

NEWSLETTER September 2026
SCARBOROUGH AND DISTRICT GROUP

The Scarborough and District Group met on Monday, 21 September 2026 at Westborough Methodist Church, Scarborough.

1. Joyce I'Anson chaired the meeting welcoming 6 Members.

Apologies have been received from Richard Moore, Hazel Bowes, Sheena O'Connell, Tina Davey

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 22 June 2026 were agreed. Proposed by Elaine Taylor and seconded by Ray Pollin. There were no matters arising.

3. Treasurer Report James Howie.

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

The Branch has £322.81 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 has received a number of address changes for members from HQ but otherwise has nothing new to report.

5. AGM Kenilworth October 2026

James is representing the group at the AGM in Kenilworth. We believe Keith Yallop has been accepted for the Standing Orders Committee (SOC) at the AGM.

6. Secretary's Report Richard Kilsby

Richard provided information to the meeting about the latest scam alert from Yorkshire Building Society regarding fraudsters seeking to obtain access to customer accounts by the medium of spurious phone calls. The calls are listed as 'high pressure' and very

convincing, and members should remain extremely wary of any such form of unsolicited communications.

He also gave an update of the latest situation regarding the Capita / MyCSP change over. Capita has been hauled before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) yet again with Capita's CEO, Adolfo Hernandez apologising for a very poor service. The apology was rejected, and during the subsequent 'grilling', MPs asked if Capita fully understood the human impact of the pension/payment delays?

The Cabinet Office has set up and sent in a Recovery Task Force to deal with the crisis. And with Capita having missed March/April/May and June deadlines, the Government is considering bringing the service back 'in house'. Updates on the work of the Recovery Task Force are available on the CSPA website.

For those members affected, compensation is still available for those who can show financial loss, and interest free loans of up to £20,000 are still available.

7. Xmas Lunch 2026

Joyce informed the meeting that the lunch will be held on Friday, 27 November 2026 at the Park Hotel, 12 Noon for 12.30pm. She is presently taking names and £10 deposits of attendees.

Joyce also mentioned that having recently gone 'full fibre' she has had her

(01723 XXXXX) old landline phone removed, and people wishing to contact her now reference booking the Xmas Lunch, menu options (etc), please call on her New Contact Number: 07714 323433.

8. A.O.B.

Joyce, on behalf of the Scarborough Group, has sent a farewell email to General Secretary, Sally Tsoukaris, thanking and sending her "best wishes for a long and happy retirement".

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

Group Meetings 2027

18 January 2027

19 April 2027 (AGM)

28 June 2027

20 September 2027

Committee Meetings.

11 January 2027

12 April 2027

21 June 2027

13 September 2027

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

Richard Kilsby

25 September 2026