



Liverpool & District Group

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Newsletter

#### *Editors Notes*

Happy New Year to all our new members and all current members.

Please remember to notify HQ (contact details below) if you want our Newsletters received by post as I believe they are considering cutting costs by issuing it by email.

You'll also receive email updates from Harry Brett, our treasurer, to advise of any group/ regional/ national matters if he has your email address.

You will also receive, by post, the Pensioner Magazine on a quarterly basis.

I will get on with the more general matters of 'Recent' and 'Future' meetings.

*Please Note our AGM is 2<sup>nd</sup> March, and the agenda is on Page 4 of this Newsletter – please bring it with you to the AGM.*

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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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### *Location of meetings*

Our Group Meetings are held at the Lime Street Central Restaurant/Pub, on Lime Street not far from Lime Street Station. Meetings will start at 12:15. It has easy access – all on one floor, even the toilets. Coffee/tea or alcohol available as well as snacks/meals.

If a different location is used – this will be mentioned in the heading of the event.

### *Recent Events*

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Meeting for our Christmas Lunch @ 12:15**

Ten members attended and all had an enjoyable meal with plenty of chatter.

We all had different Christmas meals from the menu and some having alcohol.

### *Future Events*

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 – Our AGM @ 12:15**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 – Group Meeting @ 12:15**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Group Meeting @ 12:15**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Group Christmas Lunch @ 12:15**

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

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### **Minutes of Liverpool and District General Meeting**

**Held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at Lime Street Central Lime Street Liverpool**

**PRESENT** – Sue Munro, Brenda Wall, Pauline McCrorie, Mike Stankiewicz, Stephen Carson, Dave Evans and Harry Brett. Apologies were received from Brian and Carole Rimmer and Adrienne and George Allinson.

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS** – MS opened the meeting and welcomed those who had attended. He stated he was happy to say he had very little to say as everything appeared to be running smoothly. There was some discussion regarding the day that the meetings take place, as Monday causes him to miss a gym class that he attends. The general feeling was Monday was still preferable. It was agreed that it would be discussed at the AGM in March. It was suggested that an alternative was the start could be put back to 1pm which may suit everyone.

**MATTERS ARISING** – HB said because of the discussions at the last meeting, he had 2 proposals to discuss, one which would reduce costs and one which increase revenue. HB is still awaiting a response from Chester Boats; he would chase it up before the meeting in March. He has asked them to quote for a 2-hour cruise to Ironbridge, which will include Lunch. He suggested the dates of either 15<sup>th</sup> or 22nd June 2026. As soon as he gets information, he will circulate it to members.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – SM gave a brief report stating she was preparing another Newsletter which will go out before the AGM, informing members of the AGM and asking for nominations for the Officer posts.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – HB gave a report on the accounts which had a healthy balance of £754-20p. The only costs since the last meeting were the £4-25 monthly Bank Charges, which increase if we receive money into the account, or spend from it. We have been charged a total of £47-60 which for a full year would be over £60.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – DE informed the meeting that we had received two new members whom he had written to informing them of future meetings and inviting them to attend. He was in the process of getting an up-to-date membership list from HQ.

**MOTIONS**- There were 2 motions for the Group to consider:

1. That the Liverpool Group use the Bank account used currently by the Manchester Group. Liverpool's Accounts will be shown independent of Manchester's Accounts. The reason for this change is that Manchester has an Account with RBS which has no Bank Charges but is no longer available to new customers. The reason for this motion is to cut costs as Liverpool will have paid £47-60 during 2025 (9 months) and will pay more in 2026 which will be for a full year.
2. That members of the Liverpool Group will be given the opportunity to join a 200 club in conjunction with Manchester at a rate of £12 per year and which gives a first prize of 50% of the fund, a second prize of 25% and 25% going to Group funds.

Both motions were passed by the Group members. The Treasurer was given the authority to close the Liverpool account and transfer the fund to the RBS account currently in the name of the Greater Manchester Group. The Treasurer will continue to present to future meetings separate accounts for Manchester and Liverpool and it will effectively be run as they are now.

The Treasurer will explain the 200 Club in the new Newsletter and see what the take up is. At the March AGM it can be decided as to whether Liverpool will run a separate 200 club or combine with Manchester which would give a bigger prize.

**REGIONAL REPORT** – HB reported that there were 3 main things to report. The first was unfortunately the number of complaints coming from members and non-members about the performance of Capita, since they took over on 1<sup>st</sup> December. The complaints were mainly delays in answering the phone, not dealing with queries, and members inability to get on the portal to see their pension information. HQ will be meeting both with the Cabinet Office and Capita soon.

The information regarding the individual member vote will appear in the next 2 issues of the Pensioner to allow individual members to vote for 7 of the posts on the EC.

The third matter is the decision as to whether the CSPA moves from a non-profit association to a company limited by guarantee. There is to be a meeting in Manchester on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April for Groups from the Northwest, Northeast and North Wales, which will explain the proposal in more detail and allow members to ask questions. Two members from each Group are invited at CSPA cost, but it was agreed the Liverpool Group would meet the costs of anyone else who wished to attend. Full information will also appear in the next 2 issues of the Pensioner.

Having passed the two motions, we are asking members who would wish to join the 200 club to either send a cheque for £12 to me at 46 Severn Way, Holmes Chapel, Crewe CW4 8FT, or alternatively direct to the Bank Sort Code 16-12-11, Account No 10177528 Name CSPA Manchester. We would also be grateful for donations either with your 200-club membership or a stand-alone donation to Group Funds.

#### AGENDA FOR AGM MEETING- MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2026

1. Chairman's Comments – Members Present
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of last meeting
4. Matters Arising
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Membership Secretary's Report
8. Election of Officers and Committee
9. Regional Report
10. Future Meeting Dates.
11. Any Other Business

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