

LCS Secretary's Report
AGM – 15 November 2024

At the EGM in January this year the Society received messages of support and offers of help with its activities to reduce pressure on the existing Committee. Since then, we have welcomed and formally appointed three new Trustees: Alice Chapman, Joe Cheal and Steve Kimminau, who enthusiastically rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in. I am particularly grateful to Steve, who has been acting as assistant secretary over the past few weeks.

Throughout the year we received notices of Carrollian events which we have forwarded to our Facebook administrators and the editor of *Bandersnatch*, Mark Davies, to promote or publish at their discretion. In as much as we are able to we assisted those who contacted us during the year with their enquiries and anecdotes, and are especially grateful to our members who have helped with supplying answers and finding source material. Hopefully, we managed to address all these queries. I am grateful to Tracy Gribble, Treasurer and Membership Secretary, for assistance in monitoring the webmail.

In July 2024 the Society fulfilled its official obligation (as we always do) and submitted the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 to the Charity Commission which is published on their website www.gov.uk. The names, contact details and official roles of the Trustees have been regularly updated throughout the year.

The LCS website is maintained by Kevin Fernandez and I would like to thank him for his patience and good humour in responding, often at short notice to my many requests for posting events and/or updates. Also, for stepping in to solve IT problems, in particular, rescuing *The Carrollian* website, which was unresponsive recently. I'm now pleased to say that *The Carrollian* search facility is currently being updated. We are fortunate and grateful to welcome Joe Cheal as a member of the editorial team and can confirm that there are two issues in the pipeline for 2025 including a 150th anniversary of *The Hunting of the Snark*.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to have been Secretary of the Lewis Carroll Society and a member of the Committee since 2015. I have greatly appreciated the friendship and support I have received from all the members of the Committee during the past nine years, especially our Chairmen past and present – Stephen Folan, Lindsay Fulcher and Brian Sibley.

Jane Skelly
30 October 2024