

WIRRAL GROUP NEWSLETTER

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CHANGES TO YOUR LOCAL GROUP COMMITTEE

At the AGM in March 2026 both Mike Lawler, (Chair) and Tommy Murphy (Treasurer) announced they would both be standing down from their positions which each has held for 10 years. Our Minutes Secretary Tina Haslam volunteered and was duly elected as our new Chair. She has also agreed to continue her secretarial role. As there were no nominations for Treasurer at the AGM, Tommy agreed to continue covering these duties until the June meeting. This deferment resulted in the nomination and appointment of Bill Steadman as Treasurer. We wish Tina and Bill well in their respective posts

The remainder of the current committee includes Mike Lawler and Brian McLean as members and Jane Mansell as Membership Secretary.

RECENT TOPICS ARISING AT GROUP MEETINGS

We welcome all Wirral Group members at our quarterly meetings when we have lively discussions on issues affecting our membership. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 10 a.m at Upton Victory Hall, Salacre Lane, Upton Wirral CH45 0TL. The main focus of that meeting will be to mandate our delegate for Conference in October. Our proposed motion is centred around the cost of energy which affects a growing number of pensioners and, by association, CSPA members. Tina Haslam is our delegate. She was successful last year in getting our Group's motion passed regarding Falls Prevention. This has now been given to CSPA's Health & Care Policy Adviser, Jean Harriman-Smith to progress and there will be an update in the 2025 AGM Plan.

Tina would be happy to assist in introducing any members to the process at Conference and the role of delegate. If there is anyone interested, see contact below.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BALLOT

For the first time this year CSPA will be trialling a new system for the election of Chair, Vice Chair and 5 open posts on the NEC. The whole membership will be

invited to vote either on line or by post. Full details will be circulated in your next Pensioner magazine in September. We encourage our group members to vote and especially for those nominated by our Group. At our meeting on 9th June, members attending responded to the latest HQ circular inviting nominations. It was decided to endorse the nominations of Pam Flynn, Secretary of Greater Manchester Group, Harry Brett, North West Regional Representative and Les Priestley, Chair of the Alliance. All are well-known to some of our group and are worthy nominees.

COMMUNICATION WITH GROUP MEMBERSHIP

We are keen to ensure we reach all members in the best possible way, and this will continue to be an important and ongoing project. Firstly, we encourage members to keep our Membership Secretary informed of any updates to email and/or postal addresses. We are currently exploring all methods of communication. A brief notice will be posted in each quarterly issue of The Pensioner. In addition, we hope to send out a more detailed newsletter following each quarterly members meeting held in March, June, September and December. Depending on any restrictions as to length/postage costs of newsletters, we will consider whether it may be feasible to annex minutes of quarterly meetings and/or add to the group page on the website once up and running.

The group page on the CSPA members website is a new venture currently being explored. We are in the process of seeking HQ advice on how to develop and run this. So, watch out for further news. In the meantime, if there are any members who have a talent for setting up and posting information on websites, please get in touch.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

There is a general enthusiasm for the group to resurrect regular social activities. So far in 2026 we have had:

- a visit in January to a Titanic exhibition in Liverpool. (see images of artefacts)
- in June a cruise upstream on River Dee from Chester in conjunction with members from Chester and Liverpool groups.(see pictures of the day)

There are currently planned visits:

- on 7th August to the Lady Lever Gallery May Morris exhibition.
- on 20th August to St Georges Hall in Liverpool for the Minton Tiles reveal.
- On 8th December members Christmas lunch at The Grange Inn, 407 Hoylake Road, Moreton, CH466DQ. Full details of time and cost/menu selection to follow in next newsletter (October)

If any members are interested in meeting up with other members at either of the August exhibitions, or have suggestions for future social activities, please get in touch (see contact members below)

FUTURE MEETINGS FOR 2026

Tuesday Sept. 8th at 10am

Tuesday Dec 8th at 10am followed by Christmas lunch approx. 1pm

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