

Proposed Maisie Kench Seconded David Reeves

5 Secretary's report

Alison had also prepared and read out her written report which is reproduced below.

An interesting year for Chester and Wirral. There was a marked drop in attendance at the beginning of the year although the anniversary meal was very well attended. In the latter part of the year attendances did recover. The club council have encouraged us to think of an event that they could publicise to our catchment area to encourage new members, but the committee have struggled to think of anything so far.

We were also sad to learn that Doreen Mellor the beloved wife of Alan and both long standing members of the club passed away early in 2025. Our chairman Roger represented the club at Doreen's funeral and a donation was made to Dementia UK as requested by the family.

Our speakers were varied and appreciated by those who attended. Sadly, our proposed trips out failed to materialise this year due to a variety of reasons but hopefully we will be able to arrange some outings for 25/26 season.

As secretary, I again, offer my thanks to the committee and our members for their support throughout the past year.

Proposed Mike Docker Seconded Denise Knight

6 Treasurer's report

Good Afternoon,

I hope you have been able to look at the expense sheet for 2024 and quarter 1 of 2025 so far. (See Appendix 1 & 2)

Hopefully there won't be the question raised as regarding last year's sheets. As I have checked the fault that occurred last year has not re-occurred.

Where it put an amount of expense for publicity was shown on the sheet.

That had not been paid. Luckily the Secretary was able to solve the issue. Those that raised the question were sent a detail of what had occurred and the sheets where the information had come from on the quarterly expense sheets.

It was also discussed at the Committee meeting in April 2024.

The Group's money before today's meeting is as follows-

Bank Account – Group Account Virgin Money **£1.00,**

Lloyd Bank Account – **£500.00p**

Cash – **£ 78.36p**

Total – **£579.36**

This should cover cost until the Summer Break 2025.

Budget

The budget for 2025 was prepared by me and checked and agreed by the committee members to send to Brighton for approval.

I placed our Budget for 2025 in September 2024 as requested by Brighton.

It was approved in November 2024 by Brighton. The committee members were informed as soon as I was informed that it had been approved.

Proposed Marilyn Hartley

Seconded Alan Wilson

7 Consideration of Motions

No motions had been received.

8 Election of Officers

Nominations to the Chester & Wirral Group Committee had been received as follows:

Nomination

Chairman Roger Knight Proposed by Maisie Kench Seconded by Alison Tattersall

Secretary Alison Tattersall Proposed by Denise Knight Seconded by Mike Docker

Treasurer Denise Knight Proposed by Alison Tattersall Seconded by Mike Docker

In addition the following people have agreed to stand as Committee members

Mike Docker Liz Sharp Maisie Kench Marilyn Hartley

9 Any Other Relevant Business

The subject of how to increase our group's membership was discussed.

Various suggestions were made;

A subsidised visit to the Ellesmere Port Boat museum was considered although whilst this may get a good response on the day, past history shows that those attending would be families whose work and life situation don't result in them attending a midweek afternoon meeting.

A Halloween event – this has been well attended in the past.

Questionnaire to those members in our catchment area. However this question had been raised by someone from Camping and Caravan section at club council but the council chair said this was difficult. Local groups couldn't do it themselves due to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). However maybe we could leaflet the Hoylake caravan rally as some attendees maybe are local to our venue.

Could we trial running some meetings in the evening particularly in the summer months. Maybe not always have a speaker but arrange meals out or other activities.

Other issues mentioned:

Stop using acronyms or at least explain them.

Members are reminded they are members of all groups so if away they are free to attend another local group meeting or take part in the interest groups. There are also many online presentations that they can sign up for and take part in. Member days offer good benefits and two adults and up to 3 children can take advantage of these.

There was a reminder that the upgraded membership offers some excellent benefits particularly if you are going to Scotland or London. You can upgrade part way through your membership year too.

Suggestions for trips out during the year were sought and ideas included:

Cunard Building tour, Daresbury church and it's links to Lewis Carroll maybe combine with Norton Priory, Chester walking tour (this is problematic if in the evening due to lack of public toilets open in the evening).

Some groups have a newsletter and there is a template online. Denise as local group representative has copies of some of these and if anyone is interested in doing a newsletter please chat to Denise.

Finally, please be aware that Club HQ in Brighton are still having staffing issues. More staff are being recruited however please be patient as they will need to take up and be trained in all things Boundless.

10 Date and venue for the 2025 AGM.

The 5 Villages Hall on 4th March 2026.

11 Chairman's closing remarks

In the Chair's absence AT thanked everyone for coming.

Secretary *A Tattersall* Date 12/3/25 Treasurer *D Knight* Date 12/3/25

Appendix 1

AUTO-SUMMARY	Quarter	Year
Chester & Wirral	1-4	2024

Income

Administration	0.00
Events	0.00
Publicity	0.00
Raffle expenditure/Recognising Volunteers	0.00
Imprests received	1,400.00

Total income	1,400.00
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Expenditure

Administration	112.30
Events	1,210.75
Publicity	0.00
Raffle expenditure/Recognising Volunteers	0.00
Imprests issued	0.00

Total expenditure	1,323.05
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Net external costs

Administration	112.30
Events	1,210.75
Publicity	0.00
Raffle expenditure/Recognising Volunteers	0.00

Total external costs	1,323.05
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Appendix 2

Balancing total	1,169.82
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AUTO-SUMMARY	Quarter	Year
CHESTER & WIRRAL.	1	2025

Balance brought forward	319.82
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Income

Administration	0.00
Events	0.00
Publicity	0.00
Raffle expenditure/Recognising	
Volunteers	0.00
Imprests received	850.00
Finance charges	0.00

Total income	850.00
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Expenditure

Administration	54.71
Events	515.75
Publicity	0.00
Raffle expenditure/Recognising	
Volunteers	20.00
Imprests issued	0.00
Finance charges	0.00

Total expenditure	590.46
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Balance carried forward	579.36
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