfordshire             | 4                    | 10            | 81                 | 96          |                 | 82          | 19                  | 130         |            | 1         | 4             | 427          | 6.17            | 692                    |
| Surrey                  | 61                   | 47            | 489                | 571         | 3               | 271         | 49                  | 535         | 15         | 3         | 18            | 2062         | 5.63            | 3,660                  |
| Sussex                  | 2                    | 13            | 61                 | 77          |                 | 101         | 8                   | 168         | 3          | 2         | 4             | 439          | 3.09            | 1,421                  |
| Kent                    | 16                   | 13            | 158                | 167         | 4               | 228         | 28                  | 351         | 9          | 1         | 8             | 983          | 3.24            | 3,035                  |
| <b>South</b>            | <b>232</b>           | <b>248</b>    | <b>2210</b>        | <b>2034</b> | <b>23</b>       | <b>1418</b> | <b>247</b>          | <b>2325</b> | <b>63</b>  | <b>11</b> | <b>77</b>     | <b>8888</b>  | <b>4.63</b>     | <b>19,187</b>          |
| Hampshire               | 17                   | 11            | 43                 | 73          |                 | 157         | 17                  | 183         | 1          |           | 5             | 507          | 2.55            | 1,992                  |
| Wiltshire               | 2                    | 1             | 14                 | 19          |                 | 57          | 6                   | 73          | 1          | 1         | 6             | 180          | 2.49            | 722                    |
| Gloucestershire         | 11                   | 6             | 49                 | 52          |                 | 140         | 18                  | 171         | 3          | 1         | 3             | 454          | 3.28            | 1,385                  |
| Somerset                | 6                    | 9             | 39                 | 31          |                 | 97          | 7                   | 134         |            | 3         | 4             | 330          | 3.40            | 971                    |
| Dorset                  | 1                    | 7             | 12                 | 13          |                 | 61          | 3                   | 71          | 2          |           | 2             | 172          | 2.22            | 774                    |
| Devon                   | 8                    | 10            | 31                 | 26          |                 | 69          | 7                   | 127         | 5          | 1         | 1             | 285          | 2.37            | 1,201                  |
| Cornwall                | 2                    |               | 4                  | 7           |                 | 23          | 3                   | 37          | 1          |           | 1             | 78           | 1.36            | 572                    |
| <b>West of England</b>  | <b>47</b>            | <b>44</b>     | <b>192</b>         | <b>221</b>  | <b>0</b>        | <b>604</b>  | <b>61</b>           | <b>796</b>  | <b>13</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>22</b>     | <b>2006</b>  | <b>2.63</b>     | <b>7,616</b>           |
| Bedfordshire            |                      | 1             | 11                 | 11          |                 | 45          | 6                   | 30          |            |           | 2             | 106          | 1.57            | 675                    |
| Cambridgeshire          | 7                    | 10            | 65                 | 66          |                 | 106         | 15                  | 107         | 1          |           | 2             | 379          | 4.43            | 856                    |
| Suffolk                 | 1                    | 1             | 13                 | 15          |                 | 86          | 2                   | 70          | 1          |           | 4             | 193          | 2.53            | 761                    |
| Norfolk                 | 3                    | 11            | 43                 | 31          |                 | 102         | 8                   | 101         |            | 1         | 4             | 304          | 3.35            | 908                    |
| <b>East Anglia</b>      | <b>11</b>            | <b>23</b>     | <b>132</b>         | <b>123</b>  | <b>0</b>        | <b>339</b>  | <b>31</b>           | <b>308</b>  | <b>2</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>12</b>     | <b>982</b>   | <b>3.07</b>     | <b>3,200</b>           |
| Northamptonshire        |                      | 2             | 8                  | 9           |                 | 26          | 3                   | 52          |            |           | 3             | 103          | 1.37            | 753                    |
| Warwickshire            | 4                    | 8             | 136                | 166         |                 | 206         | 41                  | 205         | 1          |           | 8             | 775          | 3.36            | 2,308                  |
| Worcestershire          | 5                    |               | 20                 | 20          |                 | 90          | 6                   | 59          | 2          | 1         | 2             | 205          | 1.65            | 1,246                  |
| Herefordshire           |                      |               | 2                  | 3           |                 | 15          | 1                   | 13          |            |           |               | 34           | 1.76            | 193                    |
| Shropshire              | 1                    | 4             | 27                 | 15          |                 | 28          |                     | 65          |            |           | 1             | 141          | 2.80            | 503                    |
| Staffordshire           | 6                    | 15            | 50                 | 32          |                 | 155         | 5                   | 103         | 2          | 2         | 3             | 373          | 2.21            | 1,685                  |
| Leicestershire          | 15                   | 7             | 38                 | 33          |                 | 107         | 17                  | 89          | 2          | 2         | 5             | 315          | 2.86            | 1,100                  |
| Lincolnshire            | 1                    | 5             | 11                 | 10          |                 | 68          | 3                   | 94          |            |           | 1             | 193          | 1.77            | 1,093                  |
| Nottinghamshire         | 1                    | 3             | 69                 | 58          |                 | 75          | 16                  | 84          | 2          | 1         | 1             | 310          | 2.67            | 1,161                  |
| Derbyshire              |                      | 1             | 34                 | 18          |                 | 98          | 5                   | 97          | 2          |           | 2             | 257          | 2.42            | 1,060                  |
| <b>Midlands</b>         | <b>33</b>            | <b>45</b>     | <b>395</b>         | <b>364</b>  | <b>0</b>        | <b>868</b>  | <b>97</b>           | <b>861</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>26</b>     | <b>2706</b>  | <b>2.44</b>     | <b>11,102</b>          |
| Cheshire & N.Wales      | 6                    | 10            | 56                 | 32          |                 | 105         | 3                   | 127         | 1          |           | 5             | 345          | 3.23            | 1,067                  |
| Greater Manchester      | 9                    | 9             | 123                | 84          | 1               | 182         | 27                  | 198         | 3          |           | 5             | 641          | 2.52            | 2,548                  |
| Merseyside              | 1                    | 10            | 33                 | 38          |                 | 176         | 7                   | 83          | 1          | 1         | 3             | 353          | 2.47            | 1,430                  |
| Lancashire              | 1                    | 3             | 42                 | 27          |                 | 120         | 12                  | 148         | 1          |           | 7             | 361          | 2.01            | 1,796                  |
| Cumbria                 |                      | 1             | 10                 | 7           |                 | 31          | 3                   | 55          | 1          |           |               | 108          | 2.16            | 500                    |
| Yorkshire               | 32                   | 33            | 267                | 167         | 1               | 444         | 40                  | 463         | 10         | 1         | 13            | 1471         | 2.84            | 5,171                  |
| Cleveland               | 7                    | 16            | 18                 | 18          |                 | 80          | 3                   | 44          | 1          | 1         | 2             | 190          | 2.81            | 676                    |
| Durham                  | 3                    | 3             | 5                  | 6           | 1               | 56          | 9                   | 68          | 4          |           | 2             | 157          | 1.35            | 1,161                  |
| Northumberland          | 9                    | 2             | 31                 | 16          |                 | 85          | 19                  | 103         | 3          |           | 2             | 270          | 3.24            | 833                    |
| <b>Northern England</b> | <b>68</b>            | <b>87</b>     | <b>585</b>         | <b>395</b>  | <b>3</b>        | <b>1279</b> | <b>123</b>          | <b>1289</b> | <b>25</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>39</b>     | <b>3896</b>  | <b>2.57</b>     | <b>15,182</b>          |
| <b>ENGLAND TOTAL</b>    | <b>391</b>           | <b>447</b>    | <b>3514</b>        | <b>3137</b> | <b>26</b>       | <b>4508</b> | <b>559</b>          | <b>5579</b> | <b>114</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>176</b>    | <b>18478</b> | <b>3.28</b>     | <b>56,287</b>          |
| Wales                   | 1                    | 1             | 18                 | 6           | 0               | 17          | 3                   | 31          | 1          | 0         | 2             | 80           |                 |                        |
| Scotland                | 1                    | 0             | 7                  | 7           | 0               | 9           | 1                   | 24          | 2          | 1         | 5             | 57           |                 |                        |
| Isle of Man             | 1                    | 0             | 0                  | 0           | 0               | 8           | 2                   | 16          | 0          | 0         | 0             | 27           |                 |                        |
| Channel Islands         | 0                    | 0             | 0                  | 2           | 0               | 2           | 0                   | 2           | 1          | 0         | 0             | 7            |                 |                        |
| Gibraltar               |                      |               |                    |             |                 |             |                     | 1           |            |           |               | 1            |                 |                        |
| Northern Ireland        | 0                    | 1             | 1                  | 0           | 0               | 1           | 2                   | 0           | 0          | 0         | 0             | 5            |                 |                        |
| Ireland                 | 0                    | 0             | 2                  | 1           | 0               | 2           | 2                   | 6           | 0          | 0         | 2             | 15           |                 |                        |
| Foreign                 | 15                   | 4             | 47                 | 13          |                 | 18          | 26                  | 33          | 4          |           | 22            | 182          |                 |                        |
| <b>Other</b>            | <b>18</b>            | <b>6</b>      | <b>75</b>          | <b>29</b>   | <b>0</b>        | <b>57</b>   | <b>36</b>           | <b>113</b>  | <b>8</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>31</b>     | <b>374</b>   |                 |                        |
| Unknown                 | 4                    | 16            | 82                 | 27          | 1               | 184         | 5                   | 51          | 1          | 1         | 2             | 374          |                 |                        |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>      | <b>413</b>           | <b>469</b>    | <b>3671</b>        | <b>3193</b> | <b>27</b>       | <b>4749</b> | <b>600</b>          | <b>5743</b> | <b>123</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>209</b>    | <b>19226</b> |                 |                        |

### Notes

The analysis has been carried out purely in terms of postcodes as recorded in the membership database.

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All players resident in Wales are counted under the heading Wales in the Other section; no attempt has been made to analyse which might properly be seen as belonging to Cheshire and North Wales

The remaining headings are intended to reflect as far as possible the areas of the county chess associations

# Countries of Foreign Membership

Membership as at 1 June 2025

| Country              | Free members | Paid members | Supporters | Total      |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Australia            | 1            | 5            |            | 6          |
| Austria              | 1            |              |            | 1          |
| Azerbaijan           | 1            |              |            | 1          |
| Bahrain              |              | 2            |            | 2          |
| Bangladesh           | 2            |              |            | 2          |
| Belgium              | 1            | 2            | 4          | 7          |
| Bermuda              |              | 2            |            | 2          |
| Bhutan               | 1            |              |            | 1          |
| Canada               | 2            | 1            |            | 3          |
| Chile                | 1            |              |            | 1          |
| China                | 6            | 3            |            | 9          |
| Croatia              |              |              | 1          | 1          |
| Czech Republic       |              | 1            |            | 1          |
| Denmark              |              | 1            | 1          | 2          |
| France               | 1            | 9            | 2          | 12         |
| Germany              | 2            | 6            | 1          | 9          |
| Greece               | 3            | 2            | 1          | 6          |
| Guadeloupe           |              | 1            |            | 1          |
| Hong Kong            |              | 1            |            | 1          |
| Hungary              |              | 2            |            | 2          |
| Iceland              | 1            |              |            | 1          |
| India                | 15           | 3            | 1          | 19         |
| Israel               | 1            |              |            | 1          |
| Italy                | 2            | 2            |            | 4          |
| Japan                |              | 1            |            | 1          |
| Kenya                | 1            |              |            | 1          |
| Kosovo               |              | 1            |            | 1          |
| Luxembourg           |              | 3            | 1          | 4          |
| Malaysia             | 1            | 2            |            | 3          |
| Malta                |              | 2            |            | 2          |
| Morocco              |              | 2            |            | 2          |
| Netherlands          | 1            |              | 2          | 3          |
| New Zealand          |              | 1            |            | 1          |
| Nigeria              |              | 1            |            | 1          |
| Philippines          | 1            |              |            | 1          |
| Poland               | 2            | 2            | 1          | 5          |
| Qatar                |              | 2            |            | 2          |
| Saudi Arabia         |              | 1            |            | 1          |
| Singapore            | 3            | 3            | 1          | 7          |
| Spain                | 4            | 5            |            | 9          |
| Switzerland          | 1            | 5            |            | 6          |
| Thailand             |              | 1            |            | 1          |
| Turkey               | 1            |              |            | 1          |
| Uganda               | 1            |              |            | 1          |
| Ukraine              | 1            | 1            |            | 2          |
| United Arab Emirates | 7            | 3            |            | 10         |
| United States        | 11           | 3            | 6          | 20         |
| Uzbekistan           | 1            |              |            | 1          |
| Zimbabwe             | 1            |              |            | 1          |
| <b>Total Foreign</b> | <b>78</b>    | <b>82</b>    | <b>22</b>  | <b>182</b> |