

## **Midland Area Plus**

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### **Report to NEC Meeting 11 November 2023**

#### **Management & Finance**

There are 7 groups in the Area

Bromsgrove & Redditch	1
Coventry	2
Leeds Bradford	5
Lichfield	6
Lincs Quest	56
Rothwell	14
Solihul Quest	13

Total number of members: 97

#### **Finance**

Total Area Worth - £3,512.44

**Number of AEC Positions Filled – 5**

## **Past Activities**

### **Midland Area visit to Clumber Park**

Sunday 17 September 2023 - all invited

### **Area Quiz and Chips**

Saturday 7 October 2023 Lincs Quest hosted the Midland Area Charity Quiz and Chips Night, we were pleased to welcome members from Solihull and Kings Lynn groups. It was a fun night, as well as providing a mental challenge, and raised £206 for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance.

## **Planned Activities**

### **York Sculpture Trail**

Sunday 4 February 2024 join Lincs Quest for a visit to York to see the city's ice sculpture trail.

### **Area Quiz**

Saturday 23 March 2024 held at Holiday Inn Express in Grimsby, organised by Lincs Quest.

### **Walking Weekend 2024**

Friday 16 August to Monday 19 August 2024. Hafren Forest Hideaway. Plans were finalised and agreed at the July Area Conference. £270.00 includes planned walks, accommodation, breakfast and dinner.

## **Publicity & Communication**

Groups are continuing to publicise themselves. There is help available through the Area publicity grant.

Most Groups have a Facebook page or group. Most groups also have a programme.

As reported last meeting the Area has set up 'Landing Pages' for the Area and each group and is funding Facebook adverts for each group to start on September 1st. Four groups have set up their adverts so far, the other three are to place theirs in January.

<http://aboutmeetingfriendsplus.org.uk/midland>

## **Recruitment & Development**

Three groups have double figure memberships, Lincs Quest have 56 members.

New group Bromsgrove & Redditch group hold meetings via Zoom and now at a venue once a month.

As Bradford group currently have no members it was decided that Leeds group cover the Bradford area and be known as Leeds Bradford Plus. The group has recently started monthly in person meetings as a pub of the Month.

## **General**

We have area conferences, every three months on Zoom and it was decided to continue with Zoom meetings.

**John A Smith – Chairman, Midland Area**