

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of committee meeting held on 11th August 2026

Present

Terry Kendall, Ann-Marie Sephton, Alyson Francis, Barrie Cooper, Jan Cooper, Nishadi Perera.

1. Welcome

Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Emma Lillico, Ken Booth, Doris Wragg.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2026 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

- (a) Emma has updated the PUK recruitment part of the website giving details of our current vacancies along with an outline of the roles and responsibilities.
- (b) Terry reported that two people have said they have had consultations with Dr Verma, the newly appointed neurologist at Barnsley Hospital.
- (c) The Parkinson's Blue Badge campaign has been welcomed by many members, Terry has ordered additional postcards for members to send to the leader of Barnsley Council.

5. Emma's report

- (a) In her July network news, Emma gave details of the annual Young Person's event to be held on Sunday 11th of October, and asked Groups to consider sending donations to assist with funding the day, the committee agreed to donate £300.
- (b) Emma requested that volunteers register their attendance for the regional volunteer celebration event to be held on Friday, 4th September in Doncaster, timetable to be confirmed.

6. Chair's report

No report

7. Treasurer's report

The committee noted the bank statement as at 31st July 2026 which showed an adjusted cash and bank balance of £29,279.06.

Effective from 1 September, the Emmanuel have increased their room hire charges by 3.5%.

Nishadi reported 11 people had taken 4 hours Respite care at a cost of £1,003.20

8. Secretary's report

No items.

9. Service Development report

Walk: 23rd July – 14 people attended the walk at Wentworth Woodhouse.

Golf: 6th August – 7 people attended.

Boxercise: 17th July - 13 people, 24th July – 14 people, 31st July - 13, 7th August cancelled.

Afternoon Tea, October 20th: to be held at the Holiday Inn Dodworth, Terry has provisionally booked for 35. We have been asked to confirm the numbers not later than 12 August and to pay the hotel by bank transfer at the same time. The committee agreed we should charge £10.00 per person.

Carers' Day, 26th November: It was agreed to charge £10.00 per person.

Terry circulated the activity programme as of August.

No date fixed yet for the bowling event in November.

10. Fundraising report

£31.29 was raised by the Cottage Bakery at Silkstone Common.

A colleague completed a sponsored walk up the Munro mountain in Scotland and raised £1,069 + gift aid, which he has donated to the branch.

The Ebenezer Wesleyan Reform chapel in Barnsley has folded due to declining membership and has donated £1,000.00 to us from the church funds.

11 Assistant Treasurer's report

No items.

12 Membership Secretary's report

Ann-Marie reported that there were 142 members on the latest list.

13 Webmaster's report

No items.

14 Research Champion's report

No items relating to research.

Exercise class

	1st class	2nd class
1 st August	12 pwp 7 carers	7 pwp, 2 carers
8 th August	12 pwp, 6 carers	5 pwp, 1 carers
15 th August	11 pwp, 5 carers	6 pwp, 2 carers
22 nd August	11 pwp, 7 carers	6 pwp, 2 carers
29 th August	8 pwp, 2 carers	7 pwp, 3 carers

15 Any other urgent and relevant business

There was no other business.

16 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th September at 7.00 p.m.