

# ■ SRCC Club Briefing 2021

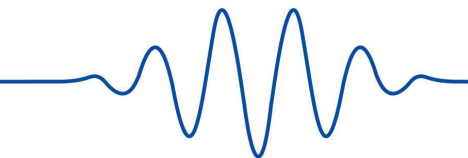


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**District Representative, District 101**



Radio Society of Great Britain

Advancing amateur radio since 1913



# ■ Why Join?

## ➤ Benefits

- RadCom
- Discount on RSGB books and merchandise
- QSL Bureau
- Free admission to Bletchley Park Museum
- Advice on Planning matters
- Support and advice to investigate EMC issues
- Access to online material at RSGB site

## ➤ Costs

- £56 – individual membership
- £65 – Family Membership
- £4 discount when paying by direct debit

- Join via RSGB store, form in the AFS Newsletter or from your local Regional/District Representative

# ■ Overview of the RSGB

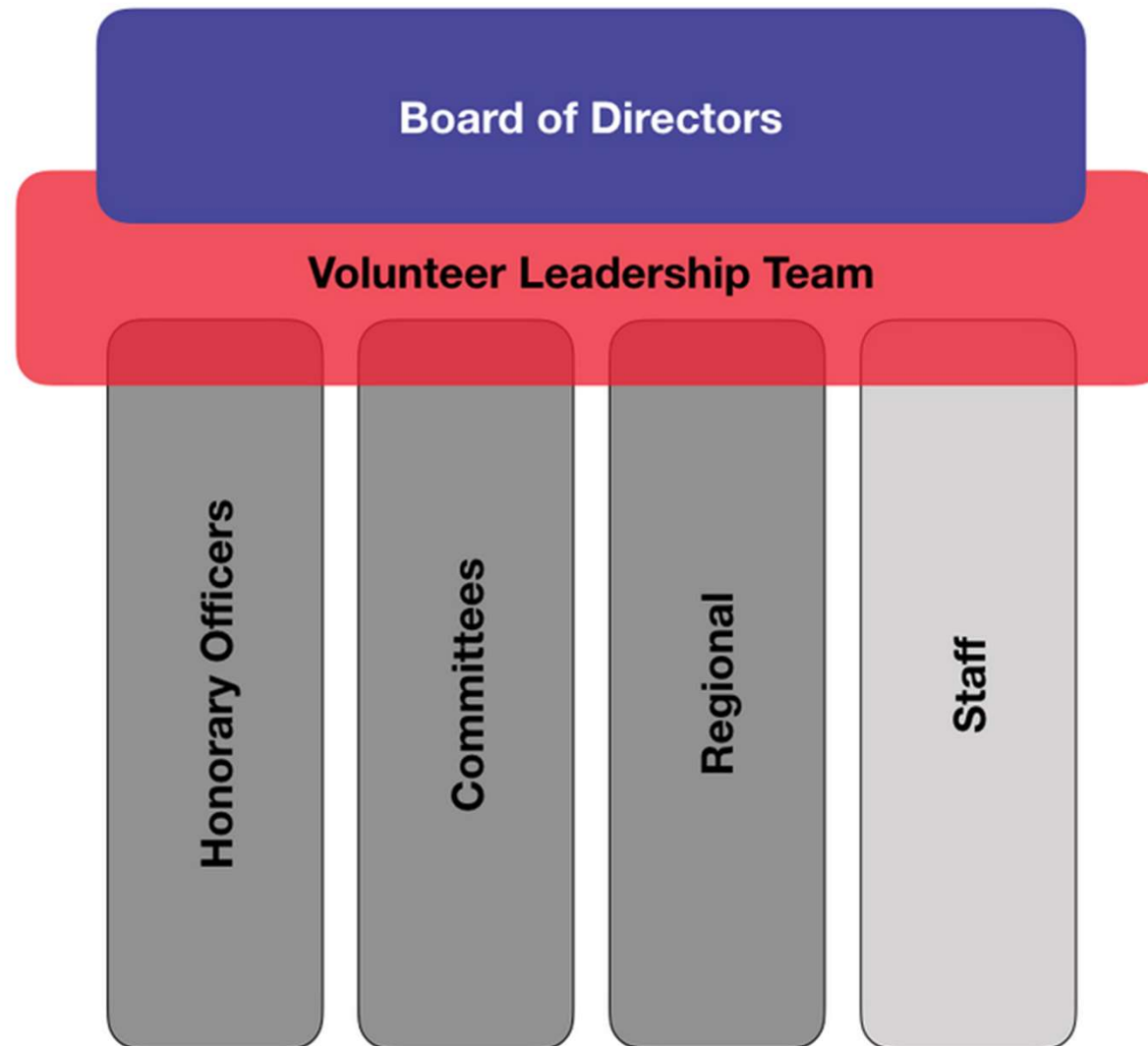
- The RSGB
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# ■ RSGB strategy

- Five-year strategy launched in April 2017
- Our Purpose: The RSGB exists to protect, promote and enhance the use, understanding and enjoyment of wireless communication
- Our values: Enjoyment; Progression; Community; Service
- Eight priorities: Growth; Spectrum; Participation; Research; Diversity; Membership; Recognition; Organisation
- Our Goal; To have an active and thriving amateur radio community, supported by a strong, representative and influential RSGB
- Summary and explanation online:  
[www.rsgb.org/strategy](http://www.rsgb.org/strategy)



# ■ Organisation



# ■ The RSGB Volunteer Leadership Team

- RSGB governing structure changed in April 2018
- VLT provides guidance and member input to the Board in its direction of the Society
- It comprises the President, Chairman, Board members, Committee Chairmen, Honorary Officers and the thirteen Regional Representatives
- Also in attendance at the Leadership Team meetings are: the Company Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and General Manager

# ■ RSGB Board of Directors

## ■ Directors

- Dave Wilson, M0OBW - President
- Ian Shepherd, G4EVK - Chairman
- Stewart Bryant, G3YSX - Director
- Andy Mace , M0MUX - Director
- Len Paget , GM0ONX - Director
- John Spurgeon , G4LKD - Director
- John Rogers, M0JAV - Director

## ■ Support to the Board

- Richard Horton FCA, G4AOJ, Honorary Treasurer
- Steve Thomas, M1ACB, General Manager & Company Secretary

# ■ RSGB Committees

- ARDF
- Contest Support
- EMC Committee
- Emerging Technology Co-ordination
- Examinations Audit
- Exam Standards
- HF Contest
- IOTA Steering
- Legacy
- Planning Advisory
- Propagation Studies
- Spectrum Forum
- Technical Forum
- Training & Education
- VHF Contest
- RSGB Youth Team

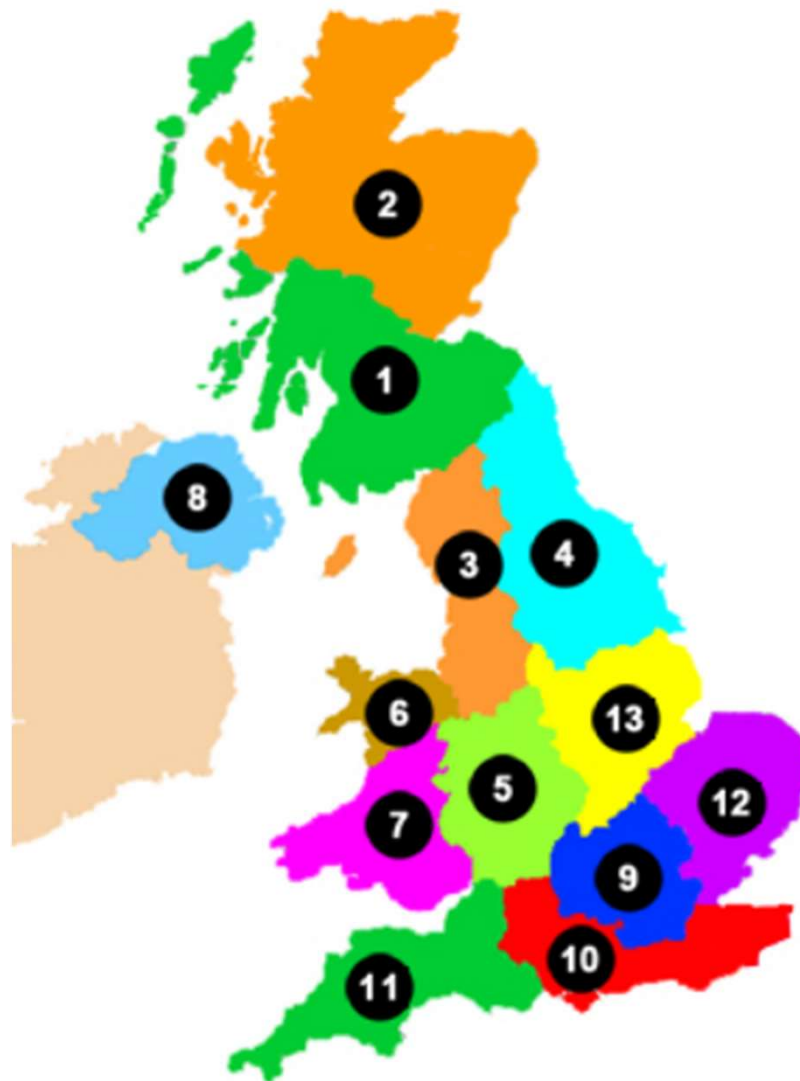


# ■ RSGB Honorary Officers

- Awards Manager
- GB2RS Manager
- HF Manager
- Intruder Watch Coordinator
- IOTA Manager
- Microwave Manager
- OAS Coordinator
- RSGB Trophies Manager
- Special Interest Groups Manager
- VHF Manager

# ■ Regional Teams

- 13 Regions, each with an elected Regional Rep
- Region 10 is split into the following districts with an associated District Rep:
  - 101 - London (South of the Thames) & Surrey
  - 102 - Wiltshire
  - 103 - West Sussex
  - 104 - Hampshire
  - 105 - Isle of Wight
  - 106 - Kent
  - 107 - East Sussex



# ■ Regional Teams – What we do #1

- Provide immediate advice on a wide range of amateur radio matters
  - If we don't know the answer to your particular problem, we'll know someone in the RSGB who does and put you in touch
- Represent both the RSGB and its members
- Make sure your views are heard by the RSGB Board and the Volunteer Leadership Team
  - It is very important that individuals, Board members and other volunteer leaders have a way of keeping in touch with what is going on—we provide a channel to make that happen

## ■ Regional Teams – What we do #2

- Attend local rallies
  - Normally to run a book stall where you will find the latest RSGB books and other publications
- Provide support for amateur radio clubs and groups

# ■ Organisational Teams

- Innovation Team

- Amateur Radio Development, ARISS, Electromagnetic Compatibility, Legacy, Propagation studies, Technical Forum, Youth

- Learning Team

- Beyond Exams, Building Experience, Exams and Syllabus, GB2CW, Special Interest Groups

- Operating Team

- ARDF, Awards, Contests, Emerging technologies coordination, RSGB trophies

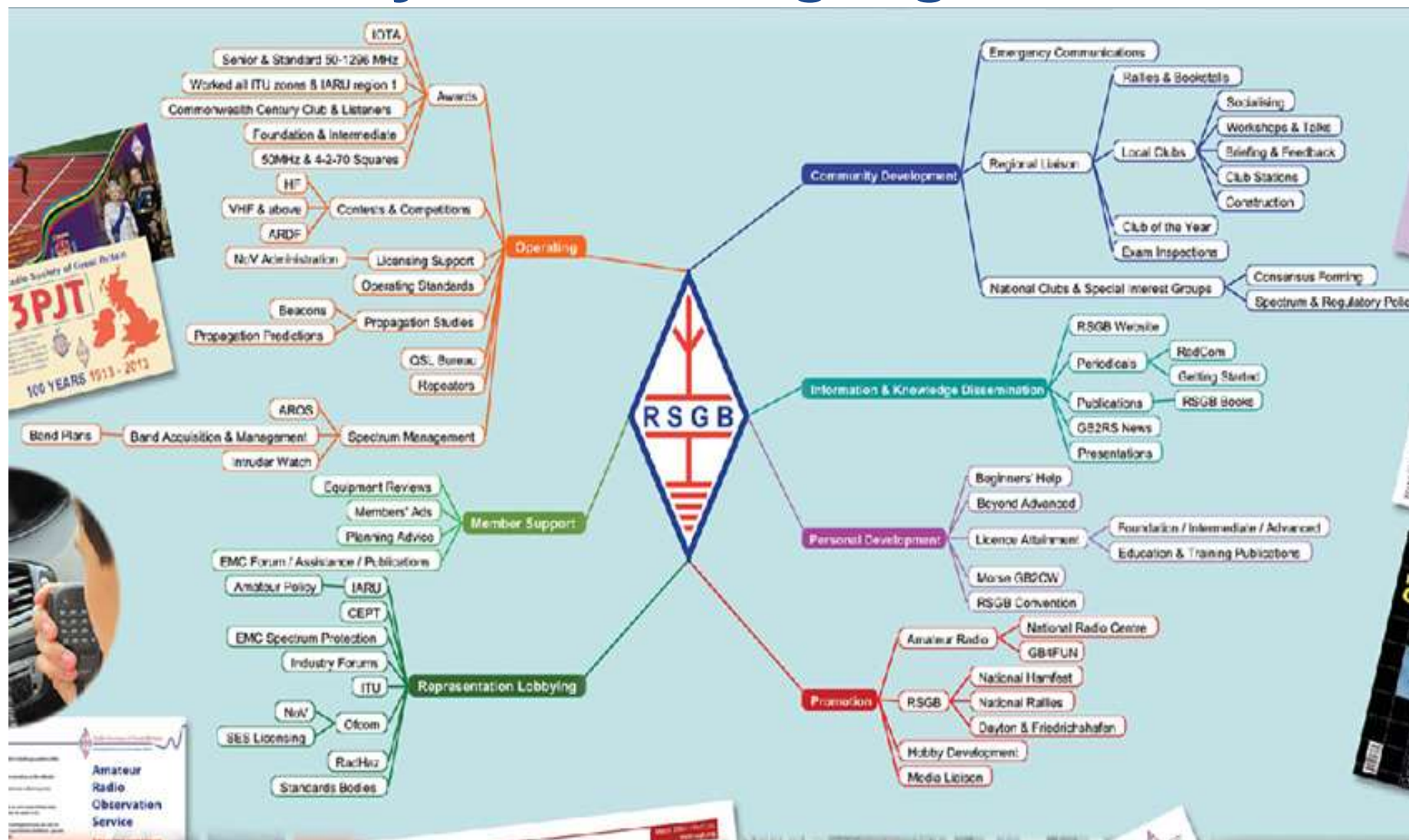
- Representation Team

- HF and VHF, IARU, Professional Bodies (including IET), Intruder Watch, Microwaves, Planning, Spectrum Forum

- Support Team

- Communications, Headquarters Team, Operating Advisory Service, News, Publications, Regional Team, RSGB Convention, RSGB National Radio Centre, Volunteer Leadership Team

# ■ RSGB and you – working together



- Services Map: [www.rsgb.org/services-map](http://www.rsgb.org/services-map)

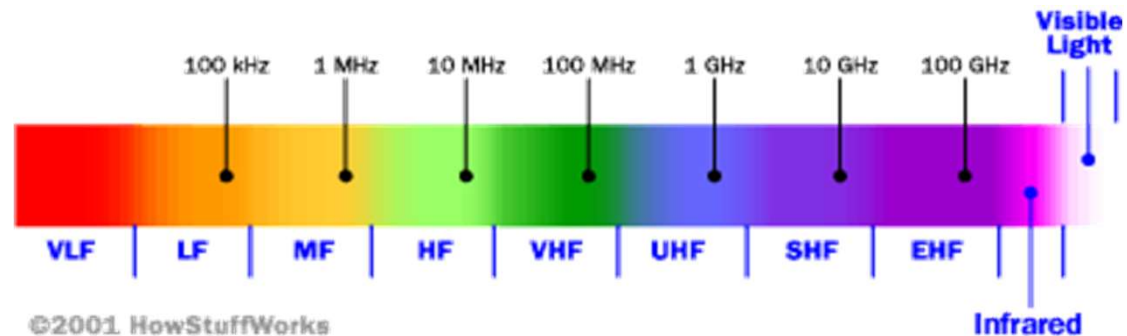
# ■ RSGB Services

- Technical books
- Planning Advice
- EMC Advice
- Attendance at rallies
- Regional Team
- Issuing of NoV's
- Engagement with Ofcom
- Amateur Radio Examination Program
- Regional and Worldwide representations
- Operating Advisory Service OAS(AROS)
- GB2RS News services
- GB2CW and Morse assessors



# Spectrum

- Without spectrum amateur radio is just electronics



1925	80, 40, 20m
1930	10m
1947	160, 15, 2m 70cm, 23cm
1979	30-17-12m (WARC bands)
1986	6m
2002	60m
2004	40m extended.
2013	600m
2016	2m and 4m extensions
2019	6M Extension

- Objectives
  - Spectrum Retention
  - Spectrum Consolidation
  - Spectrum Acquisition



# ■ Spectrum Threats

- Increasing Demand – Limited Supply
- Commercial value
- Secondary Allocations
- Regulators understanding of Amateur Radio
- Requires strong & rational representation at local, national and International levels
  - Relationship with OFCOM
  - IARU representation at WRC
  - Lobby interested parties
    - ITU, RTOs
    - Standards Bodies
- RSGB Convention lecture 2018 - So what has the IARU ever done for us?

# ■ Training

- COVID has forced a rapid switch to on-line examinations
  - Need the clubs to reach out to these new licensees
  - Re-enforce the suspended practical elements and operating practice
- Beyond Exams
  - An initiative tested in R13 and rolled out Dec 2019
  - Club Scheme – build experience with the help of your club
    - The Club Scheme provides a framework to allow club members to explore the hobby in a fun and sociable way. The scheme consists of 23 activities, based around five themes. As you go through the scheme and complete activities successfully, you will receive certificates to reward your progress.
  - Individual Scheme – build experience independently
    - The Individual Scheme is all about personal development and building skills on your own. The scheme consists of 150 activities ranging from simple to advanced, based around nine themes. You will receive virtual rewards as you complete activities and gain experience
  - <https://rsgb.org/main/beyond-exams-building-experience/>

# ■ What is the RSGB doing about...

- EMC interference
  - 20 pages of advice/info plus 17 leaflets on RSGB website
  - Books, videos and RadCom updates to educate on EMC matters
  - VDSL survey
  - EMC committee has developed software to capture and analyse interference, looking to train volunteers in its use.
  - RSGB members advice via [helpdesk.emc@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:helpdesk.emc@rsgb.org.uk) or the forum at <http://forums.thersgb.org/index.php?forums/emcmatters/>
- OTHR – Over The Horizon Radar
  - RSGB Monitoring System (Intruder Watch)
  - Liaises with Ofcom at Baldock and the IARU 1 Monitoring System
  - Contact via online form on Intruder Watch page of RSGB website

## ■ Operating Advisory Service (OAS)

OAS regional operating advisers:

- Advise local amateurs - via club presentations and responding to cases
- Share experience nationally – what has helped elsewhere
- Promote good practice to help you control the situation.

The OAS will not:

- Intervene personally (it makes matters worse)
- Give legal advice (we are not qualified to do so)

**Never respond to on-air abuse in any form.**

## ■ 2020

- Hope QSO Party
- GOTA-2C
- “Tonight at 8”
- GB1NHS
- Media Exposure
- Daily Club Nets
  - Dorking RS have had in excess of 200

# ■ National Hamfest and RSGB Convention

- Hamfest: Usually September
  - Big RSGB bookstall
  - Come and meet some RSGB committees
  - [www.nationalhamfest.org.uk](http://www.nationalhamfest.org.uk)
- Convention: Usually October
  - Incorporating the AMSAT Colloquium
  - Variety of lectures, lots of networking
  - Can sit UK and US exams
  - Under 21s get free entry
- Convention & RSGB videos:
  - Past convention lectures and videos about the RSGB on [www.rsgb.org/video](http://www.rsgb.org/video)
  - Additional videos on the RSGB YouTube channel



# ■ RSGB National Radio Centre (NRC)

- RSGB NRC at Bletchley Park saw a significant increase in the number of visitors in 2018, over **55,000 people**, the vast majority with no experience of amateur radio.
- The team of volunteers operate the NRC seven days a week.
- RSGB Members are reminded that they can visit the NRC (and the whole of Bletchley Park) for free by downloading a ticket from the Members' section of the website.



# ■ British Science Week

- RSGB Schools Link team encouraged clubs to link up with local schools to deliver amateur radio activities
- RCF provided kits for clubs to use with schools, plus for two 'Build a Radio Receiver' workshops at RSGB NRC
- Such activity is fundamental to the RSGB's purpose and contributes towards meeting our participation and growth strategic priorities





# ■ Twitter and Facebook – join the conversation

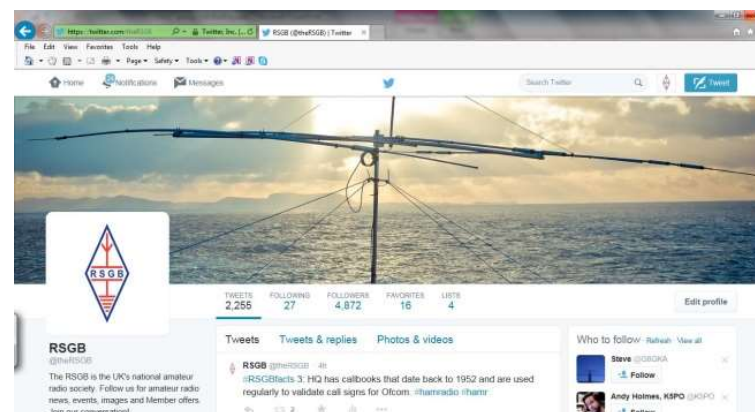
## Facebook

- Over 3,600 people like our Page
- [www.facebook.com/theRSGB](http://www.facebook.com/theRSGB)
- Send us info you'd like us to post
- Post directly to the page




## Twitter

- Re-launched active profile in 2018
- Follow us @theRSGB
- Nearly 9,000 followers
- Send us club/SES info to tweet



# ■ RSGB live news web page: [www.rsgb.org/live](http://www.rsgb.org/live)

RSGB live news




**Neville Cheadle, G3NUG, Silent Key**  
It is with great sadness that the RSGB reports that Eric Neville... [Read more]

**GMDX Group sponsors new contest**  
The GMDX Group is sponsoring a new annual competition to promote VHF... [Read more]


**15 new SOTA associations added in 2017**  
Fifteen new SOTA associations were added during the year 2017... [Read more]


**RSGB response - IoM 3.4GHz consultation**  
The RSGB has responded to a consultation in the Isle of Man... [Read more]

**WITCH Takeover at TNMOC**  
WITCH Takeover takes place on Thursday, 15 February 2018 from 12... [Read more]



**Celebrating YOTA 2017 in the UK**






**Tweets** by @theRSGB

**RSGB @theRSGB**  
Great to see visitors operating GB3RS at the National Radio Centre today @bletchleypark #hamr

**RSGB @theRSGB**  
The RSGB Board has agreed to a Youth Committee proposal to send a UK team to YOTA 2018 which will be held in South



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In May 2018 Denmark will be hosting the Ice Hockey World Championship. The games will be held in the cities of Herning and Copenhagen. There will be 16 nations fighting for the medals and the opening games will be on 4 May. To mark this event, the Experimental Danish Radio amateurs association (EDR) will activate two special radio stations with the call signs OZ18ICE and SP8ICE. In the period from 1 May 00:00UTC until 23 May 23:59UTC, these two call signs will be active on mo... See more

# ■ Vacant RSGB volunteer positions

## RSGB Convention Chair

David Bondy, G4NRT led the organisation of this year's innovative and highly...

## District Representative wanted for Norfolk

The RSGB has a volunteer vacancy for a District Representative in Region...

## RSGB Board Director vacancies

Following recent changes to the RSGB Board of Directors, and the continuing...

## HF Contest Committee vacancy

With the new FT4 contest series starting in February, the HF Contest...

## Exams and Syllabus Review Group (ESRG) vacancies

The RSGB is seeking to appoint a Chair and two additional members...

## RSGB National Radio Centre volunteers

With 97,000 visitors to the RSGB National Radio Centre in 2019, we...

## Chair, Electromagnetic Compatibility Committee (EMC)

The EMC Committee helps and advises RSGB members who have EMC problems, lobbies...

## The RSGB Youth Team is recruiting

The Youth Team exists to encourage young people into the hobby, and...

## RSGB Board and other leading volunteer vacancies

The RSGB Nominations Committee maintains a list of RSGB Members interested in...

## HF DXpedition Fund Trustee

The RSGB assists HF DXpeditions to the rarer countries through a fund...

## International Amateur Radio Union

RSGB volunteers contribute to the development of international amateur radio within Region...

## Planning Advisory Committee

The RSGB Planning Advisory Committee exists to assist RSGB Members with planning...

■ Plenty of opportunities exist to play your part in shaping the hobby now and for the future.

■ Latest vacancies are listed at [www.rsgb.org/volunteers](http://www.rsgb.org/volunteers)

# ■ Summary

- What can you or your club do?
- Twitter and Facebook – get involved and share your news!
- Look at the RSGB YouTube channel
- Place scheduled club activities on the RSGB UK Events webpage
- Post event reports to RadCom ‘Around your Region’
- Enter for ‘Club of the Year’
- Volunteer your skills and experience for an RSGB regional or committee role
- Join the RSGB - working together for amateur radio

# ■ Additional Benefits of Membership

- TPL Insurance cover for affiliated clubs
- Access to a team of knowledgeable volunteers with a wide range of practical and technical skills
- Representation at Local, National and International levels
- And if you join via [www.rsgb.org/clubjoin](http://www.rsgb.org/clubjoin) your club will also benefit.

# ■ Get in touch

Your District Representative;

- Alun Cross

email; currently [dr108@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:dr108@rsgb.org.uk)  
[dr101@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:dr101@rsgb.org.uk) soon

Regional Representative;

- Keith Bird G4JED

email; [rr10@rsgb.org.uk](mailto:rr10@rsgb.org.uk)

Or contact via the RSGB website.