Basingstoke Breast Cancer Self-help Group

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Held on 22nd September 2026

Chairman: Angela Bennett

Treasurer: Renee Smith

Newsletter: Liz Janes

Secretary: Heather Bounaouara

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Attendees
24 ladies attended.

Welcome
Angela welcomed everyone to our meeting, having thanked Dr Veli for her highly interesting talk about new developments in breast cancer treatment.

Angela informed the ladies of the recent decision to no longer read out the previous meeting's minutes at each subsequent meeting. A copy will in future be available to read in a folder on the table; the minutes are also on the group's website.

Angela reminded us that Renee will cease being treasurer in January 2027, and Maggie will take over this position.

We will be able to continue using the room we currently use in the future, and Angela let us know that date cards for next year will be available next month.

There was very positive feedback from the skittles evening held last month.

Liz had kindly organised the annual cake sale to be at the Loddon Vale Indoor Bowling venue this year, and the amount raised for our funds was £119.40. Many thanks to Liz for her hard work.

We were told that the insurance for our monthly meetings has all been organised and finalized by Angela.

Speakers

Jane spoke to us about upcoming speakers as she has been organising this aspect now for a few months.

Our speakers at the October meeting will be the DTC nurses and a lady called Katherine from the Omoena company.

Upcoming events

There will be no meeting on 17th of November. Instead there is an evening at The Haymarket to watch Calendar Girls being performed by Basingstoke Amateur Theatrical Society. It starts at 7.30pm. The president of BATS, Richard Bond, has kindly donated 35 tickets to our group. Mrs Rosie Stanton was due to be our speaker at this meeting but will now speak next year.

December's Christmas party will occur as usual here at the Ark, and Angela asked if Debbie and Sharon would be able to do the list of foods being brought as they usually do. They were not at the meeting to give an answer.

Other business

The Moving Forward course will not be happening until next year now due to a lack of interest. Angela gave us the dates: 11th and 18th of January and 10th and 17th of May. It will take place at Oakridge Hall from 9.30am until 1pm.

We were given letters that Liz had kindly prepared to hand out to any local businesses that could offer a valuable raffle or auction prize at our November fundraising event. Ladies were asked to let Liz know which companies have received a letter and of any response received.

The meeting closed at 8pm.