



Bradford on Avon Lions Club

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President's Remarks

Dear Friends and fellow Lions,

Here we are now in September and what a change in the weather but very welcomed rainfall for the garden and for filling up our much-needed underground system that supplies us all here locally.

Keeping everyone up to date with what is happening within the Lions is an easy task. Our next main event is 'Some Enchanted Evening' at Holy Trinity Church from 7pm until 9pm on Saturday 13th September - a bar selling locally brewed ale, red/white wine and non alcohol beer/drinks and crisps will be available at reasonable prices. Refreshments are being sold before and during the interval. Two amazing choirs will be singing for our entertainment led by the wonderful Kate Courage. Please can you encourage friends and neighbours who would enjoy being entertained in our beautiful church - £10 per ticket - bargain!

Outstanding Young Persons Award will be held in November. Publicity leaflets are now in the library and will be distributed further around the town. Leaflets are also being sent to the Guides, Scouts, Cadets, Mighty Girls, St. Laurence School, Winsley Rugby Club, Winsley Cricket Club, Bradford on Avon Football Club, Wiltshire Young Musicians and Courage Performers. We have had outstanding nominees in recent years and I feel confident this year will be no different.

The planned Zone meeting in Warminster was cancelled but another meeting has been planned for later in September.

Finally, thinking ahead to Christmas - where as you all know from our fundraising monies we give out within the community plants and vouchers to the elderly who maybe live alone or to people disabled with limiting mobility or ill health. They also receive a friendly visitor with a smile to present the gift on their doorstep. Our list has been shrinking over the years for many sad reasons so it would be good to add a few more names new to us. So if you know of anyone who lives nearby or you have friends with relatives who could be provided with a gift then please can you let me know their name and address. Thank you.

Bye for now.

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for September Meeting – Mark, please.

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Mike.

Present

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th August 2025.

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 18th August 2025.

2. Attendance. There were 13 members present.

3. Apologies. Lions Lynn, Janie, Hilary, Bob S, Trish, Mark and Pete.

4. Guest. None.

5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 21st July 2025. Approved.

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting

a) 6a – Benches, Brian said to the meeting that he was concerned that people who had donated money in memory of past club members may be worried about the time being taken to site new benches in the town. Phil explained that nothing would be done in Westbury Gardens until the problem with the big tree had been sorted. It was agreed that a letter should be written to the Town Council, a copy to the Town Mayor, asking for a time scale for the benches to be fitted.

Action Phil.

b) 6f – Fund Raising Through Buying, Jon asked the members to go to our website and click on Buy on line. This will give instruction how to join this way of raising money for the club. More investigation needed.

Action Brian C and Jon.

c) 9a – Therapy dog, ongoing.

Action Community Services Committee.

d) 9b – Christchurch School, ongoing.

Action Community Services Committee.

e) 9c – Wiltshire Young Carers, ongoing.

Action Community Services Committee.

f) 7b – Treasurer, possible transfer of accounts, ongoing.

Action Mark.

g) 11b – Dog Show, see Fund Raising report.

h) 14a- MIAB, Mike said that there was not enough interest from other Zone clubs to warrant buying bottles in bulk. Action complete.

7. Treasurer. Admin account £350.00, Charity/Activities account £13450.00.

8. Community Services. Outstanding Young Person Award, publicity posters ready but need slight alteration before being distributed. Liz asked for digital version.

Action Mike.

9. Fun Day. Nothing to report.

10. Fund Raising.

- a) Choir event, Some Enchanted Evening, on Saturday 13th September. Ticket price will be £10. Donations for raffle prizes will be greatly received, donations to Hilary, Bob S or Keith. Advertising poster is now ready for distribution and digital version is ready to go on line.
- b) Dog Show, Jon and Mark are still in discussion with the Town Council, ongoing.

Action Jon and Mark.

11. Social.

- a) The garden party was a great success with good food and a serious boules competition. Thanks to Judith and Brian for the use of their garden.
- b) The Charter lunch will be on 2nd November at Cumberwell.
- c) If any member has an idea for a social event, the committee will be pleased to hear about it.

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

13. Any other business. There will be a Zone zoom meeting in September. The date has yet to be fixed.

14. Raffle.

- a) The raffle was won by Phil.

b) Raffle prize for September meeting Mark please.

IPP Mike closed the meeting at 8-20pm.

TRUSTEES

- **Minutes** of meeting of the Trustees of the Lions Club of Bradford on Avon, held on Wednesday 10th September 2025.
- **Present** – Lions Lynn, Mike, Phil, Bob F, Janie, Mark and Keith.
- **Apologies** – Lion Hilary.
- **Minutes** – Minutes of previous meeting held on 9th July 2025 were approved.
- **Matters arising** –
 - [a\)](#) 5a – New bench for Westbury Gardens is still ongoing. **Action Phil.**
 - [b\)](#) 5d – Candy Floss and Pimms for Fun Day, still to be discussed. **Action Keith, Phil and Mark.**
 - [c\)](#) 7b – Representatives from Kindwaves will attend the October club meeting.
 - [d\)](#) 7e – Booking of Holy Trinity Church for CCC&C 2026 event, complete.
 - [e\)](#) 10c – Young Persons Award, Mike has sent posters and citation forms to the Head Teacher at St. Laurence School. Scouts, cadets etc are still to be informed. **Action Mike.**
- **Treasurer**
 - a) Charity a/c £13300, Admin £369.16.
 - b) £400 has still to be paid to Holy Trinity Church for the CCC&C event.
 - c) Mark has investigated using the Co-Op Bank which is free banking. He will put his suggestion of transferring our accounts from Lloyds to the Co-Op Bank to the club at the next meeting. **Action Mark.**
- **Correspondence.**
 - a) The secretary has forwarded all relevant emails to members.

- b) Mike said that Sabrina Kent of Inspects Ltd, are interested in knowing more about Lions. Mike will contact Sabrina to see if they will sponsor Fun Day 2026. **Action Mike.**
- c) Mark said he will try to get Pegasus Homes to sponsor Fun Day 2026. **Action Keith to supply Pegasus contact details to Mark.**
- d) Lynn told the meeting that Jon and Brian C are setting up a committee to re-design the web-site. They are looking for help from longer serving members. **Action Lynn will contact Judith to see if she would help.**
- **Membership.**
 - a) No new prospective members at the moment.
- **Committees.**
 - a) No report.
- **Any other business.**
 - a) Mike suggested that we try to get a key to open the door at the Holt Village Hall. **Action Mark to contact Tim Hinton to make the request for a key.**
 - b) Mike said that he has a lot of specs that need to be shipped away. **Action Mike to arrange a shipment with Mark.**
 - c) Mike said that the Head Teacher at Christchurch School hasn't been contactable, so he suggested that we leave arranging a visit to club until later in the year. **Action Mike to arrange visit, later in the year.**
- **Date of next meeting.** 2-00pm on Wednesday 5th November at Phil's.

Signed

President of the Lions Club of Bradford on Avon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report 8th September 2025

The balance on the Admin account is £369.16 (July £688.06)

The only entry this month was the raffle for August £14.00

**The balance on the Charity and Activity account is £13300.03
(July £14,194.09)**

Outgoings

The only significant outgoing was the invoice for the Fun Day from the council £277.00

Incomings

There were no incomings.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Community Services Meeting on 2nd September at 16 Avonfield Avenue.

Present: Lynn Janie Mike Bob John - Apologies: Ken and John.

1. LCIF Texas funding - we have decided not to support this as an individual cause as our annual funding will contribute towards this.

2. Christmas Vouchers/plants discussed - The list is getting smaller every year. A poster to raise awareness of the Lions and our generosity particularly at Christmas time - ideally promoting numbers of the local residents who are living alone or have disability who might benefit from a plant or a voucher. Voucher to stay the same value. Phil to organise plants nearer to xmas.
Action: Jon/Lynn/Phil

3. Youth Adventure Swindon requested monies for young people with summer activities. This we declined as not local to us. Action: Lynn to contact them regarding our decision.

4. Hft Charity based in Bristol supporting young people with disabilities - again we declined as not local to us. Action: Lynn to contact Keith re information from them so I can relay our decision.

5. Kindwaves - have received £550 and the website is up and running. Masha Kastner and Tom Brown will be attending our meeting in October. Timings and date to be confirmed with Marilyn Longden.
Action: Mike to contact Marilyn.

6. Christchurch School Request for Funding - Sue Tudge will attend our September meeting regarding the vegetable plots/wildlife corridor. Action: Mike to liaise with Sue.

7. Rohl Dahl - 150 glasses. Mike will meet with Sabrina in September to discuss further what the Lions represent and their role in the wider community and how their company may support us in the future. Sabrina.Kent@inspecs.com.
Action: Mike

8. Recycling spectacles - Mike to lease with Mark re transporting to Birmingham. Action: Mike

9. Parkinson's Walk in Bath - Lions are unable to support this event but hope to support the charity in the future.

10. Outstanding Young Person's Award - Poster has been created and will be distributed once final editing has taken place. Jon to contact Phil for final original copy. Once poster completed it will be emailed to all Lions and Friends of Lions. Mike to display around the town; at local schools; scouts/guides/cadets/Mighty Girls (Lynn); Music Centre; local cricket (Jon) and Winsley cricket club (Janie). Janie also to take to Ian Sparrowhawk (Scouts).

To recap List:

St Laurence School

Library

Shambles

Scouts/Girl Guides/Cadets

Mighty Girls

Music Centre

B on Avon and Winsley Cricket Clubs

Winsley Rugby Club

Wiltshire Young Musicians

Courage Performers

Action: Mike/Janie/Jon/Lynn

11. Any Other Business.

Lions App: Jon reminded us of the fundraising link to raise funds. Lynn to remind everyone at the club meeting and to persuade family and friends to use it too. **Action: Lynn**

Updating the Website Jon also raised the important issue of updating our Lions website which would enable easier accessibility particularly if we are to receive more requests for funding. Jon will be discussing with Brian Cole how this may be achieved. **Action: Jon/Brian Cole**

Potential Dog Show Next Year Jon will be liaising with George from the Town Council. George will be asked to attend our October meeting to highlight this potential event for next year with the Lions involved as a fund-raising activity. If this is successful, the club members will be asked to vote whether we go forward with this event. **Action:**

Jon

Some Enchanted Evening Bar duties/shopping

Jon will be purchasing the beer and glasses for beer/wine/juice etc

Mike will be purchasing the red/white wine.

Lynn - soft drinks (water/OJ/Apple Juice and crisps)

Mark - Float/card machine.

Price List - Phil - Lynn to send details

12. We have an easy way of raising funds for BoA Lions. All you have to do is sign in at the link shown below and follow the instructions. You can do this on on your phone, tablet or computer.

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/lionsboa/8rjpbv/s2s/FZ9Up2Ac/SE870/facebook/>

This link has been set up so that when you shop online at over 8000 well known retailers, our BoA Lions Club receives a donation. These retailers include eBay, Argos, John Lewis, Etsy, Tesco and Just Eat.

Please join us and encourage your family and friends to do the same. This has the potential to raise hundreds of pounds each year for little effort and at no cost to ourselves!

13. Date of Next Meeting. Wednesday 1st October 2.00pm at 16 Avonfield Avenue.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for September 2025

Charter Lunch on 2nd November.

Please make sure this important date is in your diary. It seems a long way off but the Social Committee are planning for it now and invitations will shortly go out to the other Clubs. The menu is attached – our club members' choices to Betty please: rogerser@hotmail.co.uk (01225 984842) by 19th October.

Preferred payment by Bacs: Bradford on Avon Lions Club

SC: 30-98-75 Acct: 01612856

Sunday Lunch

Starters

Roasted Tomato and Basil Soup with Croutons
Chicken Caesar Salad with Parmesan Shavings

Classic Prawn Cocktail with Wholemeal Bread
Heritage Tomato, Basil and Mozzarella Tart with Mixed Leaves

Mains

Traditional Roast Beef served with all the Trimmings
Chicken Supreme served with Sage & Onion Stuffing and Roast Potatoes
Salmon en Croute topped with Spinach and served with Gratin Potatoes and Greens
Homemade Lentil, Aubergine and Mushroom Pie with Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Desserts

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Caramel Sauce and Vanilla Ice Cream
Chocolate Brownie served with Belgian Chocolate Sauce and Vanilla Ice Cream
Lemon Posset with Raspberry Coulis and Homemade Shortbread
Selection of Cheese and Biscuits

Tea & Coffee

2 Courses - £30

3 Courses - £38

Bradford on Avon Lions Club Charities Account 2025/26

Payments from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
7/25	£1000.00	Dorothy House
7/25	£550.00	Kindwaves
<u>Total</u>	<u>£1550.00</u>	

Club Diary September & October 2025

September	2	Comm Serv Meeting	1400hrs	
	10	Trustees Meeting	1400hrs	
	13	Choir Concert	1900hrs	Trinity Church
	15	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
October	1	Comm Serv Meeting	1400hrs	Lynn's
	20	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt

Dates to Remember

2nd November – Charter Lunch
5th November – Trustees Meeting

Magazine Deadlines

Could you please ensure that all information for the monthly Newsletter reaches Judith by the next deadline: **Monday 13th October**

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET FORECAST 2025/2026												
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	1550	1550	1550									
Total Budget		£ 9,070			Total spent up to 11/9/25				£ 1,550			
Event marker: L Local N National I International												