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This is a review of the previous twelve months, much of which has been reported in the Newsletters over the last year as it has happened.

### **Celebration**

To commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> year since the founding of the LMC a party was held at the House of Lords where our sponsor was Lord Hope of Craighead, KT, PC. Just over 100 guests, including Neil Oliver, NTS President, and Bamber Gascoigne, whose mother was the first LMC President, were present.

### **Trustees**

At AGM in May, there was a slight change of rôles. Norman Gill stepped down as Treasurer and his place was taken by Jennifer Schoon on a temporary basis. Norman remains a Trustee. Rusty Love stepped down as a Trustee but continues as a Visit Organiser and well as being our Archivist. John Chilman was elected as a Trustee.

### **Spring Tours**

A highly successful tour of Shropshire was organised by Margaret Cund. The tour was based on Telford and we had very informative visits to Ludlow, Shrewsbury, National Trust properties at Powis Castle & Attingham Park and finished our tour at David Austin Roses. We also had a trip on the Severn Valley Railway. Sadly the tour planned for June 2020, again run by Margaret, has had to be postponed.

### **Legacy**

The legacy mentioned last year has found a fitting destination. The LMC is funding the Wind Tower at Inverewe. Again this has become a victim of Covid-19 and will now not be built until 2021.

### **Membership Numbers**

Our membership numbers have continued to drop this year, but by a smaller number than last year. We do need new members.

### **Website**

The problems to general life caused by the lockdown to minimise the effect of Covid-19 have led us to rethink our mailing policy. With over 80% of our members being able to access the internet, it seemed sensible to use this medium for most of our mailing. Our documents such as the Chairman's Newsletter and Visit Sheets (when they reappear) will be placed on our new website at [www.nts-lmc.scot](http://www.nts-lmc.scot). This a public site and might help us with recruitment.

### **Looking Ahead**

We are an active, lively, healthy organisation well supported by our members in backing up our splendid Visit Leaders Committee and Spring Tour Organisers. I believe that we are well served by our Officers and Committee who are both innovative and responsible. We should emerge from Covid-19 lockdown as strong as we ever were.

Charles Hope