

Sheffield Lincoln & District Group Newsletter – Winter 2025

All-Members Meeting – 18 December 2025 - meet 1.30pm for 2pm

As previously reported, our Group's representation responsibilities now include members in Lincolnshire. This is the first 'joint' newsletter, which comes with a BIG welcome to all those in Lincoln and District. We hope to improve your links to and from the CSPA.

The December meeting is always a festive affair, with but a dash of formal business. CSPA's Pensions Officer Christine Haswell will be explaining all about pensions.

There's always a friendly, inclusive atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you there. Please have a look at the Agenda on Page 3.

Mike Buckley, our Group Chair, writes

Hello and welcome to the latest – or should that be the first - Newsletter for the new Sheffield and Lincoln and District – SALAD for short? Avid readers will spot a certain difference in style for this edition. Our Secretary and Editor John Houghton is currently undergoing some significant treatment. John is in good spirits if tired from the effects. We all wish him the very best and send warm wishes for recovery. In the meantime, I hope this edition is not too poor a substitute.



The Group had a very successful CSPA AGM in Kenilworth. We succeeded with all our proposals, as even the one 'remitted' will still be considered by the national leadership. Recruitment of new members is firmly on the active agenda now. Our first 'outreach' journey to meet members in Retford went well. We will be doing more of this to really enable members across South Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and North Derbyshire to feel a valued part of CSPA.

Please, if you have a great local venue to suggest where we can meet local members informally, do get in touch!

Mike Buckley

We welcome Mrs J Brown, Mrs M Furness, Mr S Holt, and Mrs S B Shaw as new CSPA Members

Meeting Reports

Autumn Quarterly Meeting – 25th September 2025

The main business was the imminent CSPA Annual General Meeting at Kenilworth. We confirmed our support for the motions on improving the value of



pensions, setting the right threshold for Winter Fuel Allowance, and on improving public transport that we had submitted. We decided to vote only for those we had nominated to national office and the Executive Council – all of whom were re-elected. We noted we have a 'healthy' bank balance due in no small part to the Treasurer's continuing efforts to drum up

subs and donations.

A number of great suggestions were made for social visits by the Group.



Group Executive Committee Meeting, 30th October 2025

Mainly the meeting focussed on the report back from the AGM. We noted especially the excellent result our Newsletter had in the newly re-established CSPA awards for Group Newsletters: **very well-done John Houghton!** We agreed to seek volunteers from the Lincoln & District area to join the Group Executive. Plans for the December Members' Meeting were laid. Membership had alas fallen slightly. This no doubt reflected the significant 'data cleansing' that has been undertaken but does underscore our need to recruit.

Group Reports

Finance – Treasurer Linda Garner happily reports that we are back in a stable position after a few years of uncertainty. After Covid, we did not ask for subs as we had a positive balance and had spent nothing for the two previous years. For a number of reasons, when we re-introduced a subs request, we did not get many subs for the next 2 years and were getting low on the bank balance. However, after advising the Group of our low balance, members came up trumps in the last 2 years with both more subs plus generous donations.

We will probably be requesting subs in 2026 but, if more members were to pay the £2 to help the Committee to fight/canvas etc on your behalf, we would not be dependent so much on generous donations. However we are extremely grateful for your support in helping us promote the Civil Servants Pensioner's cause. **Please do try to find £2 this year to help sustain the future of our Group.**

Cheques and cash will be gratefully accepted at any quarterly meeting, or by post to:

Linda Garner, CSPA Sheffield Lincoln & District Group Treasurer, 6 Moorwoods Avenue, Sheffield S35 2WA, or you can pay by **Bank Transfer** to:

"CSPA Sheffield Group", **Bank Code:** 08-92-99, **A/c No.** 65467264, **Reference:** Please give your initials and surname.

Membership Update - Now we have welcomed our Lincoln and surrounding area members, we hope that our group continues to thrive. Please spread the word about CSPA to any of your ex-colleagues who may wish to join. The more members we have, the more influence we can command. Also, if any members you know would like to be on the local contact list, let me know at lindawoollen54@gmail.com

If only for the new travel insurance arrangements now available, there is real benefit to be had from joining CSPA. So, **if you know anyone who is eligible, please encourage them to join you as a member**

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All-Members Meeting Agenda for Thursday 25th September 2025 - meet from 1.30pm, starts 2 pm.

Venue: The Hilton Room, Sheffield Cathedral, Church St, Sheffield S1 1HA

1. Welcome & Introductions (Chair)
2. Apologies
3. Guest Speaker: Christine Haswell, CSPA Pensions Officer
4. Social break
5. Christmas Quiz
6. Christmas Raffle
7. Any Other Business

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Forthcoming Meeting Dates for 2026

If you need any help or information, please contact Group Secretary, John Houghton.
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All-Members' Meeting - Thursday 19th March, to be held in the Hilton Room, Sheffield Cathedral - please make a note in your diary. This will be the Group 's AGM.

Secretary's note: *Our email edition saves CSPA a considerable amount of money!!*
Please do register for the email edition if you can. Contact Linda Woollen at
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