

# Bristol Actuarial Society (BAS) Statement for year ending 31 August 2025

## Membership

As of 31 August 2025, 539 individuals had provided an email address and, therefore, are considered members of the Society. There were no postal members, or life members.

## Committee

There were the following changes to the Committee in the year to 31 August 2025:

- Puranjay Parchure (NHBC) stepped down from the Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025, with Rajeev Aravind joining the Committee as the new BAS representative from NHBC on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025.
- Dorota Goodwin (nee Szczepaniak) (Aviva) stepped down from the Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025.
- James Fisher (WTW) stepped down from the Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

As of 31 August 2025, the Committee was as follows:

Sean Jones (Lloyds Banking Group) - President  
Declan Carroll (Canada Life) – Honorary Treasurer  
Alice Curry (Broadstone) – Honorary Membership Secretary  
Isabella Tyzack (WTW) – Honorary Secretary  
Rajeev Aravind (NHBC)  
Kris Hristakev (Aviva)  
Barney Williams (Ernst & Young)  
Guy Taylor (Britideas)  
Jo Thorpe (KPMG)  
Tom McKenzie (Barnett Waddingham)  
Benedict Thompson (PwC)

There have been the following changes to the Committee since 31 August 2025 (at time of writing):

- Sophie Cooper (Goddard Perry) has joined the Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

In addition to the Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024, the committee met on four occasions during the year (on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025).

## Talks held

During the year, the following presentations were given:

| Date              | Title                                                                                      | Speaker                                         | Venue                                                            |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 September 2024  | IFRS17 CSM & Results                                                                       | Davide Zacchigna (EY)                           | EY Offices                                                       |
| 27 September 2024 | Data Segmentation Algorithms                                                               | Dr Haeran Cho (UoB)                             | University of Bristol                                            |
| 2 October 2024    | UK Public Sector Debt                                                                      | Erich Morales (Fitch)                           | Virtual                                                          |
| 6 February 2025   | Hot Topics in Pension Law                                                                  | Tom Whittaker & Chris Brown<br>(Burgess Salmon) | Burgess Salmon<br>Offices                                        |
| 8 May 2025        | From AI to oZempic: How<br>structural changes could affect<br>long-term investment returns | Tom Freedman & Ed Smith<br>(Rathbones)          | Rathbones Offices                                                |
| 30 July 2025      | Machine Learning Techniques<br>in Actuarial Modelling                                      | Dr. Jason Anquandah (UWE)                       | University of the<br>West of England<br>Campus (Hybrid<br>event) |

## Social Events held

During the year, the following events were held:

| Date             | Event                                                    |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 8 November 2024  | Hare & Hounds (organised by Isio)                        |
| 27 February 2025 | BAS Wine Tasting Social (organised by the BAS Committee) |
| 15 May 2025      | BAS Ball (organised by the BAS Committee)                |

## Accounts

A financial summary for the period ending 31 August 2025 is to be submitted to the members at the AGM due to be held on 11 November 2025.

## Other points to note

In addition to the usual talks and events that were arranged, the following points are worthy of note.

- Member Interest Group

The Society has continued to be a Member Interest Group ("MIG") of the Actuarial Profession. This is the annual statement that the Society is required to make as part of the requirements of being an MIG.

- Website

A comprehensive website setting out details of the Committee, Events, Information for Students, the History of the Society, and the Governing Documents (such as the Rules and minutes of AGMs) has been maintained and can be found at <https://bristolactuaries.co.uk/>.

## Thanks

Our thanks go to these organisations that have generously supported the Society during the year:

- **Burges Salmon, University of Bristol, University of the West of England, Rathbones, Lloyds Banking Group, PwC and Ernst & Young** for providing venues for the Society's talks and BAS Committee meetings;
- **Aviva, Barnett Waddingham, Broadstone, Canada Life, Ernst & Young, Lloyds Banking Group, KPMG, NHBC, PwC, Goddard Perry and WTW** for providing Committee members;
- **Burges Salmon, Ernst & Young, Fitch Ratings, Rathbones, University of Bristol and University of the West of England** for providing speakers; and
- **Isio** for helping to organise our social events.

**Sean Jones, on behalf of the BAS  
Committee**

**24th October 2025**