

**NEWSLETTER April 2026**  
**SCARBOROUGH AND DISTRICT GROUP**

The Scarborough and District Group met for its AGM on Monday, 20 April 2026 at Westborough Methodist Church, Scarborough.

1. Joyce I'Anson chaired the meeting welcoming 6 Members, with a special welcome to new member Tina Davy. Apologies have been received from Richard Moore, Elaine Taylor, Ray Pollin, and Regional Representative Andy Aitchinson.

2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 28 April 2025 were agreed. Proposed by Hazel Bowes and seconded by Karen McCabe. There were no matters arising.

**3. Chairs Report. Joyce I'Anson**

Scarborough Group held four Group and Committee meetings in 2025. All have been well attended with Andy Aitchinson attending as our Guest Speaker during the 2025 AGM.

James and I attended the CSPA Regional Meeting in Darlington in June with James also attending the CSPA AGM in Coventry in October 2025. Such gatherings have been proven useful to meet, 'compare notes' and discuss issues with the other regional groups, and also meet the full-time officers of the CSPA.

Sadly our oldest member Jocelyn Lovett passed in October '25 at the age of 101. Although in her later years Jocelyn was unable to attend the Group meetings in person she remained a keen supporter of the Group right up to her time of passing.

She was especially pleased about the article about her life and times, submitted to and included in 'The Pensioner' last year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the 'non-attendees' of the Group meetings who continue to send in their subscriptions each year and thereby continue to cover the running costs of the Group. We could not continue to function without your support, so my personal thanks to you all.

We had Christmas lunch at the Park Manor Hotel and once again it was a very enjoyable occasion. Our thanks to Ray Pollin for his humorous place-name cards which got the event off to a good start. A card of appreciation has been sent to the Hotel for both the excellent quality of the lunch and the service that we received.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the members of the Committee, James, Richard, Sheena and Ray for their continued assistance in keeping the Group going and all the Group members for their on-going friendship and support.

#### **4. Treasurer Report and accounts. James Howie.**

The Treasurer thanked all the members who have paid their subscription so far with a special thanks to those who gave an extra contribution with their payment. **Subscriptions for the 2026 financial year are now due and have been maintained at £5.00.** The Treasurer again reminded the meeting that the Branch relies solely on the subscription income to fund the quarterly room hire and other expenses.

The Branch has £360.31 in the Virgin Money account and £69.99 in cash. **Accounts accepted and approved: Richard Kilsby, Tina Davy.**

Members are welcome to pay their subscription by cheque or - if they wish to avoid the cost of a stamp - they can pay by **BACS transfer** to the Club's account at Virgin Money (BACS details below). **Can members please put their name in the reference section.**

If paying by BACS transfer members are asked as an additional precaution to send an email simply stating their name and amount to **jpearsonhowie@gmail.com**. This is needed because the Virgin bank statements sometimes only show the amount paid **and not the name** of the member paying the subscription. **BACS details:-**

#### **Civil Service Pensioners Alliance Scarborough Branch**

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

**Account: 30146087**

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

**5. James as Membership secretary** formally welcomed our new member Tina Davy and will continue to reach out to the 'inactive' members of the group.

#### **6. Pensioner Driving Licenses**

James warned the car driving members of the Group to check the expiry date on their driving licenses as the DVLA warning notifications have not been running smoothly of late. James was aware of cases where pensioners' had gone to hire a car only to find that their licenses had expired well over a year ago!

## **7. Items of interest within the CSPA**

Joyce confirmed that James will be attending the Special Regional Meeting to discuss the incorporation of the CSPA being held in Manchester on 23 April 2026. She also advised that there is a very good 'Q & A' section in the recent 'Pensioners' magazine regarding this issue.

## **8. Benefits of CSPA membership and the work of the full-time officers.**

Richard Kilsby informed the meeting that via video link, he had attended the Quarterly Meeting of the GC RAMs (Government Communications, Retired Associate Members) from Cheltenham.

The Chair of the meeting reported on a number of incidents where the MyCsp - CAPITA provider changeover had adversely affected the prompt payments of pensions to retired former staff members. He was also fulsome in his praise of the work being done by the CSPA - and its full time officers (FTO's) - in raising these many issues with the Cabinet Office, and also the FTO's work in assisting many individual cases. He concluded his piece by advising **all government retirees to join the CSPA**, and provide their numerical support to the full time officers efforts.

## **9. Mandatory annual Eye-Testing of elderly Drivers**

As a footnote to the CSPA's fact gathering mission regarding this issue, Richard recently attended his optician for his 'post - age 65' **annual** NHS eye-test only to be told a recent directive from the NHS had stated that unless an eye condition was detected the eye tests would now be every **2 years**. The fact that he was over the age of 70 and a driver apparently made no difference?

## **10. Election of New Committee**

No new nominations have been received.

Members willing to be re-elected.

Chair - Joyce I'Anson

Treasurer and Membership Secretary - James Howie

Pensioner Magazine Publicity - Sheena O'Connell

Minutes Secretary - Richard Kilsby

Appointed Auditor - Ray Pollin

**11. A.O.B.**

**Guest speaker Andy Aitchinson** has offered to attend the next meeting in June (to be confirmed). The meeting will commence 1100 in Belle Vue Room, Westborough Methodist Church, Scarborough, YO11 1TS

**Group Meetings 2026.**

**22 June 2026**

**21 September 2026**

**Committee Meetings.**

15/06/26

14/09/26

10. Joyce thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 12.45pm.

Richard Kilsby

23 April 2026