

# Member Communities Communique

## Winter Update

### A message from Ian Jarrett, Club Leader

As you will be aware from the Volunteer Recognition Meeting and Awards special communique, Geoff Gaunt has taken up the duties of Vice Chair of the Association thus creating a vacancy for the role of Club Leader.

Following the AGM, I was nominated for the role and have been appointed for a term lasting until October 2028. I offer a few words of introduction outlining my 'club' involvement by way of assurance that my roots are firmly placed in member participation. Alongside being Chair of Shropshire Group I have been representing Motoring and Motorsports interests of members at Club Council in my role as Motoring Leader. Stepping up into the role of Club Leader is an extension of this, whilst remaining a part of and contributor to the Club Council forum.

The Club Leader by default becomes a member of the CSMA Board. Part of the Club Leader role is to carry forward the opinions, concerns, requests and contributions from the Club Council and ensure that they are taken into consideration in discussions and decisions made by the Board. In close co-operation with Member Communities, duties also include keeping Club Council aware of matters that relate to member activities and the way activities are enjoyed. The Club Leader is also a member of the Club Management Group, consisting of our Club Officers, the Head of Member and Business Operations and key staff from Member Communities. This group essentially manages an overview of arrangements of how groups and active members continue to successfully deliver our activities

My personal mission will be to continue the work of my predecessor and be the two-way link between Club and the wider Association and in doing so endeavour to improve arrangements to reduce perceived obstacles to arranging events, encourage participation and to secure sustainability. The role of Club Leader does not preclude me from taking an active part with my Group or the West Midlands Marshalling Team and I fully intend to enjoy our activities, after all, it's why I became a member in the first place.

Looking to the future, in this edition you will find lots of interest for the coming year. One item to note is the 'touchy subject' of Risk Assessments for your planned activities and events. Your concerns are very much recognised, and you will see that arrangements are being made to secure third party advice to be able to streamline the process where possible. It is understood that the process may seem overly onerous, however, please bear in mind that overall risk to Boundless, such as reputational damage and financial and insurance liability, is a necessary consideration as well as local health and safety.

Also intended for 2026 will be a continuation of opportunities for Networking Calls and Club Leader Calls, where we will be able to get to know one another better and talk through issues. Details are still to be finalised, as it's been a bit of a whirlwind since my appointment and I'm still finding my feet.

Finally, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a fruitful 2026, Ian

## Boundless Plus Just Got Even Better!

Boundless Plus membership now includes a National Art Pass from Art Fund, giving you free or discounted entry to hundreds of museums, galleries and historic houses across the UK. From major attractions like the Natural History Museum to hidden local gems across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, it's perfect for members who love to soak up a little culture in their free time. Even better, you can bring an adult guest and any children in your household along to enjoy the benefits too.



If you're already a Boundless Plus member, simply activate your National Art Pass at [www.boundless.co.uk/artpass](http://www.boundless.co.uk/artpass). To find out how to upgrade, visit [www.boundless.co.uk/upgrade](http://www.boundless.co.uk/upgrade) or call 0800 669 944.

## Last Minute Christmas Gift Needed?

Don't forget 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.

[Click here to find out more](#)

## Christmas, Your Way!

We'd love your help with our Christmas Your Way survey, which is all about discovering how our amazing members celebrate the festive season. Your responses will help us gather valuable insights and uncover wonderful stories that may be featured in the Autumn 2026 magazine.

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and as a thank you, you'll be entered into a prize draw to win one of five £50 Love2shop vouchers.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)



## Merry Christmas from Member Communities

We'd like to send our very best wishes to all our volunteers and members for a safe, happy and enjoyable festive season. From everyone in the Member Communities Team, thank you for another fantastic year. We've really enjoyed supporting your events and meeting so many of you at meetings and at the Awards Evening this year.



The Member Communities Team will be taking a short break from Friday 19th December until Friday 2nd January 2026. If there are any urgent matters or emergencies during this time, please email [kadie.crichton@boundless.co.uk](mailto:kadie.crichton@boundless.co.uk).

## 2026 Updates...

### Interest Group Committee Positions

The deadline for nominations to our Interest Group Committees is the end of January. If you're interested in joining one of our committees, we recommend speaking with the Group Leader first to find out more about the role and what's involved before submitting your nomination.

Nominations can be sent to [membercommunities@boundless.co.uk](mailto:membercommunities@boundless.co.uk) and should include a brief overview of your relevant experience, along with a short statement outlining what you would like to contribute to the future of the Group.

We encourage anyone with an interest in helping shape and support our Interest Groups to get involved. The Leaders of each Interest Group can be contacted via email using the contacts below:

- Aviation Group: [aviation.mjg@gmail.com](mailto:aviation.mjg@gmail.com)
- Camping and Caravanning Group Leader: [grahamdavis297@gmail.com](mailto:grahamdavis297@gmail.com)
- Classic Vehicle Group Leader: [daverosher@gmail.com](mailto:daverosher@gmail.com)
- Karting Group Leader: [demetriorros@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:demetriorros@hotmail.co.uk)
- Motorcycling Group Leader: [allan.goddard@boundlesscommunity.co.uk](mailto:allan.goddard@boundlesscommunity.co.uk)
- Motorsports (inc. 4x4 and Marshalling) Group Leader: [mike.biss@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.biss@btinternet.com)



## 2026 Budgets

On behalf of Club Treasurer, Janice Stace, we would like to extend our thanks to everyone for submitting their 2026 budgets on time. We're pleased to confirm that all groups have now been contacted regarding the outcome of their budget approvals.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact Janice directly at [Janice.Stace@boundless.co.uk](mailto:Janice.Stace@boundless.co.uk)

## SENs and Health & Safety Update

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their 2026 SENs to the team. Please continue to send in your group events as soon as they're confirmed, so we can advertise your fantastic activities early and help encourage even more members to take part.

As Ian mentioned in his introduction, we're currently working with a third-party health and safety consultant to review our risk assessment process. The aim is to identify improvements that better support you while continuing to ensure the safety of everyone involved. We'll keep you updated as this work progresses.

Also a great time to remind everyone it is 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!

## New Rallies and Social Breaks!

Our 2026 Camping and Caravanning Handbook and Social Breaks Guides are now available, both online and in print.

They're packed with exciting destinations and events, so why not take a look and see where each group will be exploring next - perhaps plan to join them!

Find out more at

[www.boundless.co.uk/candc](http://www.boundless.co.uk/candc) or  
[www.boundless.co.uk/social](http://www.boundless.co.uk/social).



## Our 2026 Member Days Need You

Thanks to the tremendous success of our Member Days this year, the Events Team is expanding the programme for 2026. We're delighted to share that we'll be offering more than 30 Member Days, almost double the number held in 2025.

To bring even more fantastic days out to members across the country, the team is now contracting a wider range of venues. While our current programme has focused on large attractions able to welcome hundreds of members, this has limited the types of venues and locations we could offer. Next year, we'll be adding smaller, more local venues alongside our big favourites - making it easier for members to enjoy a brilliant day out right on their doorstep.

To make these events possible, we need your help. We're looking for volunteers to support at Member. If you or your group would like to get involved, please email [volunteer@boundless.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@boundless.co.uk) with the events you're interested in.

As a volunteer, you might help with raffles, queue management, or simply ensure everything runs smoothly during the first hour at smaller venues. You'll also be there to provide a warm welcome and assist members with any questions. As a thank you for your support, we'll cover your travel expenses, contribute towards your lunch, and provide free entry tickets to the venue.

### Upcoming Member Days:

-  **7 March** – Studley Grange Butterfly World & Farm Park
-  **14 March** – BeWILDerwood Cheshire
-  **21 March** – Howletts Wild Animal Park
-  **28 March** – Sudeley Castle (*Sold Out – Waitlist Available*)
-  **18 April** – Yorkshire Wildlife Park
-  **25 April** – The Historic Dockyard Chatham
-  **25 April** – The Royal Mint & A Welsh Coal Mining Experience
-  **2 May** – Warwick Castle
-  **9 May** – Hever Castle
-  **16 May** – Silverstone Museum
-  **20 May** – Belvoir Castle
-  **6 June** – Chester Zoo
-  **20 June** – BeWILDerwood Norfolk
-  **4 July** – Cheddar Gorge



Find out more about each event or book your tickets here:  
[www.boundless.co.uk/memberdays](http://www.boundless.co.uk/memberdays)















## Upcoming Online Events

Don't forget, we also have a fantastic programme of online events for you to enjoy from the comfort of your own home. This year, the team has introduced three inspiring themes Hidden Histories, Curious Minds, and Learn in an Hour.

Our online events are open to everyone, so feel free to invite friends and family to join in too!

### Upcoming Events:

-  **13 January** – Flying forwards, facing backwards
-  **20 January** – Getting to the truth
-  **27 January** – Stop standing in your own way
-  **3 February** – Creating your own luck — is it possible?
-  **10 February** – Hidden London walks
-  **24 February** – An introductory journey into the world of herbalism
-  **17 March** – The lost villages of England
-  **24 March** – The ultimate guide to time travel
-  **31 March** – First aid for life
-  **14 April** – The Potton poisoner
-  **21 April** – Borrowed time — the science of how and why we age
-  **14 July** – The women who flew for Hitler

More events will be added over the coming months, so make sure you're signed up to your favourites by [clicking here](#).



## News from the Groups!

### Festive Events All Round

Our groups have been wonderfully busy rounding off the year with some fantastic festive celebrations. From seasonal gatherings to end-of-year socials, it's been a joy to see members coming together to share the spirit of the season.



**Bexhill Group  
Christmas Dinner**



**Portsmouth Group Christmas Meal**



**Swindon Group Comedy Night**



**Peterborough Scrooge Talk**

### 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](mailto:membercommunities@boundless.co.uk)