

## RSCDS Herts and Borders Branch Membership and Fee Policy

### Definitions:

There are two categories of Branch Memberships (covering all classes of membership) :

- a. **Full Branch Members:** Individuals who hold their RSCDS membership through the Branch and who pay both their Branch annual fee and RSCDS annual subscription through the Branch, and
- b. **Additional Branch Members:** Individuals who hold their RSCDS membership through another branch and who only pay the Branch annual fee. It is understood that they maintain active RSCDS membership status through another RSCDS branch. Their Branch Membership will lapse in accordance with 4 below if this is not the case.

### Dues Policy:

- 1) Branch membership fees and RSCDS subscriptions are both due annually beginning 1 July.
- 2) Branch membership renewals are easily done during using the online membership form of the Branch Website.
- 3) All benefits of the Branch are only available to active Branch members and include:
  - a) notification of upcoming Branch events;
  - b) receipt of event e-mails regarding upcoming events and other activities;
  - c) discounts to selected Branch sponsored events;
  - d) priority application for selected Branch events;
  - e) receipt of the Branch Newsletter; and
- 4) Active members will have a 4 month grace period after the annual Branch fees and RSCDS subscriptions become due on 1 July. If not renewed by 30 November, their Branch membership (and RSCDS membership for Full Branch Members) will lapse and member benefits will cease.
- 5) Lapsed members may re-join for the current membership year at full cost with immediate reactivation of member benefits, or re-join in July for the next membership year. Lapsed members will need to complete and submit the relevant membership form.
- 6) The Branch may check that additional branch members are full members with another RSCDS branch and obtain their RSCDS membership number from the RSCDS headquarters.
- 7) A member of any type is required to complete annually the branch membership application/renewal form to ensure that all details and permissions held are correct.