



Bradford on Avon Lions Club

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President's Remarks

Dear Friends and Fellow Lions.

It looks as though we have rather a busy schedule for our meeting in Holt on Monday evening. To begin, it will be my pleasure to badge up our three new members – Mike and Cheryl Roberts and Jon Court. Mike has been a member in the past and before Christmas, all three expressed an interest in joining Bradford Lions Club and have recently attended one of our monthly meetings. We are fortunate to be welcoming three most enthusiastic new Lions thus making a total of five new members since Christmas.

As well as the badging up, we will have the pleasure of welcoming our Zone Chair, Lion Paula Thorpe and her husband Mark. Mark is also a fellow Lion and is currently District Officer for Hunger. We have recently been discussing the possibility of getting involved with Sight Cameras, and I'm hoping Paula's visit will be an opportunity to learn a little more about this project. I have asked her if she could give us a little more information about the cameras, their use and what training is required for their use. People will then be able to make more informed decisions about whether they want to get involved in the project.

At the beginning of the year we had a request from Wiltshire Young Musicians for a donation to help with their funding, so at our February meeting I had invited Chris Turner their Executive Director to come along and tell us about this charity and the work they do creating opportunities for our young people in all aspects of music. He gave a very interesting presentation explaining working with children as young as four and how, as they get older and gain experience and confidence, are able to join a variety of choirs, bands, ensembles and orchestras, all led by talented and enthusiastic teachers. As a result we are giving them a generous donation to help with the continuation of this work. I have been to a number of their concerts and the quality of music and performance these youngsters produce is truly outstanding.

Our Easter and Summer activities are now well past the planning stage. Easter eggs are bought and ready, and I can now confirm the Mayor and his wife have agreed to judge the Easter Bonnet competition. Most of the fairground rides and food stalls are booked for Fun Day, and the car boot slots are selling fast and have already generated well over £1000.00. We also have requests for other items although Phil with his 185 soft toys has said "please – no more!". Brian has requested bric-a-brac items and we also can't have enough bottles for both Phil's bottle stall and Bob Farrimond's tombola. I'm sure you have all these items in mind and will be giving generously.

Finally, we have received invitations from two of the organisations we have supported in the recent past. One from Julias House to attend their Open Day which Lynn and Janie have said they will go to and an invitation from Bradford-on-Avon Rugby Club to one of their training sessions on the morning of Sunday March 23rd. This will hopefully give an opportunity for some Lions photos with the players. Keith and myself are going to this one and anyone who would like to join us will be very welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 17th March.

Mike.

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for March Meeting – Bob Farrimond, please

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Phil

Present

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17th February

For Action or Decision: Trustees
Treasurer
Community Services
Fun Day
Fund Raising
Social

Correspondence

Any Other Relevant Business

MINUTES

1. Minutes of a meeting of the Lions Club of Bradford on Avon, held on Monday 17th February 2025.

2. Attendance. There were 12 members present.

3. Apologies. Betty, John, Liz, Phil, Trish, Brian C and Ron.

4. Guest. Chris Turner of Wilts Young Musicians.

4a) Lion President Mike introduced Chris to the members,

4b) Chris gave a short talk about Pick and Play which encourages children from 4 years old to 17, to choose and learn how to play an instrument. It appears that they have plenty of instruments to choose from but their big problem is finance as their running costs are around £19,000 per year. The club has donated £1000 which is now due for payment.

5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 20th January 2025. Approved.

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting

a) 6a - Plaque for bench, there has been some movement from the town council who have promised to get the bench organised so that it can be sited in Westbury Gardens. We also need some movement on a new bench, possibly in the country park and on the recovery of the bench that was removed from Victory Field during work by Wessex Water, **Action Phil.**

b) 6g – Fun Day, see Fun Day report.

c) 10a – Fun Day, Pegasus Homes, see Fun Day report.

d) 10c – Car Boot leaflets, see Fun Day report.

e) 10e – Prizes for Tombola and Bottle stalls, ongoing. **Action all members to help.**

f) 10f – Bric a brac stall, ongoing. **Action all members to help.**

g) 11a – Advertising, complete.

h) 14c – MIAB, complete.

I) 15b – Raffle prize, complete.

7. Treasurer.

a) The Treasurer reported that the two accounts were as shown in the February Newsletter.

b) The Treasurer reported that HM Revenue had fined the club £200 for failing to file our Tax Returns by a certain date. Mark has now sent the information to the tax office with an accompanying letter to explain the reasons for missing the date of return. It is hoped that the fine will be rescinded.

8. Community Services.

- a) The photo of Winsley School Shed will be posted on the club website. **Action Lynn.**
- b) Wilts Young Musicians, £1000 awaiting payment. **Action Mark.**
- c) A representative of BoA Rugby Club will come to a club meeting to tell about the trip to NI. It was felt that it would be good PR for a few members to take up the invitation to visit the rugby club on a training night or match day. **Action Lynn.**
- d) Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet competition. Eggs are ordered and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor have agreed to judge the competition.
- e) We have been asked if we would consider paying for a therapy dog for a lonely old man with health issues. More information needed. **Action Lynn.**
- f) Julia's House are having an open day on March 26th. Anyone interested should contact Lynn.
- g) The club has been asked to sponsor and act as stewards at the Parkinson's Charity walk around Bath University. **Action Community Services to discuss.**

9. Fun Day.

- a) Because we have some sponsorship this year, it was decided to look into the possibility of adding some extra entertainment. We looked at a Falconry Display that wasn't viable and are now investigating the Bratton Junior Silver Band.
- b) Keith has contacted three local companies, Miles Morgan Travel, TT Cycles and Leigh Park Garden Machinery to see if they would be interested in having a stall on Culver Close. Miles Morgan have refused and there has been no reply from the other two companies. It was suggested that we should try the travel company in the town. **Action Keith.**
- c) We now have a Face Painter for the day.
- d) At the time of the meeting 60 pitches have been reserved which equals £750.
- e) Brian has already distributed leaflets but still has a few more to distribute.

10. Fund Raising. No report.

11. Social.

- a) Cumberwell has been booked for Charter 2025 for Sunday 2nd November.
- b) Cumberwell has also been booked for Handover on Sunday 29th June.
- c) There will be a Summer Lunch at Judith and Brian's, the date still to be confirmed.
- d) We are trying to organise a walk ending at a pub for Sunday lunch sometime during April. More details later.
- e) The committee are considering organising a skittles evening at a local pub. This will depend on how many want to play. Needs to be 20 people minimum with friends and partners welcome.

12. Correspondence. The secretary has forwarded on all relevant correspondence by email.

13. Any other business.

- a) President Mike said that there will be a Zone Social on the 20th March in Warminster. There was no interest in attending from the club members. **Action Mike to explain to the Zone Chair that we will not be attending.**
- b) The Zone Chair will make her visit to the March Club Meeting when it is hoped that she will be able to shed some light on the Eye Camera Project.
- c) We hope to badge up three new members at the March meeting.

14. Raffle.

- a) The raffle was won by Bob F.

b) Raffle prize for February meeting Bob Farrimond please.

Lion President Mike closed the meeting at 9-10pm.

TRUSTEES

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Trustees of The Lions Club of Bradford on Avon, held on Wednesday 5th March 2025.

2. Present – Lions Mike, Mark, Phil., Hilary, and Keith

3. Apologies – Lions Lynn, Janie and Bob F.

4. Minutes – Minutes of previous meeting dated 8th January 2025 were approved.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 6d – Recent donations towards new benches in Westbury Gardens and possibly in the Country Park ongoing.

Action

Phil.

b) 8b – Possible new member, consider no interest, complete.

c) 9a – Christmas Tree Festival, complete.

d) 9b – Carols Round the Tree, complete.

e) 9c – Fun Day Ice Cream supplier, complete.

6. Treasurer.

a) Mark confirmed that the accounts were as shown below

Charity/Activities account £13118

Admin account £475.51

b) Mark confirmed that he has sent our accounts to the HM Revenue and we await the decision of the appeal against our late tax return.

c) Mark confirmed that he will pay the donation to Wilts Young Musicians when they send us an invoice.

7. Correspondence.

a) The secretary has forwarded all relevant emails to members.

b) A letter has been received from Selwood Housing confirming that the garage rental will increase by 2.7% to £84.35 per month from 1st April 2025. Selwood have out of date information on the Lions Club which will need up dating.

Action Mark.

c) President Mike has received a letter from Betty and John Rogers apologising for their non-attendance recently. President Mike has replied saying that the club understands their difficult situation and hopes that we will see them both very soon.

8. Membership.

a) We hope to badge up three new members at the March meeting.

b) We are looking for someone to act as PR for articles and photographs to be included in the Lion Magazine and Sentinel. This volunteer will work in tandem with Liz.

c) The Trustees recommend that we try to find new fund raising or community activities for the months between Christmas and Easter. Discussion at April club meeting.

d) The April meeting has had to be re-scheduled for Monday 28th due to the 3rd Monday being Easter Monday.

9. Committees.

a) Trustees feel that the Community Services Committee should have at least one new member.

b) Fun Day

b1) Keith has checked with the Town council and it has been confirmed that the Victory Field is being used for football training up to 11-30. The field has been booked to us for after that time. **Action Keith and Brian to sort out when to white line.**

b2) Phil will work on designing suitable posters for Fun Day. The poster design will need to be approved by our Sponsor before printing. **Action Phil.**

b3) There will be two new attractions on the Lions Stalls this year. Target shooting and Darts will offer more interest for the children.

b4) Phil confirmed that at the time of the meeting 81 pitches had been sold.

10. Any other business. Nothing to report.

11. Date of next meeting – 2-00pm on Wednesday 7th May at Keith's.

Signed
Avon.

President of the Lions Club of Bradford on

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report at 8th March 2025

The balance on the Admin account is £475.51

This is a similar position to last month.

The balance on the Charity and Activity account is £13,143.72

Outgoings

We paid a deposit for the Donkeys for the Fun Day and for sweets for the Easter Bonnet parade.

Incomings

We received additional payments for the Car Boot on Fun Day.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Community Service Update

Community Services Meeting 2pm 12th March 2025 at 16 Avonfield Avenue B on Avon

An update of our agenda for this Wednesday's meeting. Items to be discussed below:

1. Stepping Stones request for funding towards a consultation room in their setting. (We have previously given them £300 for outdoor area)
2. Walk for Parkinsons - Sept 25 - for the Lions to support this walk financially and for volunteers to support on the day.
3. A therapy dog for an older person with mental health issues and COPD with no family to support requested from Social Services -£295.

4. A visit to B on Avon Rugby training session to gain photos - donation already received £1,000. Date confirmed to visit 21st March 11am - volunteers requested to attend (Keith/Mike).
5. Easter Egg Hunt - preparation to date
6. Handover of Community Services chair - June 2025
7. Visit to Julia House - Lynn/Janie Wednesday 26th March - time to be confirmed.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for March 2025

A coffee morning held at Timbrells at the end of February was enjoyed by 10 of us. Another to be fixed shortly.

The Social Committee would like to know how many would be interested in a Sunday walk/lunch on 13th April? Any suggestions for reasonably flat walks of no more than 2 miles with somewhere to eat and park?

Also, how much interest would there be in a Skittles Evening, perhaps at the Fleur de Lys in Norton St Philip, which apparently is where our Club have held them in the past.

Any other suggestions for social events would be very welcome!

Bradford on Avon Lions Club Charities Account 2024/25

Payments from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
7/24	£840.00	Bradford on Avon Air Cadets
10/24	£234.90	Cameras for St Laurence School
10/24	£60.69	EPI Pens
11/24	£200.00	Youth Adventure Trustees
11/24	£200.00	The Hub
11/24	£100.00	Courage Choirs
11/24	£250.00	Anaphylaxis UK
11/24	£100.00	British Legion
12/24	£700.00	Town Council for Christmas Tree
12/24	£620.00	Christmas Vouchers
12/24	£150.00	Christmas Plants
12/24	£820.00	Bags for Flood victims
12/24	£200.00	Carer Support
1/25	£160.00	Message in a Bottle
1/25	£1000.00	Bradford on Avon Rugby Club
1/25	£1000.00	Winsley School Shed
<u>Total</u>	<u>£7075.59</u>	

Club Diary March & April 2025

March	5	Trustees Meeting	1400hrs	Phil's
	12	Comm Serv Meeting	1400hrs	Lynn's
	17	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
April	21	Easter Egg Hunt		Culver Close
	28	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt

Dates to Remember

7th May – Trustees Meeting
26th May – Fun Day
14th June – CCCC Trinity Church
29th June – Handover Lunch
2nd November – Charter Lunch

Magazine Deadlines

Could you please ensure that all information for the monthly Newsletter reaches Judith by the next deadline: Wednesday 16th April

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET FORECAST 2024/2025

Event	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Young Peoples Award L				400								
Christmas Tree L					750							
Christmas Parcels L						800						
Community Outings L				100		200						
Sight Savers I					300							
Poppy Wreath L					100							
Julia's House L										300		
Lions Youth Projects N		120										
Water Aid I							300					
LCIF I								500				
Medic Alert I							150					
SPLASH L								300				
Easter Egg Hunt L										250		
Brain Tumour Research N			300									
Other Causes	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
Running Total	350	820	1470	2320	3820	5170	5970	7120	7470	8370	8720	9070
Running Total Spent	840	840	840	1136	1985	4476	7076	7076	7076			
Total Budget	£9,070				Total spent up to 8/3/25 £ 7,076							

Event marker: L Local N National I International