



Bradford on Avon Lions Club

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President's Remarks

Dear Friends and fellow Lions,

I sincerely hope this letter finds you all well - keeping warmer and drier despite the change in our weather.

Our most recent evening 'Some Enchanted Evening' was a good success despite not selling as many tickets as we would have liked. Over 100 tickets with a capacity to fill the church with at least 50 more. Final numbers of money raised not quite completed yet but it was certainly very enjoyable and well worth the effort from everyone all round. Kate, the pianist and the very talented choir members enthralled us with their musical talent. Certainly an event to book in the calendar for next year. A huge thank you to Phil who did so much behind the scenes and to everyone who played their part on the evening. An event reaches a different level when there are raffles, a bar and welcoming people on hand to enable a successful evening. Jane, a volunteer at the Church, was also very accommodating to our needs and very supportive.

We are at present collecting names for our 'Outstanding Young Persons Award' to be held in November.

My first Zone zoom meeting has been planned for Wed 15th October where I hope to learn a little more about what else has been going in our zone.

Finally, the Christmas list of recipients of a voucher or a basket of bulbs is hopefully to be increasing. A poster is to be distributed to relevant sites to advertise what the Lions do at Christmas. Please can you look where you live and see if you can add some names to our list. Can you get their name, address and postcode and send to myself or Keith our secretary. This gift is particularly aimed at mature people who live alone or are disabled or single parent families who may be feeling the pinch this year. It's such a small gift but it can bring such joy to the recipient and they get to see a lovely friendly Lions face.

We have a Charter event at Cumberwell on 2nd November where Courage Choir will be singing for everyone. If you would like to be part of this event please contact Elizabeth Rogers on rogerser@hotmail.com. Raffle prizes for this event would also be very welcomed. Thank you.

Bye for now and as always take good care of yourselves.

Lynn

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for October Meeting – Betty, please.

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Mike.

Present

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 15th September 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 15th September 2025.

2. Attendance. There were 16 members present.

3. Apologies. Lions Brian C, Trish, Ron and Pete.

4. Guest. None.

5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 18th August 2025. Approved.

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting

a) 6a – Benches, work is being carried out on the unsafe tree in Westbury Gardens. When this work has finished the town council will be able to reinstate the new bench. **Action Phil.**

b) 6f – Fund Raising Through Buying, Jon has sent everyone a link via email, they can use to set up Fund Raising Through Buying.

c) 9a – Therapy dog, ongoing.

Action Community Services Committee.

d) 9b – Christchurch School, ongoing. **See Community Services Committee report.**

e) 9c – Wiltshire Young Carers, ongoing. **See Community Services Committee report.**

f) 7b – Treasurer, possible transfer of accounts, ongoing. **See Treasurer's report.**

g) 11b – Young Person's Award, **see Community Services report.**

h) 11b – Dog Show, **see Community Services report.**

7. Treasurer

a) Admin account £369.19, Charity/Activities account £13300.03, please note that this figure will increase when profit from the Choir Concert is added.

b) Jon suggested that we ought to look around for suitable ways to spend the money that is accruing in the Charity account. With this in mind the Community Services committee will send a circular to schools in the area to see if they have suitable projects that we might help to sponsor.

Action Community Services Committee.

c) Mark said that he is still talking to Lloyds Bank about charges incurred when he makes any payment into our accounts, ongoing. **Action Mark.**

8. Community Services

a) Texas Flood Appeal, rejected.

b) Christmas vouchers, a poster has been designed to try to find names of people needing help who we could give a voucher to. We need more names of people who warrant a voucher or plant. Please let Judith have any new names. The value of the Christmas voucher will be £25.

c) Youth Adventure Trust, appeal declined.

- d) Hft Charity, Bristol, appeal declined.
- e) Kindwaves, representatives will visit club in October.
- f) Christchurch School, a representative will visit club after Christmas.
- g) Inspects, Mike will visit to try to get them to sponsor the 2026 Fun Day. **Action Mike.**
- h) Recycling of spectacles, **Action Mike to arrange dispatch with Mark.**
- i) Young Persons Award, well under way. Information has been left or sent to interested parties. Leaflets will be displayed in various locations around the town. **Action Mike.**
- l1) It was suggested that it would help future planning if we sent out information of the YPA much earlier in the year, giving everyone more time to find suitable candidates and allow the club to have a definite closing date for entrants and a definite date for the presentations. **Action Community Services Committee.**
- j) Lions App, see 6b above.
- k) Up dating website, Jon and Brian C are about to try to design a new website for the club. Jon asked if anyone knew of somebody in Lions who might be able to help them in the design process. It was suggested we contact the webmaster for the Westbury and GMS clubs, who may be able to help. District may also have someone who is experienced in the design of websites. **Action Keith to find names of Lions who would be able to offer advice.**
- l) Dog Show, work has progressed and we have been offered help from George Tomlinson of the BoA Town Council. It was decided that Jon will invite George to a Community Services Committee meeting to discuss ideas. **Action Jon to arrange meeting with George.**
- m) A donation of £500 was approved for The Brain Tumour Trust.

9. Fun Day. Nothing to report.

10. Fund Raising.

- a) Choir event, Some Enchanted Evening, all agreed it was a success. Phil said he was disappointed with the numbers attending but he felt that the interest in the event would snowball over time. Phil estimated that the profit would be around £800. It was decided that we should hold the event again next year. Phil will have to check with Kate to find a suitable date (26th September was suggested) that will be suitable for the choir. Booking the church will need to be done ASAP. **Action Phil.**

11. Social.

- a) Hilary asked everyone to confirm their menu requirements for Charter by 19th October. Invitations to other clubs have been circulated.
- b) 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.

- a) Members were pleased to see John back at the meeting after his back operation.
- b) Brian asked about the validity of our DBS certificates and whether all members should have one. **Action Keith to investigate.**
- c) Bob S asked if the club would be interested in running the bar at a West Wilts Radio event at St. Laurence School sometime in 2026. It was agreed to consider this nearer the time.

14. Raffle.

- a) The raffle was won by Ken.
- b) Raffle prize for October meeting Betty please.**

Lion President Lynn closed the meeting at 9-05pm and was then presented with a delightful birthday cake, which was enjoyed by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report 13th October 2025

The balance on the Admin account is £832.91 (September £369.16)

We have paid the Holt Village Hall bill for 6 months to Oct 25 and received advance payments for the Charter Lunch

The balance on the Charity and Activity account is £14,038.68 (September £13,300.03)

Outgoings

The only significant outgoing was the donation for Brain Tumour Research for £500 and the bill from Holy Trinity for the balance of £416.00.

Incomings

There were incomings from the musical event at Holy Trinity meaning the net balance on the account improved by over £700.00.

Lloyds bank interactions

In order to reclassify the accounts, we hold with Lloyds from Community accounts to Charity accounts the names on the accounts need to match that showing on the Charity Commission website. On both of these accounts the names were slightly different. I have sent the forms to Lloyds to ensure this discrepancy is resolved. Once done, and we are reclassified as Charity account, we can recoup the charges that have been levied on the accounts. When we get to this point we can then decide whether the charges levied on charity accounts at Lloyds are in line with those offered by other banks i.e. the Co op) I will advise once we are in this position.

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Community Services Meeting on 1st October at 16 Avonfield Avenue.

Present: Lynn Bob Ken Mike John Janie Apologies: Jonathan

1. **Christmas List** - Look at previous list and amend with 1 name in Winsley (recently moved to a flat) and a new couple locally and one person sadly has died. **Action: Lynn**
2. **Poster for Christmas** completed - thank you Jon. Mike had a few queries re wording - amend slightly for next year.
3. **Message in a Bottle** - Requests for bottles has increased.
4. **Kindwaves** - attending October meeting with information for a potentially new request for funding.
5. **Christchurch Funding** - ongoing - more information in the new year.
6. **Outstanding Young Persons Award** - To date no nominations received. Mike has given out packs to every Head of Year at St. Laurence. Possible change for next year and begin advertising this award from Easter.

7. Support Dog - ongoing

8. Request from A Gough - his request was to support Dorothy House through us upon receiving a bag of goodies during the flooding. We decided to invite him to be a friend of the Lions and he can contact Dorothy House independently as a volunteer. **Action: Lynn**

9. India/Pakistan Flooding - We discussed our annual donation to the LCIF. Some members would like to discuss each request on merit as they arrive as well as give the annual donation. £200 was suggested for this relief fund. **Action: Members to vote**

10. Winsley Acorns PreSchool - have requested £1,000 for age appropriate tables and chairs for inside of the setting. Previous furniture had been donated by local primary school and is too big for children aged 2-4yrs. Also they would like to begin refurbishment of the garden by installing a large wooden sand pit with a lid and some outdoor seats. Agreed in principle and monies to be agreed by club members. If agreed - proof of purchases required. **Action: members to vote**

11. Dementia - a request has been received from Wendy O'Grady who runs the Dementia cafe, ensures information is printed for carers and she puts on quizzes twice a month. Her request is for £500 and this will go towards a Xmas Party and entertainment. Previously funded £400 for a summer event by the board of the DAA (Dementia Action Alliance). **Action: Members to Vote**

12. Wiltshire Young Musicians - We have previously donated £1,000 towards setting up this Pick Up and Play Scheme. Now successful and they wish to run 3 more groups for 6-17 yr olds and provide high quality tuition. They have asked for £1,185 for 38 weeks of venue hire (£31 per week). We have suggested that we would like to support this and cover the costs of the venue for the year. We are also aware that this could be an annual request for venue fees ensuring continuity for continued interest and success in the future. **Action: Members to vote**

13. Bradford on Avon Railway Canopy Project - A new project will be underway once funding has been realised of £50,000 and was recently entered in the latest Snippets email from the Town Council. This is to restore a railway canopy for travellers to and from the station. The question was raised should the Lions be part of this? We will be giving our possible consideration once more facts are known. Mike and Bob to be added to Snippets email list. **Action: Lynn (Snippets) - also members thoughts on the project.**

Meeting ended at 3.10pm.

Date of Next Meeting - 2pm Wednesday 29th October 2025 - 16 Avonfield Avenue

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for October 2025

1. Charter Lunch on 2nd November.

Charter on Sunday 2nd November – 12 for 1230.

Last call for your Charter menu choices – to be in by 19th October! Please send to Hilary (hilaryspence@hotmail.co.uk). Preferred payment by Bacs: Bradford on Avon Lions Club
SC: 30-98-75 Acct: 01612856

Also, please please we need as many **raffle prizes** as we can muster. Please bring to the next Club meeting or give to any of our social members. The raffle really is the break even financially for this event.

2. A Christmas date for your diary: we have booked the Wraxall Bar at Cumberwell as it was very popular last year. Lunch on Monday 22nd December.

Charter 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
10/25	£500.00	Brain Tumour Research
<u>Total</u>	<u>£2050.00</u>	

Club Diary October & November 2025

October	1	Comm Serv Meeting	1400hrs	Lynn's
	20	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
	29	Comm Serv Meeting	1400hrs	Lynn's
November	2	Charter Lunch	1200hrs	Cumberwell
	5	Trustees Meeting	1400hrs	Phil's
	17	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt

Dates to Remember

22nd December – Christmas Lunch

Magazine Deadlines

Could you please ensure that all information for the monthly Newsletter reaches Judith by the next deadline: Monday 10th November

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			500									
Other Causes	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
Running Total	350	820	1670	2520	4020	5370	6170	7320	7670	8570	8920	9270
Running Total Spent	1550	1550	1550	2050								
Total Budget	£ 9,270				Total spent up to 13/10/25				£ 2,050			

Event marker: L Local N National I International