

Member Communities Communique

Summer Update

A message from Geoff Gaunt, Club Leader

Firstly, thanks again for the patience you have shown with our Member Communities team following the restructuring and other staff departures last year. I am pleased to confirm the Team is now back at full strength and later in this communique Kadie will be introducing the latest team arrival and explaining where all the various responsibilities now lie.

Of course, just when we start to think all is now settled, another change comes along. After five years as Chief Operating Officer with us, Pete Worster has left Boundless to pursue new opportunities. I am sure you will join me in thanking Pete for his contribution to Boundless and, in particular, his great support for the Member Communities. We wish him every success in whatever comes next. For the time being, can you please direct any issues or enquiries that you would have previously raised with Pete to Kadie instead.

I know this time of year tends to be particularly busy with Group events and many turn their focus towards the great outdoors. Sometimes this can come with heightened risks, so we have included below a reminder of the importance of completing and following risk assessments when planning and delivering all our events.

I am told that your nominations for the Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards have started to arrive in Brighton as well as responses to the invitations to the inaugural Club Awards Dinner. Please keep these coming and we look forward to getting together for an exciting celebration of our volunteers in Stratford Upon Avon in October.

Also, of course, for all our Group Treasurers, Summertime means budget time. The budget papers were circulated even earlier than usual this year to give our Treasurers extra time to meet the usual deadlines. We can then ensure that we are able to feed all of our Groups' financial requirements into the wider Association planning for next year.

In the meantime, if you are busy organising a summer event, be it a Camping and Caravan rally, a Local Group outing, a Classic Vehicle Run, or anything else, may it be blessed with fine weather and with smiles all around.

All the best, Geoff

Volunteer Recognition Nominations Now Open

Nominations for our Volunteer Recognition Awards are now open until 8th August. It's a wonderful chance to celebrate someone in your committee or wider group who goes above and beyond to support your activities.

We've already received some fantastic entries and it's been heartening to read the kind words being shared, please keep them coming!



[Click here to make your nomination](#)

And don't forget to let us know by 15th August who will be attending the Awards Evening to represent your group. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Local Group Representative Announcement

We're pleased to confirm that we received one nomination for the role of Local Group Representative and are delighted to announce that Phil Pallent will be stepping into the role from October.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thank you to Jeff Kenyon, who has done a fantastic job in the role over the past six years. His dedication and support have been greatly appreciated by all, and we're incredibly grateful for everything he's contributed.

Upcoming Election

The next election which will open in August is for the role of Club Treasurer. If you're curious about what this role involves, feel free to send Kadie an email, kadie.crichton@boundless.co.uk. Kadie will be happy to share more information and arrange an informal call to answer any questions you might have.

Thank you to the three nominations for the role of Independent Council Member, from Mark Brumwell, Trevor Warren and Richard Ashcroft. Voting forms will be circulated after 24th September ahead of the Annual General Meeting. Further details can be found at www.boundless.co.uk/agmvoting

Group Budget Deadline

This year, we've shared the budget request forms earlier than usual to give groups as much time as possible to plan and prepare. Just a reminder the deadline for submissions is 3rd September, so be sure to get yours in ahead of time. If you have any questions or need support, don't hesitate to get in touch!



Get Rewarded for Referring Friends to Boundless

We know many of you love recommending Boundless to family and friends, so we're excited to let you know we're currently running an enhanced referral offer!

For a limited time, when you refer someone to Boundless, you'll both receive a £10 Love2shop voucher once they join.

The more members we have, the more amazing perks and exclusive benefits we can secure for everyone, so it's a great time to share the value of Boundless and get a little something back, too.

Referring is easy: simply share your unique referral code from your Boundless account or give your friend your membership number to use when they join.

[Click here for more details](#)

The Gift of Membership

You can now share the fun of Boundless and Boundless Plus memberships with someone special, as membership is now available to purchase as a gift.

Whether you choose to send a voucher directly to the recipient or to yourself for a personal touch, it's simple and easy to buy, making it an ideal gift for anyone eligible to join. Plus, our gift presentation box adds an extra touch of elegance to a thoughtful gift.






[Click here to find out more](#)



Don't miss out on our final Member Days of the year!

We're ending the year on a high with a series of truly magical Member Days, including some spectacular winter glow events. All tickets are better than half price, so make sure to grab yours soon to avoid missing out!

Upcoming Member Days:

-  13th September – Chessington World of Adventures
-  27th September – Blists Hill Victorian Town
-  22nd November – RHS Garden Wisley Glow
-  29th November – All Aboard the Magical Santa Express Train
-  6th December – RHS Garden Bridgewater







[Click here to book your tickets.](#)



Upcoming Online Events

Don't forget our online events are now open to all, so you can invite your friends and family to join the fun too! It's a great way to share fascinating talks and experiences with others.

Upcoming Events:

-  5th August – Boundless BBQ Masterclass
-  2nd September – Eclipses: A Mesmerising Cosmic Coincidence
-  16th September – The Off-Limits Collection at the British Motor Museum
-  23rd September – Exploring the UK Through Its Most Symbolic Foods
-  7th October – A Day in the Life of a Zoo Director
-  14th October – The Making of the Millennium Seed Bank

And there's even more to come—from the story of the Tower of London to celebrating 100 years of MG.

[Check out the full list of online events here](#)

Meet the Team

We're thrilled to introduce another new addition to our Member Communities Team, who will be supporting all the amazing work you do as volunteers. Jack joined us in July and is our new communities administrator, please give him a warm welcome as he gets settled in.

The best method of contacting the team remains through our general inbox which we all have access to: membercommunities@boundless.co.uk



Kadie Crichton,
Senior Marketing Manager

Kadie manages the department, providing overall support to all volunteers while driving key projects to shape the future of the club. Kadie also leads on the Boundless magazine and digital content across the website.

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Emily Witty,
Senior Marketing Executive

Emily is supporting day-to-day running of the Boundless magazine and digital articles. Emily is also the main point of contact for the Camping and Caravanning Group, Classic Vehicle Group and Reading Room.

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Benita Farore,
Marketing Communications Executive

Benita is supporting the *Investing in Volunteers* accreditation over the next 6-months. Benita is also supporting the development and delivery of the volunteer onboarding and nurture journey.

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Holly Orgee,
Marketing Executive

Holly is contracting the Social Breaks and Holiday Group stays while supporting our fantastic hosts. Holly is the main point of contact for the Motoring Groups, Aviation, Gardening and Cooking Group.

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Jack Bell,
Marketing Communications Administrator

Jack is your first point of contact for member queries, managing the inbox and phone line. Jack also uploads SENs, approves Risk Assessments, and supports with Local Group emails and requests.

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Health & Safety

As we head into our busiest season of events, please make sure you're completing any necessary health and safety requirements, especially SEN's and Risk Assessments.

Completing the Single Event Notice (SEN) and Risk Assessment process is a crucial step in the planning and delivery of events. It ensures Boundless by CSMA is informed of the event details, including the activities involved, from initial setup through to operation and dismantling.

The risk assessment identifies potential hazards, assesses the likelihood and impact of those risks, and outlines measures to mitigate or eliminate them. This process helps protect the safety of all involved and ensures compliance with Boundless by CSMA's legal and organisational health and safety responsibilities.

For Boundless by CSMA-organised events, volunteers are classed as employees and are covered under Boundless by CSMA's insurance if injured while performing their duties'.

Information submitted by volunteers during the planning stage also enables Boundless by CSMA to confirm that event activities fall within the scope of their insurance. Volunteers planning and running events will be covered under Boundless by CSMA's Public Liability Insurance. This protects against injury or damage to third parties, provided they are acting within their agreed roles and adhering to Boundless by CSMA's health and safety procedures.

Volunteers acting independently or outside the scope of their agreed responsibilities may not be covered. Therefore, clear communication and proper documentation between volunteers and the organisation is essential to ensure adequate insurance protection is in place at all times.

If you have any questions or require any help with completing your SEN or Risk Assessments, please do reach out to the team as they are on hand to help you.

Incidents & Near Misses

It's also important to report any incidents or near misses to the Member Communities Team so we can continue to keep both you, our volunteers and members safe. A reminder the emergency contact number for any urgent incidents is 0330 123 2011.

Thank you for helping us ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone!

News from the Groups!

Camping & Caravanning Rallies

Members have been busy rallying, with fantastic events recently in Hereford, Lancing, Llangollen, and even France!

With a packed calendar ahead, we're excited to see even more of our members' adventures on the road, here's to more great getaways!



Leeds Group Get Creative!

The Leeds Group enjoyed a fun and relaxing afternoon at Riverside Paint a Pot in Castleford, where they got creative decorating their own ceramic masterpieces. A great time was had by all!



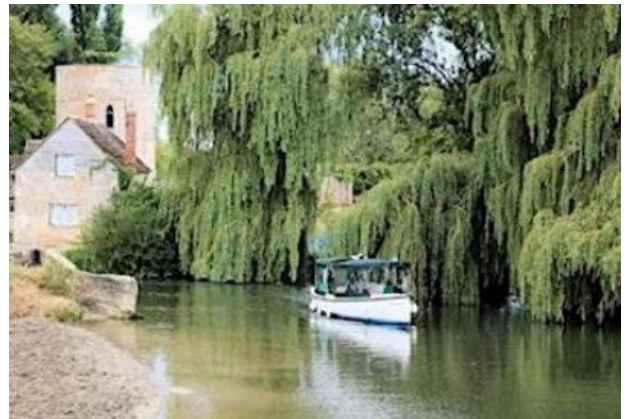
Afternoon Treats & Historic Adventures

The Bexhill Group recently gathered for a lovely afternoon, enjoying delicious tea and good company, while the Tamar Group took a trip to Cornwall to explore the fascinating War Museum at Davidstow. A great time for both groups!



Summer Days on the Water

With the beautiful weather, many groups have been making the most of it out on the water! The Thames Valley Group enjoyed their annual Thames river boat cruise, complete with a delicious cream tea, while the Swindon Group boarded the Cotswold Canal Trust boat near Inglesham for a relaxing hour-long cruise through spectacular scenery. A perfect way to spend a summer's day!



Surrey Group Riverside Catch-ups

The group enjoyed two lovely riverside meet-ups recently. One gathering at Thames Court in Shepperton included a delicious lunch, plenty of conversation, and a surprise visit from Edna, who recently retired from the committee after 30 years of service.

Another planned Hampton Court boat trip turned into a relaxed lunch at Bill's in Kingston due to last-minute changes, with plenty of laughs and great food. Both outings were made even better by the beautiful summer weather!



Thames Valley Ride Out

A sunny start at Java Café in Winnersh saw 16 bikes and one pillion join AG's ride-out, covering scenic roads through Berkshire, Wiltshire, and Hampshire. With smooth riding, stunning views over the North Wessex Downs, and a delicious lunch at Kimbridge Barn—especially the trout pâté bagels—it was a fantastic day. Special thanks to Graham for stepping in as Tail End Charlie and to AG for organising another great outing!



About the Communique

The Communique is sent to around 350 of our volunteers, Group and Association Officers and other interested members. Many of our Group Secretaries also forward the Communique to those members who regularly attend their Group events.

We're always looking to improve the Communique, and would really appreciate your feedback regarding what you like and what you don't, what you'd like to see more of, or less of, is the format ok, etc.?

Let us know by emailing: membercommunities@boundless.co.uk