



The Society of Licensed Conveyancers

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To all Members & Associates of the Society

We have, at last, come to the end of the most extraordinary year in our careers, and I know that some of your careers extend to more than half a century!

When I first drafted this Christmas message, things were looking on the up and I was looking forward to telling you that the CML month on month figures for October to November were 14% up. Unfortunately they issued their updated figures yesterday which rather scuppered that brand of good news (for those who don't know – you don't want to know!).

However, those who claim to be in the know fully expect to see a levelling off next year with the first signs of recovery towards the second half of 2009.

The great news is that, despite the desperate times on the High Street, there are pockets of self generated brilliance. I have spoken to many members over the last week and there are several of you keeping your heads above water, and a few in some style. Over the coming months I hope to share with you some of their secrets and top tips for surviving the times.

In the meantime the Society is here to support you; we plan a programme of lobbying in the New Year. Be it lobbying lenders to accept Licensed Conveyancers or the third party service suppliers to secure the volume discounts previously only enjoyed by the factory conveyancing outlets, by bringing together the collective volumes of our membership.

Attached you will find our 'Christmas Box' for you, outlining the benefits already agreed, with more to come!

So watch this space, and remember, you are not alone!! Make the most of your membership fee, use the benefits and get in touch with your views as to what else we can provide you with. We are here to serve!

In the meantime, the Board of Management, Tricia and I would like to wish all of our Members and Associates warm Christmas Tidings and, with a dusting of good luck, a very Prosperous New Year.

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