South Lakeland Orchard Group

Web Editor's AGM Report 2019 – 2020

In the past year, the website has been transferred custody with a huge thanks and respect to Ros Taylor for her superior webpage management and excellent handover support. The Website management was then moved to the one-stop webpage managing company Wix, who provide a web-management and page-building service for an annual charge, for which the three-year deal was considered as a good package discount saving, along with other discount vouchers, thanks to a regular service with another organisation's website management. We have also changed the domain, for ease of transfer, to www.slorchards.com. There was also the purchase of a domain email for the memberships, which we subsequently felt was more trouble than it was worth and as such will not be renewing in the coming year, reverting to the free, and easier to use, Gmail account slogmemberships@gmail.com.

The cost of the website management is £32.40 for three years' domain www.slorchards.com, £64.80 for three years' website hosting/management and £30.02 for the annual mailbox (not to be renewed).

Website usage has been regular but not prolific (fig 1.), however from a wide range of sources (fig. 2). There was a proposal for a 'members only' section for which can help with GRDP issues, however, does involve passwords and consent forms. There is also an option for a forum which would be for the members to consider. Often, however, I find from experience, that those that would use a forum are usually the same people that use Facebook groups. This might also be an option if required and I'd be happy to manage a FB group for SLOG if requested. As always, if any member spots an error or requests a particular feature, I'm always open to suggestions.
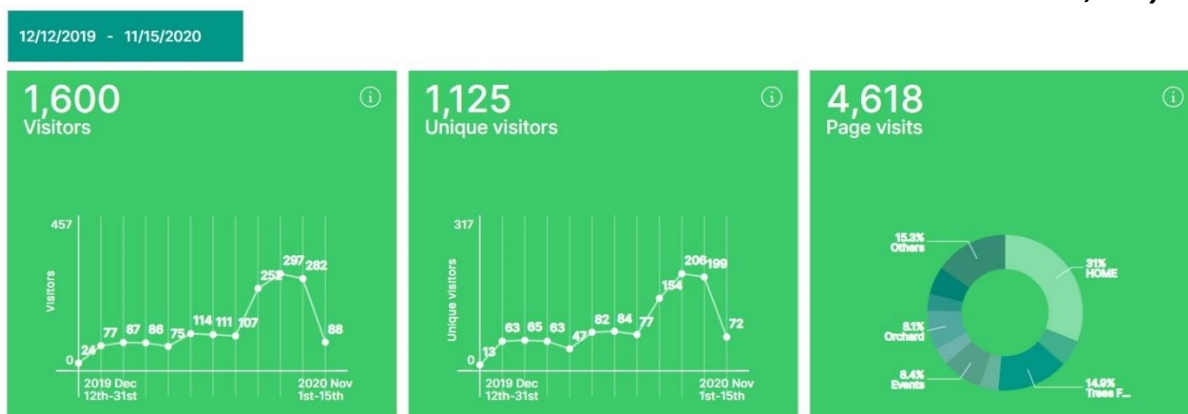
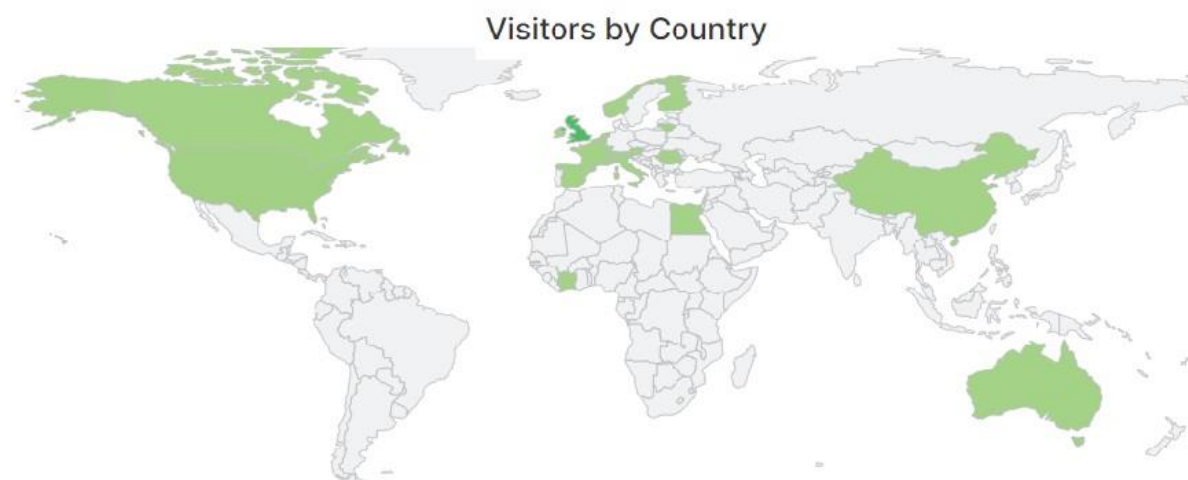*Web Editor, Andy Brown*

Figure 1

Visitors by Country

Figure 2