

I have chaired NEC meetings over the last year, both face to face and online. The last year has seen a return to face-to-face events for most groups. It's good to see that we have managed to retain most of our members through some difficult years. We have had some excellent national events such as the National Spring Holiday, and the 80ish anniversary which gave an interesting insight into the history of the federation, which was appreciated by those who attended. WASH since its return to Searles has gone from strength to strength. Some groups are still holding online events and these will be an essential part of our offer going forward. The new website should be available shortly and we hope that this will bring an influx of new members into the federation. I hope that groups will offer more events and do encourage members (even those that have not done so before) to assist with organising and running them. There are many members with years of experience who can be approached for assistance.