

8. Enquiries Secretary's Report for 2021 AGM

During the twelve months prior to June 2020, the date of our proposed AGM last year, we received 57 enquiries which was a 14% increase on our average annual expectation since 2002. The restrictions on movement and travel imposed to combat and control the Covid19 pandemic has undoubtedly influenced the rate of reception because it noticeably quickened following their introduction in early 2020.

From June 2020 to June 2021 we received 105 enquiries. All were from the UK and were by email except for three by telephone and one by letter. Subject matters ranged extensively.

David Kennett provided help and references for several responses which reminds me to acknowledge the help I get from him and other members of the Society with special interests and knowledge that help me with a response to some enquiries. Particular thanks are due to David Cufley whose extensive genealogical expertise provides a wealth of information on the history of brickmakers, (individuals and companies) in the UK and sometimes overseas. I am very grateful for the assistance I receive.

My records of members' particular interests are quite sparse and I would like to repeat my appeal to members who may not have stated their special interests when they joined BBS to contact me with a note of their interests, also if you collect bricks and/or are a member of any local history society. A brief note will be sufficient, my contact addresses are inside the cover of our Journal "*BBS INFORMATION*". I promise that I will not pass your contact details to any enquirer, nor will I forward any enquiry presuming that you will deal with it.

Finally, I would like to encourage contact from any member who might consider helping with the enquiries, even if not keen to take over job entirely. Having undertaken the task for many years I would be very pleased to share it.

Michael Hammett
Enquiries Secretary
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