

2025 CHAPTER REPORT



Each national chapter is required by IAH Rule 6.5 to provide an annual report on its activities. This helps us to report the Association's activities and is published on the IAH web site. It is also expected that, under the terms of the chapter's constitution or rules, the national committee will make an annual report to members in their country.

1. ABOUT YOU

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Role/responsibility held in chapter	Secretary

2. YOUR CHAPTER'S INFORMATION

Is your chapter's information correct on IAH's website: https://iah.org/groups/national-chapters Please tell us of any changes now and each time a new committee is chosen.	Yes, the information on the website is correct. New in 2025 was the addition of 3 new members: Joe Shipperbottom, Mark Morton, and Neil Burnside.
Does your chapter have its own website? If so, please confirm the URL. If you do have a website, who is responsible for its management? Please provide contact details.	www.britain.iah.org Bentje Brauns is responsible for website management. benau@bgs.ac.uk
Would you be interested in IAH hosting your chapter's website/providing support? As an example, see https://germany.iah.org/ .	Possibly. We would be interested to know what this entails but support is greatly appreciated where required.
Does your chapter have an elected committee? If yes, how often are elections held and how are they managed e.g. postal/email vote/at meetings?	Yes, we do have an elected committee. Details of the British Chapter constitution is on our website: https://britain.iah.org/committee/iah-british-chapter-constitution

3. LOCAL MEMBERSHIP

How is local membership status and trends? e.g. stable, declining, increasing.	We had 179 memberships in 2025. We generally have more paying members and fewer students. The memberships in 2025 were stable compared to previous years.
What are your challenges to recruitment? e.g. volunteer time/limitation, IAH fee rates, competition from other societies, language, etc.	The main challenge is that the IAH GB Chapter is not the chartership body in the UK, which means the Geological Society is a competing society. It is also common that employers often only offer to pay for one membership, which means IAH may not be the first choice

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	for many, especially where they are seeking chartership in their careers.
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4. YOUR CHAPTER'S ACTIVITIES IN 2025

Did your chapter hold an annual meeting (AGM-style)? If so, please advise: • Date and place of meeting • Approximate number attending	Yes, on 24th February 2026 in person and via Teams. The AGM was held at the Sweco office in Leeds. We had 7 attendees out of 8 members at the time.
Did your chapter hold other events e.g. technical and scientific meetings, seminars, conferences, field visits, training events? • If you have already reported these to the IAH Secretariat, only summary information is required. • If not, these please provide a summary of dates, location, number of participants, topics, etc. and how successful you felt each event was. • Do you have photos we can use? • Are your events open to IAH non-members? • Did you hold events in partnership with others e.g. a national society, company, institution?	Yes, we hold two regular conferences a year, which the Scottish Conference being relatively recent with 2025 being the first. Both events open to IAH non-members at different rates. Ineson Lecture – 19th November 2025 in conjunction with the Hydrogeological Group of the Geological Society Recap of the event is on our website: 2025 Sustainable Groundwater: Old and New - IAH Britain We had approximately 130 attendees, which was one of our highest attended Ineson Lectures. Details of our 2025 Scottish Conference are on our website: 2025 - Potential and Risks - IAH Britain

5. YOUR CHAPTER'S PLANS

Do you have any activities or tasks planned for 2026? If yes, please provide brief details, including if your plans are limited because of e.g. lack of funds or local interest/volunteer support to help	Yes, we are hosting the 2026 Ineson Lecture on 19th November 2026 in conjunction with the Hydrogeological Group of the Geological Society. Our 2026 theme of “Tiny Pollutants, Big Problems”! The meeting will focus on emerging contaminants including PFAS, microplastics, and more. The Ineson Lecture will be delivered by Viviana Re from the University of Pisa, with a range of supporting speakers from water companies, regulators, and academics.
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6. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Please use this section to make any additional comments/suggestions e.g. what support from IAH centrally might assist your chapter, future plans you would like to see for IAH

Support for 2028 Congress will be required.