South Lakeland Orchard Group

Web Editor's AGM Report 2021 – 2022

In the past year, the website has remained ably managed by 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.

The cost of the website management is £32.40 for three years' domain www.slorchards.com, £64.80 for three years' website hosting/management. We're now into the third year with the domain and subscription due in December 2022.

Website usage has been regular but not prolific (fig 1.), however from a wide range of sources (fig. 2). The option for a 'members only' section remains open. It can help with GRDP issues, however, does involve passwords and consent forms. There also continues to be 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 and as such, there is a Facebook group, with 105 members, which has been useful to some but obviously not ideal for non-Facebook users. Not well known, however, is that you can visit it, even if you don't have a Facebook account, just as read only function. I would encourage the group members to use the group as good forum for questions and answers. Its URL address is as follows: https://www.facebook.com/groups/202193698157107 . As always, if any member spots an error or requests a particular feature, I'm always open to amendments and suggestions.

Of course I don't accept that I'm necessarily the best web editor amongst our membership and as such I am always open to relinquishing to role to anyone who wants the job.
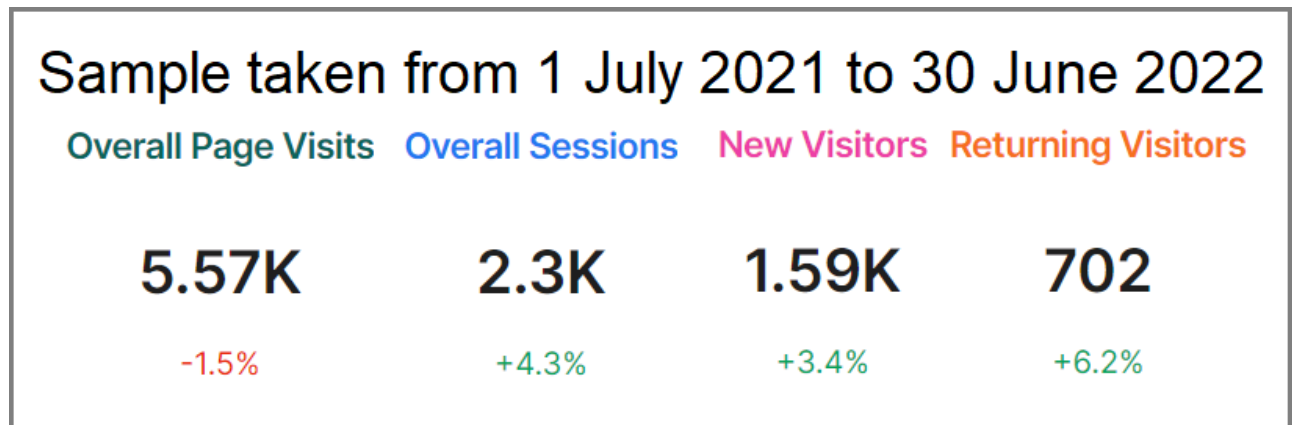
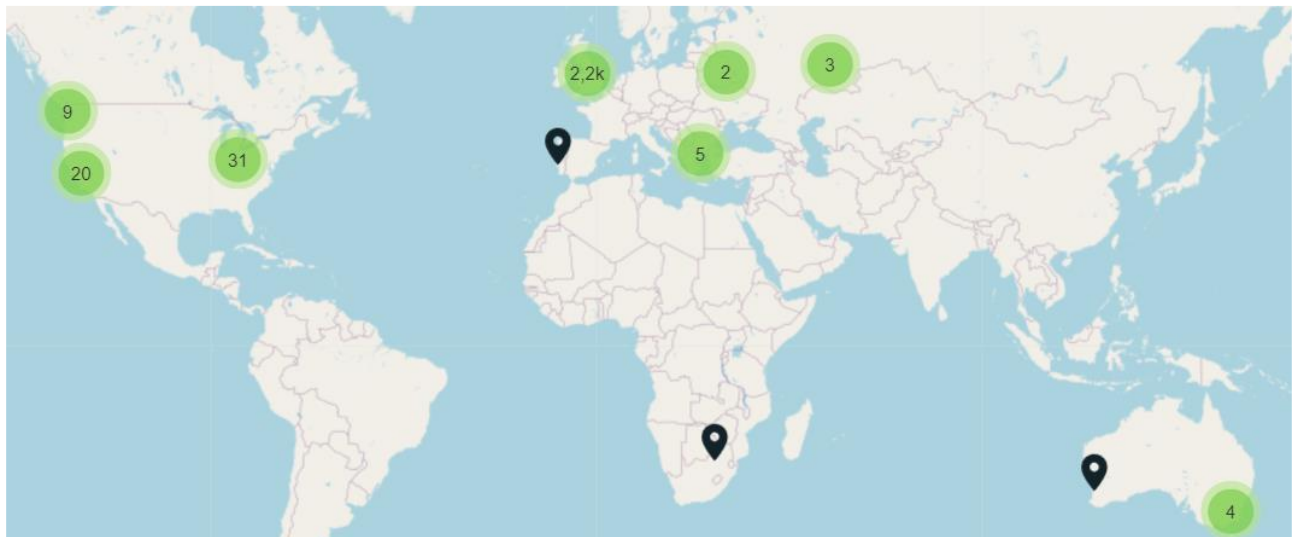*Web Editor, Andy Brown*

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