

SVIWG AGM 7 JUNE 2018

AT SHEFFIELD ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND MAPPIN STREET

*Chairman's Welcome: *David thanked everyone for attending.

*Apologies: *none recorded

*Minutes of 2017 Minutes: *Adopted as a true record

*Matters arising: *leaflet re guides dogs to be distributed.

*Treasurer's Report: *Stan Wainwright
Stan thanked everyone for their efforts over the last 12 months.
We have a
balance of £5,600.00.

Chairman's Report:

· David thanked SRSB for all their support over the last 12 months.

· Walking Programme: nice to see Nigel back walking on Tuesdays. We have only cancelled one walk due to bad weather.

· Recruitment: we have 11 new members, 7 visually impaired and 4 sighted guides (we must be doing something right).

· Sponsorship Walk 2017: thank you to everyone for either taking part or supporting us. We raised over £3,000.00 which was shared between

ourselves and SRSB.

- September 2017 Holiday to Whitby: A big thank you to our Social Secretary Hilary for organising the holiday and to our volunteer guides.

Without the guides there would be no walking group. The holiday was enjoyed by all thanks to friendly staff at the hotel and the local Ramblers.

- Walking and Leadership: A special thank you to John Bater our Walks Coordinator for all his efforts in getting the walks organised.

I would also like to thank Norman, the Ramblers and Mike Jackson, the Peak Park Rangers and to everyone who has taken a walk with us, thank you. If there is somewhere particular you want to go, or a pub you would like to call at, then please let me know and I will do my best to accommodate you.

- Newsletter: Thank you to Gail our editor, helped by Ken.

- Chair: Christine is an hard act to follow. I've never been a 'Chair' before but if it's all right with everyone I would like to carry on.

*Election of Officers: *the following officers were elected.

David Cadet Chair

Sue Hill Vice Chair

Carol Adams Minute Secretary

Stan Wainwright Treasurer

Christine Hewitt Members Secretary

John Bater Walks Coordinator

Hilary Myers Social Secretary

Gail Fagan Editor

Brian Hirst Committee Member

Co-opted members: Nigel Robb, Martin Wing, Pauline Bullivant

Eric Andrews stepped down from the Committee. David gave a big thank you to Eric for his contribution to the group over the years and this was echoed by everyone.

*Social Secretary Update *

Holiday 2019: Anyone wanting to go to Llandudno with us please see Hilary this evening if possible.

*Any Other Business *

*1 **George Napier: *John Bater gave George's apologies for tonight and asked John to circulate his telephone number, George would

welcome a
call from you.

*2 **Christine:** regarding our holiday this year on our day
off from
walking would anyone be interested in going on the Severn Valley
Railway,
please let me know if you would like to go.

*3 **Betsie:** *Hello to everyone. Thank you for the walk
you
arranged for me. I was the first Chair and I know how hard it is to
run
it. It is the largest group in the country and I am proud to belong
to
it. Thank you for everyone from organising walks to the accounts
and
holidays and a thank you to David and Christine and to John
Bater. It
takes a lot of admin to run this group, thank you. Also, a thank
you to
all the people in the group and to Derek 'whatshisname' (chuckle)
as well.

*4 **Claire Boulding:** Mike Wilson thought it a good idea
to invite
Claire to do a walk with us in the hope that we get some publicity.

*5 **Carol:** I didn't realise how hard it is to arrange a
walk,
could people think to let me know asap whether they are going on
a walk so
I don't panic. It is brilliant to have the support of John and
Christine.

*6 **Angela:** could it be a general rule that all walkers confirm with the coordinator 5 days in advance that they will be joining the walk.

*7 **Philip:** Docfest - Philip promoting the film which will be shown next week, he has 4 tickets left. Philip would like some support, it's all free. Please have a word with Philip if you are interested.

Guest Speaker Joanne, Deputy Manager SRSB

Joanne gave us a rundown of her work background before joining SRSB at Mappin Street. She is proud of what SRSB do and said that Sheffield SRSB is a leading light. Joanne gave us an account of the vibrant and diverse programme that can be accessed at Mappin Street and wants everyone to benefit from what is on offer. She also said she will be joining us for a walk.

If anyone has any question or suggestions for Joanne please do not hesitate to get in touch with her.

David closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance.