

Dear

It has been sometime since the last Group Newsletter and it is hoped that you find this interesting, informative, and useful from a local point of view as distinct from the Pensioner magazine.

The CSPA Wirral Group has been in existence since the 1960's when along with the rest of the country, retired Civil Servants formed the association primarily to protect our CS Pensions. Sixty years on, our slogan is much the same – *Protect what you've earned*.

The Covid and lockdown years had a devastating effect on our membership and we suffered a decline of up to 300 members. Since then, the Group has been patiently rebuilding itself and it is now pleasing to report that we have an active and enthusiastic Committee elected at the AGM on 11th March 2025

Chair	Mike Lawler
Secretary	Tina Haslam
Treasurer	Tommy Murphy
Membership Secretary	Jane Mansell
Committee Member	Brian McLean
AGM Delegate	Tina Haslam

General meetings are now held quarterly on the second Tuesdays of March, June, September and December. Additional meetings are convened when there is a specific issue requiring discussion for example, last years' General election. The June meeting considers motions for the national AGM and the September meeting mandates the delegate on all the AGM motions. Last year, the Group submitted a detailed motion concerning the WASPI campaign. Tina presented the motion at the AGM which was carried unanimously. While the government is not acknowledging the case for the Waspi campaign, other avenues are being explored and the campaign continues.

Meetings are held at Upton Victory Hall in Salacre Lane, Upton CH49 0TL at **10.00am**. Tea and coffee is available before the meetings which aims to finish by Noon. Our Regional Representative Harry Brett regularly attends and provides an update on regional, national issues and campaigns.

Communication with members is a high priority both locally and nationally. In this respect and because of the escalating cost of postage, more use is being made of emails and what's app messaging. Our membership Secretary continues to create a full list of email addresses to aid communication. She would therefore be grateful, save for those who already responded to the request in the last Newsletter, if you could kindly add or confirm your email address to Jane at jam2009@talktalk.net

It has also been some time since an appeal was made for donations to help sustain the Group. Other Groups have a subscription charge, but Wirral has always relied on periodic appeals for donations. This method has proved successful as it involves all members who want to keep the Group financially sound. Our Treasurer Tommy Murphy would now be very grateful if when you've read this Newsletter, you go to your computer and make a donation using BACS. All donations will be gratefully received however small, but we do need a generous response. Account details below.

So, I have talked about the Group's history, our refreshed committee, meeting details, campaigns and communication.

The Group would like to see many more members at the meetings with a view to restoring our social dimension. Next meeting is on Tuesday 10th June 2025.

Meanwhile, enjoy the Spring sunshine

Best wishes to you all.

Mike

M. Lawler

Chair

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