

Volunteers' Newsletter Scarborough Talking News



Hi Everyone. My name Is Sylvia Brabbs and I am a relatively new volunteer to Talking News. I am a retiree and amongst various hobbies (reading – I am a member of two reading groups, traveling, cooking) I also like to play bridge. Thus it was that my path crossed with David Henderson, STN Technical Manager. In between bridge games he persuaded me to become a Copier. Little did I realise that a few months later Steph Brown would retire as STN Secretary, leaving a vacancy that I have rashly agreed to fill. Hopefully I can do the job as well as Steph has done.

Before I retired, I worked as a pupil support for a very special young lady who has been blind since birth. I produced all her braille worksheets and reading materials and tactile diagrams so she could fully participate in main stream education. It was a job that I greatly enjoyed.

Committee meeting 29th April, 2025

At the meeting retiring Secretary Steph Brown was thanked by Chairman Mary Grunwell for all her hard work, meticulous record keeping and numerous dealings with the Charity Commission. In her outgoing Secretary's report, Steph thanked everyone at STN for the warm welcome and total inclusion shown to her from the moment she first joined STN in 2023. She wrote in her report, "What a smashing set of new folk I have met! The dedication and expertise of STN volunteers has seen the Charity through choppy waters and the organisation is well set to flourish in the future". Although stepping down as Secretary, Steph will continue as an Editor, Dispatcher and Roving Reporter.

At the Committee meeting, members were informed that many of our listeners found web addresses read out in articles of little practical use and disruptive to the pleasure of listening. The Committee therefore decided that **editors and readers should omit web addresses as articles are read out**. If there are any web addresses that might be of use to some listeners, these should be included at the end of the recording, after the closing remarks.

You can read the full minutes in the blue Minute Book, stored in the blue tray in the Despatch Room.

Dates for your diary

Proposed Date for next Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 11.30am.

Talking News Federation AGM and National Conference 10-11 October 2025 to be held in York - theme "Everyone Matters"



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