



Bradford on Avon Lions Club

Newsletter

Volume 52 Number 5 – November 2024

Bradford on Avon Lions Club
Newsletter
Volume 52 Number 5 – November 2024

President's Remarks

Presidents Thoughts November 2024

Dear Members and Friends,

I want to begin by saying “thank you” for all the good wishes and cards I received while I was at home recovering. I have now been given a clean bill of health and told by the doctor to carry on with life as normal. As a result I went out for the first time yesterday [Tuesday] and went to choir. This did me the world of good and also cleared my head!

As you know, I was not able to attend the Charter Lunch, but I would like to thank Hilary and Betty for all their hard work organising what was a wonderful occasion; Bob for sorting out the raffle which really boosted our coffers and Judith for arranging all the tables and seating. Thanks also to Felicity Courage for bringing along her excellent choir to entertain everyone. I would especially like to thank Keith for not only delivering the speech on my behalf, but for actually writing it as well! So thank you Keith – that was over and above the call of duty!

Remembrance Sunday on the 10th was another event I was unable to attend, but thankfully Phil was there to lay the Lions wreath at the War Memorial on my behalf, well supported by other Lions members. I believe our new wreath is one that can be used

The next event the Lions will be part of is the annual Christmas Tree Festival in Trinity Church starting on December 10th. In preparation for this, Lynn and Janie are preparing and decorating a tree on behalf of all of us. They decorated the tree last year as well and thanks to them the tree looked spectacular, as I know it will this year. If you come to the opening of the event on the 10th you will have the privilege of hearing Phil, Betty and myself singing with the Bridge Singers – another of Felicity's choirs

The Outstanding Young Persons Award is another event in the pipeline and at the moment I am contacting the nominees, their parents and sponsors to invite them to our Lions meeting on December 16th when the awards will be presented. We have four nominees this year and all have gained an award thanks to their outstanding contributions. The event was put back to December as only one of the four would have been able to attend in November. I'm sure, like myself, you will be looking forward to meeting the nominees and hearing of their achievements.

Phil has been working hard on the rota for the Santa Float and I believe all dates have now been covered, so many thanks to all the volunteers including those who aren't members of the Lions. This is a wonderful event and one that pleases everybody – ourselves getting out into the community, the families who are so willing to contribute generously to our collection buckets but especially the young children, many of whom look on in wonder, or get really excited at seeing Father Christmas.

I send my good wishes to you all. Mike.

MESSAGES

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Phil

Present

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 21st October

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

PR/Marketing

Correspondence

Any Other Relevant Business

MINUTES

1. Minutes of a meeting of the Lions Club of Bradford on Avon, held on 21st October 2024 at Holt Village Hall.

2. Attendance. There were 15 members present with Mark on Zoom.

3. Apologies. Lions Mike and Bob F.

4. Guests. Malcolm Crucifix (ex-member), Trish Hill and Brian Cole.

a) Phil explained to the meeting how President Mike was progressing.

b) Phil introduced the guests to the members and hoped they would enjoy their evening with us.

5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 16th September 2024. Approved.

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting.

a) 6 – 7k, Plaque for bench, Phil reported that the Town Council had been in touch and they were progressing towards a new bench being fitted in Westbury Gardens. Still ongoing.

Action Phil.

a1) Brian asked if anyone knew what was happening to the bench that was moved at the time of the work on Victory Field. **Action Phil when he next speaks to the Town Council.**

b) 9b – Young Persons Award, see Community Services report.

c) 11b – Christchurch School Pond Project, see Community Services report.

d) 11c – Kit Bags for Cadets, see Community Services report.

e) Poulton Park Development, see Community Services report.

f) 16c – Air Cadets on Christmas Float, see A.O.B.

g) St. Laurence School Cameras, see Community Services report. Complete.

h) Unpaid Carers of Wiltshire, see Community Services report.

i) New ideas for Fund Raising, see Fund Raising report.

j) Date of Christmas meal, see Social report.

k) 7c Treasurer attending meeting by Zoom, complete.

l) CCC&C 2025, ongoing,

Action Mike.

m) Fund Raising a3, see Fund Raising report.

n) Fund Raising a4, see Fund Raising report.

v) 14b – Wreath, using our own wreath which has been purchased and £100 will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

7. Treasurer.

- a) Admin account £2463.12, charitable account £12390.90.
- b) £100.00 has still be paid towards the Epi Pens donation.
- c) £100 donation has been paid to The Royal British Legion for the Wreath.
- d) Poulton Park development, £1000 donation for this project has yet to be paid. Payment time has yet to be decided. **Action Mark.**

8. Community Services.

- a) Photography request from St. Laurence School, complete.
- b) VAT for cadets, complete.
- c) Poulton Park development, £1000 donation for this project has yet to be paid. Payment time has yet to be decided. **Action Lynn/Mark.**
- d) Winsley School Sheds, £1000 pledged, now awaiting confirmation that the school has raised the rest of the money before payment is made. **Action Lynn.**
- e) Unpaid Carers of Wiltshire, payment will be made in December, complete.
- f) CCC&C 2025, Wilts Young Musicians have shown an interest in taking part. **Action Mike to keep in touch.**
- g) Epi Pens donation, complete.
- h) Young Persons Award, 4 nominees and final positions established. Presentation at November meeting.
- h1) Liz suggested that the nomination forms for YPA be shown on the Lions website throughout the year. **Action Liz to discuss with Spike.**
- i) Youth Adventure Trust, £200 donation approved.
- j) BoA Hub, £250 donation approved.
- k) It was agreed that the club would make a one off payment of £500 each year to LCIF. There would then be no need to pay into further requests for help from LCIF.
- l) Wiltshire Young Musicians, Pick up and Play project. Ongoing, **Mike & Lynn.**

9. Fun Day.

- a) Extra Fun Day attractions still to be discussed. **Action Keith, Mark & Phil.**
- b) We have had a request from a new Ice Cream provider who is offering £700 for the sole right to sell ice cream. It was agreed that Mark should put this offer to our present supplier and then a decision will be made as to who sells the ice cream. **Action Mark.**

10. Fund Raising.

- a) It was agreed that we should book The Mendip Male voice Choir plus West Wilts Young Singers to perform at St, Margaret's Hall on September 13th 2025. **Action Phil.**
- b) It was agreed that we should consider The Military Wives of Warminster to perform in September 2026.

11. Social.

- a) Charter, Sunday 3rd November at Cumberwell, 61 people attending.
- b) Christmas Meal, Wednesday 18th December, venue still to be decided.
- c) The next Coffee Morning will be on Friday 22nd November at Timbrells Yard.
- d) Because of the YPA presentation evening, nibbles will be needed at the November meeting. **Action Social Committee.**

13. Correspondence.

- a) The secretary has forwarded on all relevant correspondence by email.

14. Any other business.

- a) Float, Risk Assessment and Public Liability Certificate required for Cadets. **Action Keith to email certificates to Judith.**
- b) Some thought is needed to work out how to pick up and drop off any cadets who help with the float. **Action Phil.**

- c) The Christmas Voucher List was passed around for updating.
- d) There had been some complaints about the quality of the sound system on the float. Can this be improved? **Action Bob S. to investigate.**
- e) It was agreed that the December club meeting will be cancelled so that we can collect on the float.

15. Raffle.

- a) The raffle was won by Brian.
- b) Raffle prize for December meeting, Mike please.**

IPP Phil closed the meeting at 8-57pm.

TRUSTEES

1. Minutes of the meeting of the Trustees of The Lions Club of Bradford on Avon, held on Wednesday 6th November 2024.

2. Present – Lions Lynn, Mark, Phil, Hilary, Janie and Keith.

3. Apologies –Lions Mike and Bob F.

- a) Lion Phil conducted the meeting in the absence of Lion President Mike.
- b) Phil welcomed Janie to her first Trustees meeting.
- c) Phil reported on the health of President Mike.

4. Minutes – Minutes of previous meeting dated 4th September 2024 were approved.

5. Matters Arising.

- a) 6b – Kit Bags for Cadets complete.
- b) 8b – Possible new member, ongoing **Action Mike.**
- c) 9b – New events, complete.
- d) 10a – Trees in apple orchard, Town Council will look at this problem, complete.

6. Treasurer.

- a) Mark confirmed that the accounts were as shown below
Charity/Activities account £11526.11
Admin account £2595.12
- b) Mark confirmed that the insurance invoice for the float has been paid.
- c) Mark confirmed that he has paid all the donation payments.
- d) Recently we have been given two donations. One from Rita Tappenden of £200 which she would like to be put towards a new bench on the canal towpath which was Ian's request. The second donation was from the collection at the funeral of ex Lion President Tony Elliott. Tony's wife Jean has asked if the donation can be used for the running of the club. **Action Phil to look at what action we should take.**

7. Correspondence. The secretary has forwarded all relevant emails to members.

8. Membership.

- a) Phil has 2 potential members who would like to attend the next club meeting for the second time. Both are showing a keen interest to join the club.
- b) Mike has someone in mind that may be interested in being a Lion. **Action Mike to pursue.**

9. Committees.

- a) Holy Trinity Church Christmas Tree Festival, Lynn will investigate the club taking part. **Action Lynn.**
- b) Carols Round the Tree, Lynn to contact the Town Council. **Action Lynn.**

c) Fun Day Ice Cream supplier. It was decided to stay with the present supplier. Mark will contact both parties. **Action Mark.**

10. Any other business.

a) Young Persons Award, Janie wondered if we should consider a different way of awarding the nominees. After a short discussion it was decided that we will stay with the present method.

11. Date of next meeting – 2-00pm on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at Keith's.

Signed

President of the Lions Club of Bradford on Avon

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report at 12th November 2024

The balance on the Admin account is £1,425.12

This is after paying Cumberwell £1691.00 for the Charter lunch

The balance on the Charity and Activity account is 11,647.51

Outgoings

We paid out -

£200 to Youth Adventure Trust

£200 to the Hub

£100 to Courage Choirs

£250 to Anaphylaxis UK

£100 to British Legion

£392 for the Float insurance

Incomings

We received £252.75 from HMRC for the gift aid claim and £494.00 in legacy gifts.

We are due to pay £700 today as a part (£1600.00) for the BoA Christmas tree.

This will take the balance down to £10,900 approx

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Community Services Update – 11th November 2024

a) Photography request from St. Laurence School - payment has been forwarded to them and we have received necessary invoices - complete

b) Poulton Park development, it was agreed to pledge £1000 towards the second phase of this development - ongoing

c) Winsley School Sheds, we are waiting for Winsley School to confirm that they have purchased the sheds before we can complete on our pledge of £1,000 - ongoing

d) Unpaid Carers of Wiltshire, payment will be made in December - LO'P to contact Mark to enable this payment for early December.

e) CCC&C 2025, Wilts Young Musicians have shown an interest in taking part. Also a request from them regarding a donation for their charitable cause of sharing/loaning instruments. A worthwhile cause enabling children from the wider community to have access to music and instruments - ongoing

f) Allergies & Epi Pens request, a donation of £350 was agreed - £250 to the Anaphylactic Charity and £66 to Christchurch School to enable them to purchase their own EPI pens - Invoices/VAT statements received – complete.

g) Most recent request from a single parent who needs her 3 yr old child to have a private assessment for his autism and other issues - as the waiting list within the NHS is so long. She has asked for £500 - we could consider a lower payment towards it once she sends us the invoice/or decline altogether as this is not in our domain allowing other parents to ask for similar donations due to educational costs being so limited? (I have sent the email to you all for your thoughts).

h) Xmas Tree £700 donation - which is half of the costs - sharing with Bradford On Avon Town Council - bank details to be sent to Mark and will be paid soon.

i) Xmas Carols around the tree - Town Council contacted and electricity will be available for plug in of piano/organ from 5.30 - buckets/carol sheets/visors etc to be organised - also dry weather! Kate playing the organ - is she free to play again? Phil to confirm.

j) Judy has been kindly updating the Xmas list of vouchers/plants that we send out before Xmas Thank you - No more names to date - but a final meeting next week may bring a few more (fingers crossed).

k) Ken - do we have any more yellow Lions sacks ready for the plants to be given out in? The plants looked so bright and cheery in those bags when given to the local people.

l) Other payments made recently:

Youth Adventure Trust - £200

LCIF - Flyers (message in a bottle) £24.50

Xmas Vouchers - HUB - £200

British Royal Legion - £100

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for November 2024

1. Another very successful Charter recently. Never before have we had 11 guests from one club join us (Warminster). Our Charter does seem to have a winning reputation – a lunchtime event in the beautiful setting of Cumberwell, and of course being entertained by the Courage Choir. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and many left saying “see you next year”! Thank you all for your raffle prize donations, contributing to a profit of £140.

2. Our **Christmas lunch** will also be at Cumberwell - 1.00pm for 1.30pm in the Wraxall Bar on the ground floor. Please see the menu below and let me have your menu choices by 30th November. (hilaryspence@hotmail.co.uk).

As usual Bacs payment preferred to:
Sort code: 30-98-75
Account No: 01612856
Or cheque payable to: Bradford on Avon Lions Club

3. The next **Coffee Morning** will be at Timbrells Yard at 10.30am on Friday 22nd November.

**Lions Christmas Lunch
Wraxall Bar Cumberwell**

1.00pm for 1.30pm 18th December 2024

Starter

Spinach, Leek and Potato Soup with Croutons
Chicken liver pate, Caramelised onion marmalade, Toast

Main

Traditional Roast Turkey with all the trimmings
Individual Homemade Steak & Ale Pie, Creamy mashed potato, Seasonal veg
Vegan Leek & Mixed Seed Loaf, Roast potatoes, Seasonal veg

Dessert

Traditional Christmas Pudding, Brandy sauce, Fresh berries
Warm Chocolate Brownie, Belgian chocolate sauce, Vanilla ice cream

1 Course £15.00 per person
2 Courses £21.00 per person
3 Courses £26.50 per person

Gluten free, vegan options available

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
<u>Total</u>	<u>£1984.69</u>	

Club Diary November & December 2024

November	3	Charter Lunch		
	6	Trustees Meeting	1400hrs	Phil's
	13	Comm Serv Meeting	1400hrs	Lynn's
	18	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
	22	Coffee Morning	1030hrs	Timbrells Yard
December	18	Christmas Lunch	1300hrs	Cumberwell
	21	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt

Dates to Remember

8th January - Trustees Meeting

Magazine Deadlines

Could you please ensure that all information for the monthly Newsletter reaches Judith by the next deadline: Monday 9th December

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							
Total Budget	£9,070				Total spent up to 13/11/24 £ 1,985							

Event marker: L Local N National I International

ca