

## Beacon – The pipeline of changes as at September 2018

Below is an overview of changes recently completed, being worked on or being specified. This provides an indication of the pipeline of changes but note that we do not provide timescales for any of these items. See the Appendix for the list of changes previously completed

### What changes have recently been completed?

Internal Ref	Description	Forum Ref if applicable
160b / 249	Fixing an issue with the completion of backup export of the ledger for U3As with very large numbers of transactions	661
182/167	Improvement to the ability to enter renewal payment methods when payment is not by cheque (ledgercat, batchadd etc) - Part completed	
265	Trailing spaces in surnames in addmember	
X03	Functionality to be able to send email to all site administrators	
X19	improvements to emaildeliver page	
X30	Fixing issue when joining a group (confirmation loads halfway down the group list on some browsers)	
X??	Fixing form submission when adding credit batch	
X	Improve address export table design (remove redundant tables, modify programmes etc)	
X32	Develop usage statistics	
X26	Security enhancement	
	Identified exception errors	
X37	Correction for global messages	
X27	DIM affiliation validation	
X34	Add index to fin_transactions sitekey	
169	Update format of spreadsheet output	228
BT1231	Problem setting up new membership class	
BT1232 / BT1233 / BT1244	Problem re standard letters/emails	
BT1241	Problem accessing Open Meetings	
BT1136 249	Correct the titling of the data export file names	950
BT1141 254	Stop truncations of numbers	

### What changes are next?

*Note that these are subject to review of prioritisation by the Beacon team and availability of resource*

Internal Ref	Description	Forum Ref if applicable
BT1204 X21	Prevent sending of multiple emails to the same address	271
BT1250 182/167	Improvement to the ability to enter renewal payment methods when payment is not by cheque (ledgercat, batchadd etc) – Remaining parts	524 / 883 / 223 /488 / 398
135 / 162 / 193	Correct the display and PDF download of financial transactions	506 / 604
BT1147 260	Improve validation of financial transactions (adding/editing shouldn't allow blank transaction dates)	
BT1032 X29	Improving how unique ids for database records are recorded	
BT1034 X31	Improve internal handling of emails with attachments (fix unlink warning in emailsend)	
BT1150	Deletion of member record	263
BT1135 248	Improve addmember when renewing	
BT1148 261	Improve batch functions	139
BT1017 X14	DIM (error report line format)	
BT1018 X15	DIM (input file format)	
BT1016 263/X13	Data deletion (to delete all data for a site)	
BT1171	Member privacy option	
BT1019 X16	Duplicate mem-nums	
1090 ??	Membership Classes and privileges	1311 / 1178 / 896 / 1103

If you have any comments, then please address these to the Beacon Support Lead on [sup-lead@u3abeacon.org.uk](mailto:sup-lead@u3abeacon.org.uk)

Beacon Team

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## Appendix

### What changes were completed previously?

- 216-Aug-26 The faulty PDF download of ledger data has been disabled
- 255-Aug-29 Fault in Members' portal log-in fixed
- 174-Sep-11 Gift-aid eligible amount correctly recorded on renewal
- 251-Sep-15 The restrictions on allowable characters in many text fields have been eased
- 241-Sep-22 Another small bug in renewals fixed
- Demo1-Sep-26 Produce script to clear-up demo system database
- X02-Sep-27 Improving email address issues
- 257-Sep-28 Ensured Home page notice will always update
- 246-Oct-01 Explanation of a membership class is incorrectly set
- 161-Oct-02 Fixed permissions to delete standard email messages
- 240-Oct-02 Clarifying the description of the # email tokens
- 258-Oct-03 Cure Exception in search of members with non-alphabetic characters
- 160a-Oct-20 Extending time allowed for completion of backup export
- 245-Oct-24 Fixing various issues in the online renewals area
- 154-Oct-27 Providing the ability to add to Polls when renewing members (bug fix)
- X01-Oct-28 Handling of notifications of spam/bounce in emails
- 247-Nov-21 Provide a warning to online joiners that they can't join online if they partner an existing member
- X04/X08-Nov-21 Minor change to log-in and home page
- 166-Jan-02 Removing non-Current members from the TAM address export if they share an address with a Current member
- 225 -Dec-20 Ensure site-administrator can always see and change their "user" email.
- 232 -Feb-01 Handling of our PayPal pages to prevent Avast anti-virus thinking that they are scams
- 190 Dec-14 Improve consistency of Save reminders
- 173/229 – Dec-19 Corrections to ledger brought forward calculation and handling
- 191 -Dec- 20 Fixing a bug when calculating a member renewal date
- 192/238 -Dec-20 Various corrections to the display and handling of credit batches
- X07 -Jan-02 Improved administration of Demo users
- 176 -Jan-02 Corrections to the financial statement to pick up transfers between ledgers
- 183 -Jan-02 Ensure only can add transaction to a group ledger with correct privilege
- 262 -Jan-02 Ensure that PayPal notifications are processed only once inside Beacon
- 222 -Jan-02 Improve check whether a U3A has enabled PayPal
- 73 – Jan-15 Rollover corrections
- 236 -Jan-18 Improve the renewals list for those U3As with rolling membership years
- 243 -Jan-18 Including the Faculty field in the Group exports
- X10 -Feb-01 setup site-admin email addresses
- 202 -Feb-15 Correction to the handling of members joining a group online
- 252 -Feb-15 Make group ledger download privilege explicit
- 170 -Feb-01 Provide the means to enter custom field information when adding members
- 178 -Feb-01 Improve layout of Membership card
- X09 -Feb-01 Changing the Administrator role to have all permissions ticked on creation of a new Beacon site
- X05 Feb-01 Various improvements to system administration functions and tools
- 180 -Feb-08 Addressing the incorrect next renewal date for some lapsed members
- 231 -Feb-20 Correction to show the maps in the Groups schedule
- X06-Feb-20 Userlist extra columns
- X12-Feb-20 Sitelist change
- 188 Correct rare error when adding members to a poll (may improve performance of search too)
- 233 Various improvements to system administration functions and tools
- 235 Investigate a rare problem with renewal of joint members

- 256 Improve robustness of interface to PayPal
- 259/264 improvements to emails
- X11 API to de-blacklist email addresses
- X17 DIM check for year\_start\_mem
- X27 DIM Affiliation validation
- X34 Adding an index to the financial transactions table
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