

Editors Notes

Welcome to our new members and all current members. Sorry for not having sent Newsletters for a while but at least you are updated by our 'Pensioner' magazine. You'll also receive updates from Harry Brett, our treasurer, by email if he has your email address.

You'll have to have a new format of Newsletter as I am getting used to a new computer with a new version of Microsoft Word.

I will get on with the more general matters of recent and future meetings.

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Change of Address / Details

CSPA HQ print and circulate this newsletter for us, so if there are any address or membership changes, please contact CSPA Membership Enquiries by phone, email or post.

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Recent Events

Monday 9th December 2024 – Christmas Lunch

This year we went to the Lime Street Central pub/restaurant at 12:30 with easy access - all on one floor, even the toilets.

We booked the table and gave our orders in advance. Paid on the day.

Most found the place and food very acceptable, but there was a complaint that that the food was not hot enough.

Monday 6th January 2025 – Meeting at Central Library Liverpool at 11am

Meeting was attended by 11, with 6 apologies for non-attendance.

Our treasurer Harry, advised that the current balance was £515-70. Our bank will now charge £4-25 per month for maintaining the account, there are now no free accounts, even though we are the same as a registered charity. He made enquiries with the HQ Treasurer and other banks only to have no joy. He will continue to check and report at our local AGM. We would therefore grateful for any donations (recommendation £5 per member), so that we can meet our costs. You can either send them by cheque to the Treasurer – Harry Brett, 46, Severn Way, Holmes Chapel Crewe, CW4 8FT, or direct to our Bank account at Lloyds, Sort Code 30-99-50, Account Number 16487962, CSPA Liverpool.

We also discussed the National Pensioners Association to which we are affiliated and pay money to. Apparently, they are in a poor financial situation and near to bankruptcy. They want to change their status to reduce the possibility of their debts being placed on members and to also improve their ability to raise funds through donations from Charity Groups who will only donate to organisations who are properly registered as an independent company.

Future Events

We will have most of our future events at the Lime Street Central on Lime Street, Liverpool.

Monday 3rd March 2025 – Our Local AGM @ 12:15

The Agenda is printed on the last page of this Newsletter – so please bring it with you.

Monday 16th June 2025 - Meeting

Monday 15th September 2025 – Meeting

Preparation for the National AGM in October and the Christmas Lunch.

Monday 8th December 2025 – Christmas Lunch

We hope you will come to our meetings as you are all welcome.

Sue Munro, Editor

You will be aware that amongst other attacks on pensioners by the current government, they decided that the cap on what individuals would pay for social care which was to capped in October 2025 was cancelled in favour of a Royal Commission to review the provision of care.

Whilst most people just consider this as delaying the problem to a later date, the CSPA through Later Life ambitions have put together a submission to Adult Social Care Reform: The Cost of Inaction – House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee Inquiry – Submission by Later Life Ambitions.

This is their executive summary:

LLA's response to this inquiry focuses on the human costs and benefits that are being missed as a result of continual inaction on social care reform. We want people on later life to be able to have ambitions for their futures and live fulfilling lives without societal obstacles and hinderances getting in their way. Our members reflect on the instability, uncertainty and quality of adult social care across the country and the ways in which this stops them living the lives they reasonably deserve to live.

LLA want to see a decent quality, sustainably funded, free at the point of delivery social care service operating in cooperation with the NHS.

We are calling for the Government to legislate without delay to establish this National Social Care Service, to be integrated with the NHS that remains free at the point of delivery. The service was committed to by the Labour Party in its manifesto.

We are also calling for a minimum 10-year government spending commitment towards social care at the next Budget with a pledge to increase real-terms spending significantly across this period.

We need a comprehensive plan brought forward urgently to address the chronic workforce issues in the social care sector. We want to see recognition for paid and unpaid carers through professional development, fair pay and access to respite breaks and simplified carers benefits.

To better co-ordinate essential services for people in later life, including social care reform, we are calling for an Independent Commissioner for Older People and Ageing, as part of an overall strategy to tackle the challenges faced by older people now and in the future, and to offer those who need it, advocacy, and legal support.

After almost 2 decades of broken pledges and commitments on reform and 'fixing'; social care, this has to be the time for delivery.

For those not aware of who the LLA are they are a coalition that brings together the collective voices of over a quarter of million pensioners from all four nations of the UK.

LLA consists of three members organisations: the CSPA, the National Association of Retired Police Officers and the National Federation of Occupational Pensioners.

AGENDA FOR LIVERPOOL GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 3rd March 2025

Commencing at 12-15pm to 2-15pm

At Lime Street Central, Lime Street, Liverpool

- 1. Welcome to new members and Chairs Comments. – Gilian Hill*
- 2. Apologies*
- 3. Minutes of last meeting.*
- 4. Matters Arising*
- 5. Secretary's Report – Sue Munro*
- 6. Treasurer's Report – Harry Brett*
- 7. Membership Report –*
- 8. Election of Officers – Chair, Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer.*
- 9. Response to GC 965 (Single member voting system)*
- 10. Regional Report – Harry Brett*
- 11. Future Meeting Dates/Venues – 16th June, 15th September, 8th December.*
- 12. Any Other Business*

Anyone who is interested or perhaps I should say is prepared to stand for office then please advise me either by email h_brett@sky.com or phone 07999 874864. We particularly would like someone to put themselves forward as Membership Secretary, Treasurer and Social Secretary.