

## THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

As Kath Hughes is the FoBBS Administrator, thereby the designated permission holder, David Cheshire, Chairman has asked for the following to be sent out.  
Dear FoBBS Member Societies

It has come to my attention that many societies are in a panic about GDPR. I have decided to put your minds at rest.

**Firstly GDPR is designed to stop unsolicited e-mails being sent to you when you do not want or require them.**

1. Part of the GDPR regulations states that contacts with a "legitimate interest" can continue to be contacted without getting additional permission, this also includes customers who purchased a product from a company, they can be emailed as the customer has a legitimate interest in that companies products.
2. The requirement for companies and societies is that if you send out an email newsletter or similar, is that it has a method in which a person can opt out of receiving further emails. It could just state "Please reply to this email requesting to be removed from our mailing list"
3. Information can be sent to members of a society or organisation under "legitimate interest" as the person has given your organisation permission to contact them by giving you there email when they joined.
4. Organisations will be required to have a **designated data protection officer** responsible for ensuring any members data is kept safe and not made available to any third party. Contact data must only be accessible to those who legitimately need it for the running of the club / society.
5. Data protection laws already in place must continue to be observed for example, when distributing information. Those contact details of other members are kept private by only sending emails, using **the BCC box (Blind Carbon Copy)** when entering email address. Emails sent within management or committees can still be sent using the To or CC boxes. The data protection laws governing this have been in place for a number of years.

Best wishes

David Cheshire  
FoBBS Chairman