

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025
SCARBOROUGH AND DISTRICT GROUP

The Scarborough and District Group met for the AGM on Monday, 23 June 2025 at Westborough Methodist Church, Scarborough.

1. Joyce I'Anson chaired the meeting and welcomed 7 Members. Apologies have been received from Jocelyn Lovett, Karen McCabe.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 January 2025 were agreed. Proposed by Sheena O'Connell and seconded by Elaine Taylor. There were no matters arising.

3. Treasurer Report. James Howie.

James expressed his thanks to the membership for their positive response to the Chair's appeal at the Group AGM regarding the payment of the annual subscription. A further 11 members of the Scarborough Group have now paid their £5.00 subscription for the year 2025, with 3 of the members giving an additional donation to the running costs of the Branch.

Also the changeover from Lloyds to Virgin Money has now been successfully achieved. The new BAC's details are being finalised with Virgin Money (**so please do not use the 'Lloyds' BAC's number**) and new BAC's details will follow. However the payment by cheque option is still available. Please continue to send any outstanding **cheque payments** to : James Howie, The Pippins, Rectory Lane, Thornton Le Dale, YO18 7QG.

The annual subscription remains at **£5.00 for 2025**. Any outstanding subscriptions for 2025 can still be paid via **cheque or cash**.

Accounts : **Bank £210.55 Cash £138.99 Total £349.54**

4. James as Membership secretary informed the meeting that as of the end of May, the Group had a membership of 154 with 30 members viewed as 'active'. After liaising with HQ CSPA, James will attempt to initiate contact with the 'inactive' members and invite them to forthcoming meetings.

5. Regional Meeting, Darlington

Joyce and James attending the CSPA Regional Meeting in Darlington on 12 June. Various national issues were discussed including the Winter Fuel Allowance, Social Care, and pensions. David Luxton (Deputy Gen.Secretary) spoke on Tax thresholds, digital exclusion, the dangers of 'floating' bus stops and CAPITA taking over pension payments. He also talked about the concerning statistic that the membership of the CSPA had declined by 50% during the last 24 years.

6. Winter Fuel Allowance (WFA).

Richard Kilsby informed the meeting of a mailing he had received from Alison Hume (MP) regarding the Winter Fuel Allowance (WFA). She confirmed that the WFA will be reintroduced to all pensioners with an annual income up to and including £35,000. In the case of two eligible pensioners in the same household, the payments are halved. If one of the pensioners earns over the £35k, the higher income pensioner will not receive the payment.

The payments (or non-payments) will be received automatically and be paid in November/December. It is estimated that around 3/4 of state pensioners will now qualify for the WFA.

7. Christmas Lunch.

Joyce I'Anson confirmed that the Xmas lunch has been booked at the Park Manor Hotel on Friday, 28 November '25 - 12 noon for 12.30pm. Numbers and £10 deposit to be taken at the next Group meeting on 22 September. The booking will require a minimum of 15 people to attend.

8. CSPA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The CSPA AGM 2025 will be held 08/09 October '25 at the Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth. Any possible motions by the Group for discussing at the AGM to Mr. James Howie (Treasurer), soonest.

9. A.O.B.

The next meetings for the Group is Monday 22/09/25 commencing 1100 in Belle Vue Room, Westborough Methodist Church, Scarborough, YO11 1YTS

10. Joyce thanked everyone for their fellowship and contributions and closed the meeting at 12.05pm.

Richard Kilsby

24 June 2025