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President's Remarks

Dear Friends and Fellow Lions,

Hello to you all - well...another month has flown by! One of our Lions - the lovely Ken - celebrated his 90th birthday. Our best wishes have been sent to him from us all.

We are now fastly approaching our busy Lions Christmas season. The main tree in the town park - Westbury Gardens - has been put in place with the lights switch-on happening 28th November. Always well supported by friends and families within the town. The Christmas tree festival takes place from Monday 8th-14th December in Holy Trinity where the Lions will have a decorated tree amongst many other organisations and groups within the town.

The Christmas List of deserving people who will receive a £25 voucher or a basket of bulbs that will begin to flower from January - indeed a lovely way of remembering people living on their own or who may need a friendly visitor on their doorstep with a voucher or a gift card. Collect from my home Thursday 11th December 9-1pm unless you have agreed an alternative with me.

The Lions Christmas Float will begin its first run on Thursday 11th December and covers 2 weeks within Bradford on Avon and surrounding villages.

Father Christmas will also be appearing at Sainsbury's with his elves on Saturday 13th December from 10.30am.

Christmas Carols on 24th December at 6pm - Westbury Gardens.

Wishing you all a really happy time with your families and friends over this festive period.

Bye for now.

Lynn :)

MESSAGES

Raffle prize for January Meeting – Janie, please.

AGENDA

Introduction of Guests – Lion Mike.

Present

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17th November 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 17th November 2025.

2. Attendance. There were 17 members present.

3. Apologies. Lions Trish, Bob S. and Pete.

4. Guest. None.

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

6. Matters Arising from previous meeting

- a) 6a – Benches, ongoing. **Action Phil.**
- b) 9a – Therapy Dog, ongoing. **Action Community Services Committee.**
- c) 9b – Christchurch School, ongoing. **Action Community Services Committee.**
- d) 7b – Treasurer, possible transfer of accounts, ongoing. **See Treasurer's report.**
- e) 11b – Young Person's Award, **see Community Services report.**
- f) Dog Show – **see Fund Raising report.**
- h) DBS forms – **see 10b of Trustees report, no further action required.**
- i) MIAB – new order for bottles to be placed in New Year. **Action Community Services through Ken.**
- j) India/Pakistan Flood appeal from LCIF – **see Community Services report.**
- k) Menu for Christmas meal – **see Social report.**
- l) Christmas Tree Festival – complete.
- m) Town Christmas Tree – complete.
- n) Zone project – complete.

7. Trustees.

- a) DBS forms – It was agreed to take the renewal of members DBS certificates no further.
- b) No other issues from Trustees report.

8. Treasurer.

- a) Admin account £321.66, Charity/Activities account £9900.
- b) Mark said that Lloyds Bank have recognised the club as a charity but we will still have costs for their services to pay. Mark is now investigating whether the Co Op Bank is a better and cheaper option. **Action Mark.**

9. Community Services

- a) Leo Ibison – a donation will be made to the Wiltshire Scouts instead of individual scouts. More information needed. **Action Lynn.**
- b) Holt Youth Club, donation of £168 approved.
- c) Kindwaves, complete.
- d) Winsley Acorn, complete.
- e) Wendy O'Grady, complete.
- f) Wilts Young Musicians, complete.
- g) Young Persons Award, the committee has decided to try again in 2026. The application forms will be sent out in March with a proposed presentation night in July.
- h) LCIF appeals, it was decided that a new yearly payment to LCIF of £1000 will be made which will be a one off with no other donations appeals considered. **Action Judith to change the budget figures.**
- i) Christmas Parcels, Lynn will confirm date and times of collection of bulbs and vouchers. **Action Lynn.**
- j) Christmas Tree Festival, Lynn needs key for garage. Lynn and Janie will dress our tree. **Action Lynn and Janie.**
- k) Town Christmas Tree, cost this year £800, approval given.
- l) Sight Savers, £500 donation approved.
- m) Carols Round the Tree, Bob to print off 100 copies of carol sheet. Phil to sort out the power and sound. **Action Bob S and Phil.**
- n) Water Aid, at the next Community Services committee they will discuss the donation to Water Aid. **Action Community Services committee.**
- o) St. Laurence School, the Sports Department at the school have approached the club for financial help to buy equipment. Their request will be considered at the next Community Services committee meeting. **Action Community Services committee.**

10. Fun Day. Nothing to report.

11. Fund Raising.

- a) Dog Show. Jon told the meeting that plans for the Dog Show in September 2026 are progressing well. There will be an On Line raffle and it is hoped that we can get sponsorship from a company in the town. A Risk Assessment for the event will be needed **Action Ron.** Jon asked the members for volunteers to form a small committee to organise the event. **Action all members to volunteer to help on a committee.** It has been agreed that profits from the event will be split 75% to the Lions and 25% to the Town council who will plough their share, back into the community.
- b) Christmas Float – Phil confirmed the rota to the membership.
- b1) Phil confirmed that the float will start the evening's collection at 5-15pm.
- b2) Keith played the recording that will be transmitted by West Wilts Radio in the hope that new names will be discovered of people that the club might be able to help with bulbs and vouchers this Christmas. Thanks go to Bob S for his help in the recording.

12. Social.

- a) Charter, another successful event. Numbers were down this year but thanks to a good raffle a profit of around £50 was made.
- b) The Social Committee will meet to discuss future Charter events and whether we should change the present format. **Action Hilary.**
- c) Christmas meal, the menu for the Christmas meal is shown in the November Newsletter.

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

14. Any other business.

a) There will be no club meeting in December.

b) Jon suggested that we put a flyer through the letter box of houses who are not in at the time of collection.

15. Raffle.

a) The raffle was won by Liz.

b) Raffle prize for January meeting, Janie please.

Lion president Lynn closed the meeting at 9-00pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report 8th December 2025

The balance on the Admin account is £883.16 (November £321.66)

This improved balance is due to the advance payments for the Xmas lunch

The balance on the Charity and Activity account is £7,595.15 (November £10,354.20)

Outgoings

We have paid out £300.00 to MS, £875.00 for Xmas vouchers, £250.00 to the Hub, £250.00 to Carer support Wiltshire. We have also paid out £392.00 for the santa float insurance.

Incomings

There are incomings into both accounts of the refunded charged from Lloyds bank. However they are still charging us £4.25 per month for both accounts!! I know.....

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Community Services Meeting At: 2pm - 26.11.25 at 16 Avonfield Avenue

Present: Lynn Ken Jon John Mike Janie

Apologies: Bob

1. Requests.

- St Laurence School for badminton rackets/table tennis table - ongoing
- Westwood with Iford - request for polytunnels to be replaced plus labour - £200 **ACTION:** To be voted on at next main meeting.
- Ruth Wilson providing a xmas gathering for unpaid carers - £250 - **ACTION:** Lynn to email Lions members as we do not meet again until Jan 2026.
 - Hub donation - £250 for a recent Tesco shop needed to contribute to 150 bags that will go to families. **ACTION:** Lynn to email Lions members for confirmation.
- A request from Swansea Kids Cancer Charity was declined.
- Sightsavers donation increase to £500 - approved November main meeting.
- Wateraid - request for funding to be increased to £500 - **ACTION:** to be voted at next main meeting
- A request for a cover for a defibrillator in Holt to be replaced - £160 - **ACTION:** to be voted at next main meeting

2. Ongoing Updates.

- Kindwaves – ongoing
- Therapy dog to be taken off the update list and they can reapply for our consideration.
- Christchurch - still ongoing - Mike is to visit in Jan 2026 - for now to be removed from our updates but we can support again in the future.
- Scout Jamboree - ACTION: Lynn to email for an update on their fundraising efforts.
- Winsley Acorns Preschool - £1,000 donated - appropriate age table/chairs purchased - sand pit to be built early January 2026. Photos to be taken once completed. ACTION: Janie.

3. Dog Show.

- Jon has produced a comprehensive spreadsheet - 3. objectives currently to be approached. 1. Focus on securing a large sponsor - ongoing. 2. Online raffle needs to be up and running. 3. Book attractions.
- Lynn will join the dog show committee. A huge thank you to John and Mark for such detailed work to date.

4. Christmas Update.

- Xmas baskets and vouchers - no new names have come forward to date. 35 bulb baskets ordered. Vouchers to be obtained next week.
- Ken usually delivered to The Courts - this will be done on the Xmas float run. Wine/biscuits/chocs to be purchased. ACTION: Ken to contact The Courts for a contact.
- Xmas tree festival - tree to be put up on 8th Dec - ACTION: Lynn/Janie to sort key for garage
- Xmas Eve carols - all sorted

5. Any Other Business.

- Ken has ordered 200 more MIAB cost £142 - invoice sent to Mark our treasurer.
- Easter Egg/Bonnet Event - Culver Close to be booked - Lynn
- A birthday cake was shared with Ken and Janie - both have lovely birthdays this week.
- A positive proposal from Jon - for an 18 month rolling budget instead of a 12 month budget. Same format just covers a longer period. This will allow us to work with a projected budget so we can plan ahead and potentially fund larger projects. To be put to Trustees for further discussion. ACTION: add to agenda of Trustees. Meeting ended 3.25pm.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Report for December 2025

Menu Choices have now gone to Cumberwell for our **Christmas Lunch** on Monday 22nd December, 1230 for 1pm. There will be 22 of us in the Wraxall Bar – if last year was anything to go by, we should all have a great time!

We plan to have a **coffee morning** in early January when Christmas is over, decorations down, etc. 1030 at Timbrells on Friday 9th January. Hope you can join us.

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
11/25	£1185.60	Wiltshire Young Musicians
11/25	£1000.00	Winsley Acorn Pre School
11/25	£500.00	BoA Dementia Action Alliance
12/25	£300.00	MS
12/25	£875.00	Christmas Vouchers
12/25	£250.00	The Hub
12/25	£250.00	Carer Support Wiltshire
<u>Total</u>	<u>£6410.60</u>	

Club Diary December 2025 & January 2026

December	22	Christmas Lunch	1230hrs	Cumberwell
	24	Xmas Eve Carols	1800hrs	Westbury Gdns
January	7	Trustees Meeting	1400hrs	Hilary's
	9	Coffee Morning	10.30hrs	Timbrells Yard
	19	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 12th January**

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					500							
Poppy Wreath L					100							
Julia’s House L										300		
Lions Youth Projects N		120										
Water Aid I							300					
LCIF I								1000				
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	4220	5570	6370	8020	8370	9270	9620	9970
Running Total Spent	1550	1550	1550	2050	4736	6410						
Total Budget												

Event marker: L Local N National I International