

**NEWSLETTER September 2025**  
**SCARBOROUGH AND DISTRICT GROUP**

The Scarborough and District Group met on Monday, 22 September 2025 at Westborough Methodist Church, Scarborough.

1. Joyce I'Anson chaired the meeting and welcomed 3 Members. Apologies have been received from Ray Pollin, Hazel Bowes, Richard Moore, Karen McCabe, Sheena O'Connell, Elaine Taylor.

The Group was saddened to hear of the unexpected death of Helen, the wife of our Auditor, Ray Pollin. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Ray and his family.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 June 2025 were agreed. Proposed by Robert Carrack and seconded by James Howie. There were no matters arising.

### **3. Treasurer Report. James Howie.**

James informed that the final transfer of the Group banking operations from Lloyds to Virgin Money had been completed, and cheques have been successfully paid into the new account. The new **Virgin Money BAC's details** are listed below should anyone wish to pay their future subscription via bank transfer, and are as follows :-

**Civil Service Pensioners Alliance Scarborough Branch**

**Sort Code: 82-12-08. Account: 30146087**

n.b. Please drop a quick advisory note to James on **jpearsonhowie@gmail.com** should you use the BAC's facility so he can readily identify the transfer payment source.

Please continue to send any outstanding **cheque payments** to : James Howie, The Pippins, Rectory Lane, Thornton Le Dale, YO18 7QG.

Accounts : **Bank £306.31 Cash £34.39 Total £340.70**

4. **James as Membership secretary** informed the meeting of a new member joining the Group, and that he will be sending out a welcome letter to her shortly.

### **5. Items of interest in CSPA circulars/**

Joyce gave a brief resume' on some recent CSPA campaigns which included:

Social Tariffs to fight the rising cost of Utilities (Gas/Water/Electric).

Digital exclusion/inclusion.

Free TV licences being re-instated.

The change over of pension providers from MYCSP to CAPITA.

A call for people experienced in unpaid Social Care to submit 'pen portraits' to the Care & Support Alliance (CSA) for submission to the Casey Commission.

(n.b. This is to help them better understand the experiences of people who need, use or provide care and support across England. Any submission, please send to the General Secretary ([sally.tsoukaris@cspa.co.uk](mailto:sally.tsoukaris@cspa.co.uk)) or by post to CSPA HQ marked for her attention).

## 6. Digital Exclusion and Pension Fraud.

Richard Kilsby informed the meeting that in early August, AGE UK handed in a petition to Downing Street, signed by 173,949 people (both on-line and off-line) highlighting the issues and the affects of digital exclusion on the elderly. Campaigners also met with experts in Parliament to share their experiences. Work will continue in conjunction with MP's and Civil Servants in drafting a new **Digital Inclusion Action Plan** to help shape fairer policies across the country.

Richard also relayed a message from **Action Fraud** warning of pensioners being targeted by criminals and conned out of their savings by spurious "investments and other opportunities". The Pension Scams Action Group (PSAG) have advised those that chose to manage their pension on-line to always use a **strong and memorable password**. Also to **ignore unsolicited calls about their pensions** as such cold calling is illegal and usually the sign of a scam. And finally, **never be rushed or pressured into taking up on an "investment opportunity"**. If it looks too good to be true than it usually is!

If you think you have been contacted by a potential pension scammer or criminal, please report it to: **[actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk)** or call **0300 123 2040**. And if you have made any payment then please inform your bank or pension provider as soon as possible to prevent further losses.

Any suspicious emails also send to : **[phishing.gov.uk](http://phishing.gov.uk)**

## **7. Christmas Lunch.**

Joyce I'Anson confirmed Xmas lunch has been booked at the Park Manor Hotel on Friday, 28 November '25 - 12 for 12.30pm. Any £10 deposits and menu options still outstanding, please contact Joyce soonest on Tel: **01723 360519** email; **j.ianson360@gmail.com** to arrange payment and lunch details.

## **8. CSPA Annual General Meeting (AGM).**

The CSPA AGM 2025 will be held 08/09 October '25 at the Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth. James Howie will be representing the Group at the meeting.

## **9. A.O.B.**

The next meetings for the **Group is Monday 19/01/26** commencing 1100 in Belle Vue Room, Westborough Methodist Church, Scarborough, YO11 1TS

## **Group Meetings 2026.**

**19 January 2026**

**20 April 2026 (AGM - Guest speaker Andy Aitchinson)**

**22 June 2026**

**21 September 2026**

Committee Meetings.

12/01/26

13/04/26

15/06/26

14/09/26

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

Richard Kilsby

24 September 2025