

**99th Meeting of Derbyshire Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 2:30 pm at Alfreton Community Centre.**

## 1. Welcome.

Robert, the DIG Chair, opened the meeting at 14:30. Richy read the Preamble. Peter read the Traditions. Catherine read the Declaration of Unity. Lizzie read the Safeguarding statement. Karen read the Aims of Intergroup.

In the absence of a Secretary, it was agreed that Dave I would take the minutes of the meeting.

## 2. Introductions and Apologies.

Present			
Name	Group	Position	Email
Robert M	Newchurch Tuesday	Chair	Chair.derbyshire@aamail.org
David H	Allestree	Vice Chair	Vice.chair.derbyshire@aamail.org
Raj J	Belper Tuesday	Treasurer	treasurer.derbyshire@aamail.org
Deb S	Newchurch Sunday	TLO	telephones.derbyshire@aamail.org
Kathy O	Derby Hospital	HLO	Health.derbyshire@aamail.org
Sarah W	Allestree	PI	PI.derbyshire@aamail.com
Dave I	Long Eaton	ECLO	ecomm.derbyshire@aamail.org
Sue C	Alfreton Sunday	Visitor	
Catherine M	Alfreton	GSR	
Joy	Alfreton	Visitor	
Lizzie B	Allestree	GSR	
Claire M	Bakewell	Visitor	
Peter H	Belper Sunday	GSR	
Adam B	Belper Tuesday	Visitor	
Darren G	Derby Monday	GSR	
Amanda R	Derby Saturday	GSR	
Marcin B	Derby Polish	GSR	
Karen S	Derby FMH	GSR	
Ozzie Dave	Matlock Wednesday	Visitor	
Richy G	Newchurch Sunday	GSR	
Richy G	Newchurch Sunday	GSR	
Steven H	Newchurch Tuesday	Secretary	
Apologies			
Ann H	Derby Tuesday	Employment Officer	Employment.derbyshire@aamail.org
Carrie L	Allestree	YPLO	youngpersons.derbyshire@aamail.org
Robert M-J	Ashbourne	GSR	
Peter G	St Johns	GSR	
Mark	Newchurch Tuesday	GSR	

## 3. Minutes from last meeting.

- a) Corrections: None
- b) Approval: Proposed by Robert, seconded by Dave. Vote: Unanimous.

## 4. Around the groups.

### Alfreton Sunday evening meetings-Catherine M

Remains a well-attended group with all service positions filled, lengthy sobriety and newcomers mix as well as sponsorship opportunities. There is a healthy pot and regular intergroup contributions.

**Alfreton Wednesday evening "Traditions"**

The numbers are increasing to approximately 8 -12 people and occasionally newcomers. All the service positions are covered, and the pot is covering expenses, but we haven't managed to make any intergroup contributions yet.

**Allestree-Lizzie**

All well no issues

**Ashbourne Wednesday-Rob MJ**

I can report that the meeting is still doing well. No issues to report.

**Ashby Women Living Sober Group (Saturday 11;30am)-Jenny R**

After a very difficult summer we now have good attendance again, consistently 10+ members each meeting. We have many newcomers who are coming back week by week and there is excellent fellowship and support on the dedicated WhatsApp group. Sobriety ranges from very new to in excess of 30 years. Most service positions are filled. The group finances are now on an even keel, and we hope to be able to support intergroup in the coming weeks.

**Bakewell-Jason**

Service positions available,

**Belper Sunday-Peter H**

We are currently averaging 10, which is slightly down probably due in part to holiday season, but a number of new members have joined recently, so things are on the up. All service positions filled, and finances are healthy. Good stock of literature. We facilitate a Step 11 Meditation Meeting 6pm in a second room prior to the main meeting, for which there is excellent feedback. We also run a Joe McQ inspired 12 Step Rolling Programme, which is a ten-week supported self-study course with 1 hour discussion sessions held before the main meeting. To date 20 people have completed the course, with over 90% achieving good sobriety. The next Rolling Programme starts on January 7th with five people currently enrolled. The aim is to run five courses during 2024.

**Chellaston Thursday 1pm AA Meeting-Jenny R**

We have settled in our new venue at St Peters Church and the meeting continues to be well attended with at least a dozen regular members. Sobriety ranges from newcomers to more than 30 years; one of our newcomers is on track to achieve a year's sobriety this month and other newcomers are returning each week/ e also get visitors most weeks. Not all service positions are filled. We currently have a Chairperson, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Literature secretary, and two key holders. Our WhatsApp group continues to assist communication within the group. The group finances are sound with sufficient prudent reserve, and we regularly forward T7 funds to Intergroup.

**Derby Saturday 6 pm Friends Meeting House-Amanda**

No concerns to report. The group is self-supporting. There are currently no extra funds for literature but is making the rent. There are 3 roles covered. Treasurer/literature, Chairperson, & GSR who attend regularly. Attendance is hit and miss, between 5 and 10 on a weekly basis.

Support is being asked from other groups to help with attendance numbers.

**Derby Tuesday lunchtime-Karen Sharp**

I'm sending you a report to say the Tuesday lunch time group has no issues.

We are self-supporting from our own contributions and have regularly around 10 members each week.

**Derby Polish-Marcin**

All well no issues

**Long Eaton Little Big Book Group-Dave I**

The meeting continues to have approximately 12 members.

We have a wide range of sobrieties from newcomers to over 20 years; last week one of our members celebrated sixteen years in sobriety.

Service positions were reviewed at the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024; we have a new Chair-Lewis, Treasurer-Elliot, Literature rep-Melinda, and refreshments monitor-Jill. Dave I remains GSR

Our finances are sound, and we have made a contribution of £100 to Intergroup.  
The group have no interest in discussing the Conference Questions.

#### **Middleton-Emma**

Traditionally this meeting has been quite small with 6-8 regular members attending. This has grown over the last 2 months, and we now see anywhere from 12 – 17 members. Some of these have become regulars, some are visitors. The variation in the length of sobriety ranges from 1 month to 39 years.

We have a couple of core members in their late 30s, 1 core member around 17 years, 3 core members around the 10 – 13 year mark.

Rent at the church was previously £20 per week, this was lowered to £15 per week. Our treasury as a reserve of around £100 at the moment. We are hopeful that with the increase in numbers, we will be able to send some money to intergroup in the next few months.

We have the following service positions currently filled: -

Chair, Treasurer, Literature, Tea, and Coffee.

We just don't have a GSR, could you please remind me of the length in sobriety required for this position please, I will make the group aware of it at the next conscience meeting.

#### **Newchurch Tuesday-Steve H**

All well no issues

#### **Royal Derby Hospital-Kathy**

Strong meeting, regular attendants, and newcomers. Patients from the wards attend too.

The Burton Addiction Centre 3-weekly shares are powerful, with 30-32 residents there. The founder of the BAC, Noreen O'Connor sadly passed away in December which was noted at our last meeting. A sympathy card was sent from AA. RIP.

#### **Uttoxeter Tuesday-Rosemary**

I rotated out of my position but have continued to do the admin as we are short of officers; we do not have a GSR, however we are fully self-supporting and contributing financially to intergroup. The meeting is well attended although numbers fluctuate, and we are carrying the message to the newcomer.

### **5. Officers Reports.**

#### **Chair-Robert M**

We are making progress all round.

#### **Vice Chair-David H**

Continuing to visit various groups on behalf of Intergroup. Answering any questions that may arise. Working with the Prison Service and proactively communicating this to the meetings I have attended. I have been liaising with Fellows from different Intergroups to share information to help with our Primary Purpose.

#### **Treasurer-Raj**

I attach Receipts and Payments Report at the end of the minutes, covering the period from the start of the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to 5th September 2024.

Group contributions for the year are currently £1363 which is down by £752 when compared to the same period from the last financial year, this is a 'loose' statement as there are a multitude of factors which would need to be taken into consideration.

Bank balance is £2,054.51.

During this financial year we have contributed £1,900 to Midlands Region.

The transition into the role of treasure has been as expected and all banking mandates and access to accounts have been completed.

I am suggesting that we maintain a prudent reserve of £2000 and for this to be reviewed following the Derbyshire convention at the end of the year.

## **ECLO Report-Dave I**

The Derbyshire Intergroup microsite can be found at <https://bit.ly/46WyMAY>.  
Or use the QR code below



**SCAN ME**

The microsite address has been incorporated into the front page of the Derbyshire Intergroup Where to Find leaflet, to enable newcomers to easily find further information about Intergroup. All the pages of the microsite have now been populated and the information is updated regularly. The Where to Find leaflet is updated monthly and is emailed to the groups with email contact details; unfortunately, we do not have email contact details for approximately half the groups within Derbyshire Intergroup. The Where to Find leaflet is also available on the microsite.

## **Health-Kathy**

The Wednesday night Derby hospital meeting is strong, with regular attendants and some patients joining us. We haven't a GSR as yet. The Burton Addiction Centre, (BAC), 3-weekly shares are powerful, with 30+ residents. For some, these are their first or second AA meetings. The founder of the BAC, Noreen O'Connor, sadly passed away after Christmas. This was noted at the January meeting and a sympathy card was sent from AA. In March/April, several members will carry the AA message and share their experience, strength and hope to 50-60 student Drs, which is an annual event. Everything strong and going well.

## **PI-Sarah**

AA can give talks in a doctor's surgery in March. We will work with staff at prisons for people coming out

## **TLO-Debbie**

The telephone service is going well. Most shifts are covered and those that aren't are put on the responders WhatsApp group and usually covered by the responders on a weekly basis.

The get together was very good, approximately 20 people attended.

Call log for November: Total calls 116, Engaged 0, Unanswered 9.

Of unanswered calls: 5 from Ripley numbers, 2 from withheld, 2 from other.

Forwarded to voicemail 37

Call log for December: 87 calls, 0 Engaged, 11 unanswered, Forwarded to voicemail 25

38 calls were from a withheld number. The helpline gets many withheld calls from a man from prison which is an unrecorded privilege call. He just phones up for a chat.

I am currently updating responders' details by sending out new forms to responders and 12 steppers whose forms haven't been updated during last 12 months

## **Young Persons Liaisons Officer-Carrie L**

As young persons liaison I continue to support young people within the Derbyshire fellowship however numbers seem to be lacking. Each group I attend know to pass my contact details out to any young people that attend their meeting. Please accept my apologies for the 13<sup>th</sup> I will not be able to attend as I am away

## **Share Liaison Officer**

No report, Denise W has resigned from the post.

## **6. Election of Officers**

### **.1 Secretary**

Sue C has been proposed by David H and seconded by Robert M. Sue gave a verbal CV. Several members expressed concern that no written CV had been circulated prior to the meeting, but it was agreed that we urgently require a Secretary, and that Sue would make an ideal candidate. A vote was taken, and Sue was elected unanimously.

## **.2 Prison Liaison Officer**

The CV for Adam B had been circulated prior to the meeting. Proposer Carrie L, Seconded Denise W. Concern was expressed that Adam had only 15 months sobriety, when the usual requirement is two years. It was explained that Adam would receive support in the role. A vote was taken, and Adam was elected unanimously.

David H resigned as Region representative.

The following roles are still vacant: Share Liaison Officer, Armed Forces, Probation. Region representative.

## **7. Derbyshire Intergroup convention**

Sarah confirmed Derby Rugby Club as the best venue for accessibility and parking. Food can be taken in or provided and the bar will be sheeted off. A £100 deposit was paid, and we can have a choice between Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. It was voted by majority vote to hold the convention on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

A committee was suggested to work on the details. What to do at the event food, speakers etc.

The committee will be Sarah, Catherine, Lizzie, Marcin, Raj, Robert, and Steve.

## **8. GSR Workshop**

Deb and Peter are working on this and will have more information at next Intergroup.

## **9. Region billboard campaign.**

This was discussed and some members had concerns it went against traditions. The vote went against having billboards.

## **10. Rotation of location for Derbyshire Intergroup meetings**

The next Derbyshire Intergroup meeting will be held at Newchurch, at the Needwood Jubilee Hall, Yoxall Rd, Newchurch, DE13 8RQ on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

## **11. Any other business**

Ozzie Dave asked whether the Where to Find could be organised by day order. Dave I to investigate this.

Debs is organising a Zoom Traditions Workshop open to Derbyshire groups. Date and time to be arranged

David H proposed that travelling expenses of 45 pence per mile should be paid for attending Intergroup meetings. This was seconded by Catherine. Vote: Unanimous in favour.

Dave I mentioned that there had been no discussion regarding Conference Questions. There was little interest

Congratulations were given to Joy from Alfreton meeting on celebrating 40 years of sobriety.

## **12. Close of Meeting**

Tradition 7 was observed. Dave I closed the meeting by reading the Serenity Prayer at 4:30pm

Dave I

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