

NEWSLETTER June 2026
SCARBOROUGH AND DISTRICT GROUP

The Scarborough and District Group met on Monday, 22 June 2026 at Westborough Methodist Church, Scarborough.

1. Joyce I'Anson chaired the meeting welcoming 9 Members, with a special welcome to our guest speaker, Regional Representative Andy Aitchinson.

Apologies have been received from Richard Moore, Karen McCabe

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 23 February 2026 were agreed. Proposed by Sheena O'Connell and seconded by Tina Davy. There were no matters arising.

3. Treasurer Report James Howie.

The Treasurer thanked all the members who have paid their **subscription** so far. **Subscriptions outstanding for the 2026 financial year are still due and have been maintained at £5.00.**

The Branch has £351.38 in the Virgin Money account and £74.99 in cash.

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 Group'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.

4. Membership secretary James Howie

James attended the Special Regional meeting in Manchester in April to discuss the possible change to the CSPA constitution. Feedback to the meeting revealed that 91.5% of the membership who had replied to HQ's questionnaire appeared to be in favour of the view that the CSPA should become incorporated. The issue could apparently still take up to 12 months to be resolved following further debate, and approval in principal, at the AGM in October.

5. AGM Kenilworth October 2026

Joyce proposed that James attended the AGM on behalf of the Group. This was approved unanimously. Any potential motions from the Group for discussion at the AGM, to be forwarded to Joyce soonest. She further proposed the nomination of Keith Yallop for Standing Orders Committee (SOC) at the AGM. This was also approved unanimously by the Group.

6. Secretary's Report Richard Kilsby

Richard provided information to the meeting about the latest AI inspired fraud.

Shoppers are being duped into making purchases on scam websites posing as genuine sites complete with AI generated pictures of shops / shop-fronts in high streets, and them being visited by happy shoppers.

To check if a website is real, members are advised to:

- a) Check out any contact details on the website.
- b) If a shop-front image is shown, check its actual existence on google maps.
- c) Be highly sceptical of reviews and social media comments.
- d) If doing a major purchase, and the site claims to be a limited company, check its details on the Government Guidance Page who will confirm when it was set up, (scam shops are always recent) who set it up, and other details.

In addition to the usual fraud helplines, anyone who wants to report a website or get advice about faulty / non-appearance of goods can contact the **Citizen Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133**

7. Xmas Lunch 2026

Joyce informed the meeting that the lunch will be held on Friday, 27 November 2026 at the Park Hotel. She will be bringing menus and taking names and £10 deposits at the next Group meeting in September. Joyce also mentioned that the Park Manor is presently up for sale (for £1.5 million).

8. Mailings from HQ

Joyce mentioned that some members were happy to receive any Newsletter mailed out from HQ via email, and some preferred to receive them via post. She advised members to contact HQ stating their preference, should the mailings not be arriving in their preferred format.

9. A.O.B.

Guest speaker Andy Aitchinson gave a brief resume' on a number of issues including The CAPITA transition and potential CSPA 2027 campaigns on Social Care / WASPI Women / Local Transport (Buses) / Triple Lock retention / the gap between the Old

and the New State Pension / Pension increases now being taxed because of frozen Tax bands.

He also informed the meeting that on 31 July '26, CSPA General Secretary, Sally Tsoukaris will be retiring, and will be replaced by Josie Irwin, former Head of the Equality Unit, UNISON.

Joyce, on behalf of the Group, thanked Sally for all her hard work in promoting and championing the CSPA, and wished her a long and happy retirement.

The next Group meeting will commence 1100 in Belle Vue Room, Westborough Methodist Church, Scarborough, YO11 1TS

Group Meetings 2026.

21 September 2026

18 January 2027

Committee Meetings.

14/09/26

11/01/2027

10. Joyce thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 12.55pm.

Richard Kilsby

23 June 2026