

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of committee meeting held on 10th March 2026

Present

Terry Kendall, Ann-Marie Sephton, Nishadi Perera, Alyson Francis, Ken Booth, Barrie Cooper, Jan Cooper, Doris Wragg, Emma Lillico.

1. Welcome

Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting including Emma Lillico, the new Local Volunteer Officer for the North-East and Yorkshire

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cassie Thomas and Julie Riley.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2026 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

- (a) Terry reported that Alison Lofas had expressed concern that there may be a conflict of interests between Cassie's volunteering and her job with Utility Warehouse. Alison has requested a referee which Cassie has now supplied. Terry and Alison have spoken to another professional lady who has expressed an interest in volunteering for two hours per month.
- (b) Ann-Marie reported that a few problems had been experienced with people not adhering to the procedure for claiming taxi fares when attending the exercise class. She had spoken to the people concerned and informed them that we are unable to refund the fare if they do not adhere to the procedure.
- (c) Doris reported that she had tried to contact Lisa Hammond at Tesco regarding a collection in April but there had been no reply to the text she had sent or the voicemail she had left. As a result she had spoken to an assistant at the customer service desk, who had informed her that Lisa was having problems with her phone and agreed to pass on a message.
- (d) Doris has booked a stall in the town centre on 9th April for World Parkinson's Day. Ann-Marie has some publicity material from last year. Terry has asked Ian McMillan to write a poem which he has agreed to do.

5. Chair's report

No items.

6. Treasurer's report

The committee noted the bank statement as at 28th February 2026 which showed an adjusted cash and bank balance of £30,551.29. Interest of £1254.00 had been received.

7. Secretary's report

No items.

8. Service Development report

Boxing: 20th February - 5 pwp, 3 carers; 27th February – cancelled;
6th March - 5 pwp, 2 carers

Golf: 3rd March cancelled.

10 pin bowling event arranged for 24 March at the Carlton bowl, to date there were 36 attenders.

Walks: 23rd April – Old Moor RSPB; 28th May – Wentworth; 25th June – Cannon Hall.
Possible venues for future walks included Pugneys, Locke Park and Thornes Park.

Branch meeting, 21st July – Harmony in Motion.

PUK Temple Newsam walk, 19th July - Alyson has registered for the sponsored walk.

Trip, 16th June – agreed we will go to Bakewell followed by fish and chips at Whitby's restaurant, Catcliffe.

Afternoon tea, 20th October – Terry will speak to Kathy Markwick about joining the Superjam event at the Holiday Inn for our afternoon tea as it falls on the same day.

Staincross Methodist church coffee morning will be held on Saturday 30 May. It was agreed we would have a tombola and stalls selling books, handmade greetings cards and jigsaws. Ann-Marie agreed to oversee the supply of 144 cakes, Doris will put together a list of helpers to assist in the kitchen.

Penistone Show – agreed we will not participate this year.

9. Fundraising report

Terry has requested an application form from the Shawlands Trust to apply for a grant for the exercise class. In previous years we have always received £1,500.

A donation of £55.00 had been received from the Pilley Hub

Awareness stand at Morrisons Corton Wood raised £249.36

10. Assistant Treasurer's report

Nishadi reported that 5 carers took 4 hours, 2 carers took 2 hours, one carer took 6 hours (2 carried forward) and the carer at the branch meeting took 2.75 hours. Total for February £681.20.

Exercise class

	<u>1st class</u>	<u>2nd class</u>
4th February	10 pwp 4 carers	6 pwp, 2 carers
11 th February	14 pwp, 6 carers	5 pwp, 3 carers
18 th February	15 pwp, 6 carers	8 pwp, 3 carers
25 th February	14 pwp, 5 carers	7 pwp, 3 carers

The general feeling is that the first group is too large so Terry has spoken to Bronia and she will try to re-organise people into similar capabilities.

11. Membership Secretary's report

Ann-Marie reported that there were 142 members on the latest list. Whilst the membership section will only be sending the full membership list twice yearly in future, it can be provided on request. The changes report will still be sent out monthly.

12. Webmaster's report

No items.

13. Research Champion's report

Barrie reported that trials were being carried out on a drug which may stop or reverse Parkinson's. He will let Ken have details for the website.

14. Any other urgent and relevant business

There was no other business.

15. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th April at 7.00 p.m.