



Bradford on Avon Lions Club

Newsletter

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President's Remarks

Dear Friends and fellow Lions,

Hello to you all. Just a few words to keep you all up to date with what's happening in the world of Bradford on Avon Lions. I recently joined a Zoom Zone meeting - which was very interesting to attend and to listen to what the other clubs are doing to raise funds in their local community.

On the 2nd November we held our 55th Charter - 55 years since the Lions in Bradford on Avon began. This was held at Cumberwell where 45 people attended from our club but also from within our Zone. The Mayor, his wife Cerys and our District Governor were also in attendance. A thank you to our Social committee for all the preparation required for this event.

Sunday 9th November a wreath will be laid at the cenotaph supported by myself and other Lions - The service provides a physical reminder of those who have served and sacrificed their lives to ensure that no one is forgotten.

Plans are now well in place for the Christmas activities ie. the tree which has now been ordered and will be placed as usual in the park - thank you Bob. The Christmas float timetable also now in place co-ordinating Santas, drivers and elves - thank you Phil for pulling all of this together. We will also be decorating a smaller tree to be displayed as part of The Christmas Tree Festival held in Holy Trinity Church from Monday 8th December until 14th December. Don't forget on Christmas Eve there will be singing of carols in the park - part of the long standing Lions tradition.

Well I think that's all the news. Hope to see you at one of our events very soon. Bye for now.
Lynn

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for November Meeting – John, please.

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Mike.

Present

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th October 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 20th October 2025.

2. Attendance. There were 13 members present.

3. Apologies. Lion President Lynn, Lions Brian C, Trish, Janie, Pete, Liz and Ken.

4. Guest. Mark Cooper, 2nd VDG (Fleet Lions Club), Masha Kastner and David Webb of Kindwaves and Malcolm Crucifix.

4a. IPP Mike introduced our guests

4b. Masha Kastner of Kindwaves gave an emotional talk about the start up of the new charity. She explained how she has worked with the Head Teacher and staff of St. Laurence School and how the students are getting involved. She explained they now have banking facilities and the club treasurer agreed to pay our outstanding donation. Mark Cooper said that there is a similar charity in Fleet named Sasha's Project and he passed on details to Masha. The talk ended with questions from the floor. IPP Mike thanked Masha for coming to the meeting in what must have been an emotional thing to do.

5. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 15th September 2025. Approved.

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting.

a) 6a – Benches, ongoing. There is no further news from the Town Council on when the bench in Westbury Gardens will be replaced. Brian suggested that we buy our own benches for siting in other places than Westbury Gardens. However, it was pointed out that we need the Town Council involvement to fit benches, wherever they are placed. **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) 7b – Treasurer, possible transfer of accounts, ongoing. **See Treasurer's report.**

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

g) 11b – Updating web site, Lions contact, David Rose of GMS Club is willing to help. Complete.

h) Dog Show – **See Fund Raising report.**

i) 10a Choir Concert – **See Fund Raising report.**

j) 13b DBS forms – to be discussed at the forthcoming Trustees meeting. **Action Trustees.**

7. Treasurer.

a) Admin account £1400, Charity/Activities account £14000.

b) Mark said he is finalising the figures for tax year 2024/2025.

c) Mark said that negotiations with Lloyds are proceeding slowly although they now recognise the club as a charity. More negotiations to follow.

8. Community Services.

a) Christmas List, Bob F showed the meeting a poster which will be on display in the town asking for names to be added to our Christmas List.

b) MIAB, Bob F to ask Ken how many bottles do we have and is there a need to order some more. **Action Bob F.**

c) Kindwaves, ongoing.

d) Christchurch School, ongoing.

e) O.Y.P., no nominations for this year.

- f) Support Dog, ongoing.
- g) A Gough, invited to be a friend of Lions.
- h) India/Pakistan Flood, the committee recommended that we support this appeal with a £200 donation. However the meeting asked the committee, in light of our previous commitments, to consider the matter again. **Action Community Services Committee.**
- i) Winsley Acorns Pre School, donation agreed of up to £1000, receipts needed before donation is made.
- j) Dementia, a donation of £500 agreed.
- k) Wilts Young Musicians, a donation of £1185 agreed.
- l) BoA Railway canopy, appeal rejected.

9. Fun Day. Nothing to report.

10. Fund Raising.

- a) Santa Float, Phil said that the rota is nearly finalised. We are short of drivers this year, so if anyone knows of someone who might be able to help, please contact Phil.
- a1) The Float will operate between 11th December and 20th December.
- a2) An Elf is needed at Sainsbury's on Saturday afternoon 13th December.

11. Social.

- a) Charter is nearing completion with 44 people attending. Well down on previous years.
- b) The Wraxall Bar at Cumberwell has been booked for our Christmas meal on Monday 22nd December. Menu to be shown in the November Newsletter. **Action Hilary.**

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

13. Any other business.

- a) Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Trinity Church, we will participate. **Action Community Services Committee.**
 - b) Town Christmas tree. Bob F will contact the Town Council to confirm that we will buy the tree. **Action Bob F.**
 - c) MS Centre Warminster, at a recent Zone meeting each club in the Zone was asked to donate £300 towards an Oxygen Concentrator. The meeting agreed to donate the £300 but asked the question of whether £200 would be sufficient. **Action Keith to contact the Zone Chair.**
- Post meeting note – after consulting the Zone Chair, it was agreed by email to members, that we would donate the £300.**

14. 2nd VDG Mark Cooper, Fleet Lions Club.

Mark gave a short presentation. He was pleased to hear that some of our newer members were actively involved with organising new events. Mark talked about the new cameras for the Child Vision Project. He said that there had been enough money raised from the District clubs to buy six cameras and that LCIF has granted a matching donation allowing the District to buy another six cameras. Anyone wanting to use the camera must be trained in its use and must hold a current DBS certificate.

15. Raffle.

- a) The raffle was won by Brian.

b) Raffle prize for November meeting John please.

IPP Mike closed the meeting at 9-33pm.

TRUSTEES

1. **Minutes** of meeting of the Trustees of the Lions Club of Bradford on Avon, held on Wednesday 5th November 2025.
2. **Present** – Lions Lynn, Mike, Phil, Bob F, Janie, and Hilary.
3. **Apologies** – Lions Keith and Mark.
4. **Minutes** – Minutes of previous meeting held on 10th September 2025 were approved.
5. **Matters arising** –
 - a) 5a – New bench for Westbury Gardens is still ongoing. **Action Phil.**
 - b) 5b – Candy Floss and Pimms for Fun Day, still to be discussed. **Action see 9d below.**
 - c) 5c – Young Persons Award, no nominees this year.
 - d) 6b – Treasurer, booking of Holy Trinity Church for CCC&C 2026 event, £400 deposit still to be paid. **Action Mark.**
 - e) 6c – Treasurer, Mark is still considering whether we should change the accounts to the Co-Op Bank. **Action Mark.**
 - f) 7b – Correspondence, Inspects Ltd, ongoing. **Action Mike.**
 - g) 7c – Pegasus sponsorship 2026, Mark has had no joy from Pegasus so he is now pursuing Steve Vick International. **Action Mark.**
 - h) 7d – Re-design of website by Jon and Brian C, ongoing.
 - i) 10a – A.O.B., key for Holt Village Hall, ongoing. **Action Mike.**
 - j) 10b – Delivery of specs, 3000 specs are due to be packed and despatched. **Action Mike, Phil and Mark.**
 - k) Christchurch School club visit, ongoing. **Action Mike.**
6. **Treasurer.**
 - a) No report.
7. **Correspondence.**
 - a) The secretary has forwarded all relevant emails to members.
8. **Membership.**
 - a) Phil is following up on a possible new member and Mike also has a possible in mind. **Action Phil and Mike.**
9. **Committees.**
 - a) Fund raising – Phil has finalised the collection rota, Keith still has to organise the necessary licenses. **Action Keith.**
 - b) Fund raising – the Dog Show will be held on Saturday 12th September 2026.
 - c) Fund raising – the Choir Concert will be held on Saturday 19th September 2026
 - d) Fun Day 2026 – Pimms and candy floss additions to Fun Day will be finalised after Christmas. **Action Keith, Phil and Mark.**
 - e) Community Services – Bob F will contact the town council for the booking of Westbury Gardens for the Carols Round the Tree event on Christmas Eve. **Action Bob F.**
 - e1) Phil will contact Andy Matthews regarding amplification. **Action Phil.**
 - e2) Phil will ask Kate to play keyboard. **Action Phil.**
 - e3) The Christmas tree for Westbury Gardens has been ordered. The Trustees recommend a donation of £750 be made to cover the cost of the tree. **Action Club decision.**
10. **Any other business.**
 - a) Future Charters, another successful Charter. Thanks to Hilary and her team. Some concern has been shown about the financial aspects of the event. Ideas floated, combine

the Charter with Handover or some other different formula. **Action Social Committee.**

b) DBS certificates, Bob F has agreed to front the process of getting new DBS certification. **Action Bob F.**

c) International Appeals, there is some concern whether our contribution to LCIF appeals is realistic. Whilst trying to keep our donations to 75% local, 25% international, it was felt that the club should consider upping the amount we give to LCIF to perhaps £1000 per annum. **Action Club discussion.**

11. **Date of next meeting. To be advised.**

Signed

President of the Lions Club of Bradford on Avon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report 10th November 2025

The balance on the Admin account is £321.66 (October £832.91)

We have paid out for the Charter Lunch (£1,436.00) The figure shown is net of all dues and expenses related to the charter lunch.

The balance on the Charity and Activity account is £10,354.20 (October £14,038.68)

Outgoings

We have paid out £550.00 to Kindwaves, £1,185.60 to Wiltshire young musicians, £1000.00 to Winsley Acorn Pre school, £500.00 to the BoA Dementia Action Alliance.

Incomings

None of note

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Community Services Meeting At: 2pm on Wednesday 29th October at 16 Avonfield Avenue.

Present: Ken Bob Mike Lynn

Apologies: John C John Janie

1. New Requests_- A request from Leo Ibison for a donation towards the Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027. A second request from the scout leader Andrew Mundy also asking for a request for the same event. **Action:** Lynn to enquire regarding the group request and whether this would be considered as one request. The potential to have a great number of scouts asking for individual amounts would be a possibility.

2. Holt Youth Club for storage in their limited space to be more organised at the village hall for £168. **Action: Main meeting to vote.**

3. Kindwaves - ongoing involvement with this new charity - no request to date. **Action: Lynn to email her and thank visitors for attending the main club meeting.**

4. Winsley Acorns Preschool - donation request agreed and BACS details received - proof of purchase required.

5. Wendy O'Grady - Dementia Christmas Event - still awaiting BACS details. Ongoing.

6. Wiltshire Young Musicians - Donation request agreed - awaiting BAC details. Ongoing

7. Outstanding Young Persons' Award - To date we have received no applicants. Reintroduce in March 2026 for a presentation in July 2026. We feel this may provide a better response - if this is unsuccessful then OYP will not run in its current form. **Action: Main meeting to vote to approve change.**

8. LCIF Donation - We would like to suggest that the amount be raised to £750 per annum as we are no longer giving out individual amounts for each disaster request. **Action: Main meeting to vote.**

9. Dog Show 12th Sept 2026 - To thank Mark/Jon for the discussions and work to date with George from the Town Council - where productive meetings have taken place. This now needs to go forward and George invited to a committee meeting ie a Dog Show Committee. Discuss this further at Trustees meeting on November 5th.

10. Christmas Parcels/Bulb Baskets - Lions emailed. Jon Court to be added to list of people delivering in the community. Ken will not be delivering this year. Judy updating list of recipients. Christmas flier now printed off and to be distributed throughout various points in the town, ie Hairdressers, Opticians, Station Approach Doctors Surgery, Dentists, The Hub, Town Council and to be forwarded to Snippetts. **Action: Mike/Lynn**

11. Christmas Tree Festival - Tree to be put up Sunday afternoon 7th December and taken down Monday 15th December. Lynn to get tree from garage - sort a key. **Janie Lynn - Bob/Mike if available**

12. Central Town Christmas Tree in collaboration with Town Council - tree has sorted - costs may increase from last year £800.

Meeting Ending: 3.15pm

13. Proposed next meeting: Wednesday 26th November 2025 - 16 Avonfield Avenue - B on Avon BA15 1HZ .

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for November 2025

Firstly, a big thank you to all those who supported our recent Charter event. Despite the drop in numbers it turned out to be a very enjoyable lunchtime, also greatly enjoyed by Lions from visiting clubs. Thank you also for the last minute flurry of raffle prizes, helping to cover the costs and enabling a small profit to be made.

Now, forward to the next celebration lunch – our **Christmas lunch** on Monday **22nd December**, at 12.30 for 1pm. This will be in the Wraxall Bar at Cumberwell, which proved to be very popular last year. The menu is attached – menu choices to Hilary by 6th December (hilaryspence@hotmail.co.uk)

Payments as usual please to: Bradford on Avon Lions Club Admin Account-
SC 30-98-75 Acct 01612856

**Lions Christmas Lunch
Wraxall Bar Cumberwell**

12.30 for 1pm on 22nd December 2025

Starter

Tomato & Basil Soup with Croutons
Ham Hock Terrine with Apricots served
with Wholegrain Toast & Piccalilli

Main

Traditional Roast Turkey with all the trimmings
Braised Beef, Stilton & Leek Pie, Creamy Mashed Potato, Gravy, Seasonal veg
Spinach, Mushroom & Leek Loaf, Roast potatoes, Vegetarian Gravy
& Seasonal vegetables

Dessert

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

Tea/Coffee & Mince Pies

1 Course £16.50 per person
2 Courses £22.50 per person
3 Courses £28.00 per person

Gluten free, vegan options available

Bradford on Avon Lions Club Charities Account 2025/26
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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
11/25	£1185.60	Wiltshire Young Musicians
11/25	£1000.00	Winsley Acorn Pre School
11.25	£500.00	BoA Dementia Action Alliance
<u>Total</u>	<u>£4735.60</u>	

Club Diary November & December 2025

November	2	Charter Lunch	1200hrs	Cumberwell
	5	Trustees Meeting	1400hrs	Phil's
	17	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt
	26	Comm Serv Meeting	1400hrs	Lynn's
December	22	Christmas Lunch	1230hrs	Cumberwell
	24	Xmas Eve Carols	1800hrs	Westbury Gdns
	17	Club Meeting	1930hrs	Holt

Dates to Remember

Magazine Deadlines

Could you please ensure that all information for the monthly Newsletter reaches Judith by the next deadline: Monday 8th December

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	4736							
Total Budget	£ 9,270				Total spent up to 10/11/25 £ 4,736							

Event marker: L Local N National I International