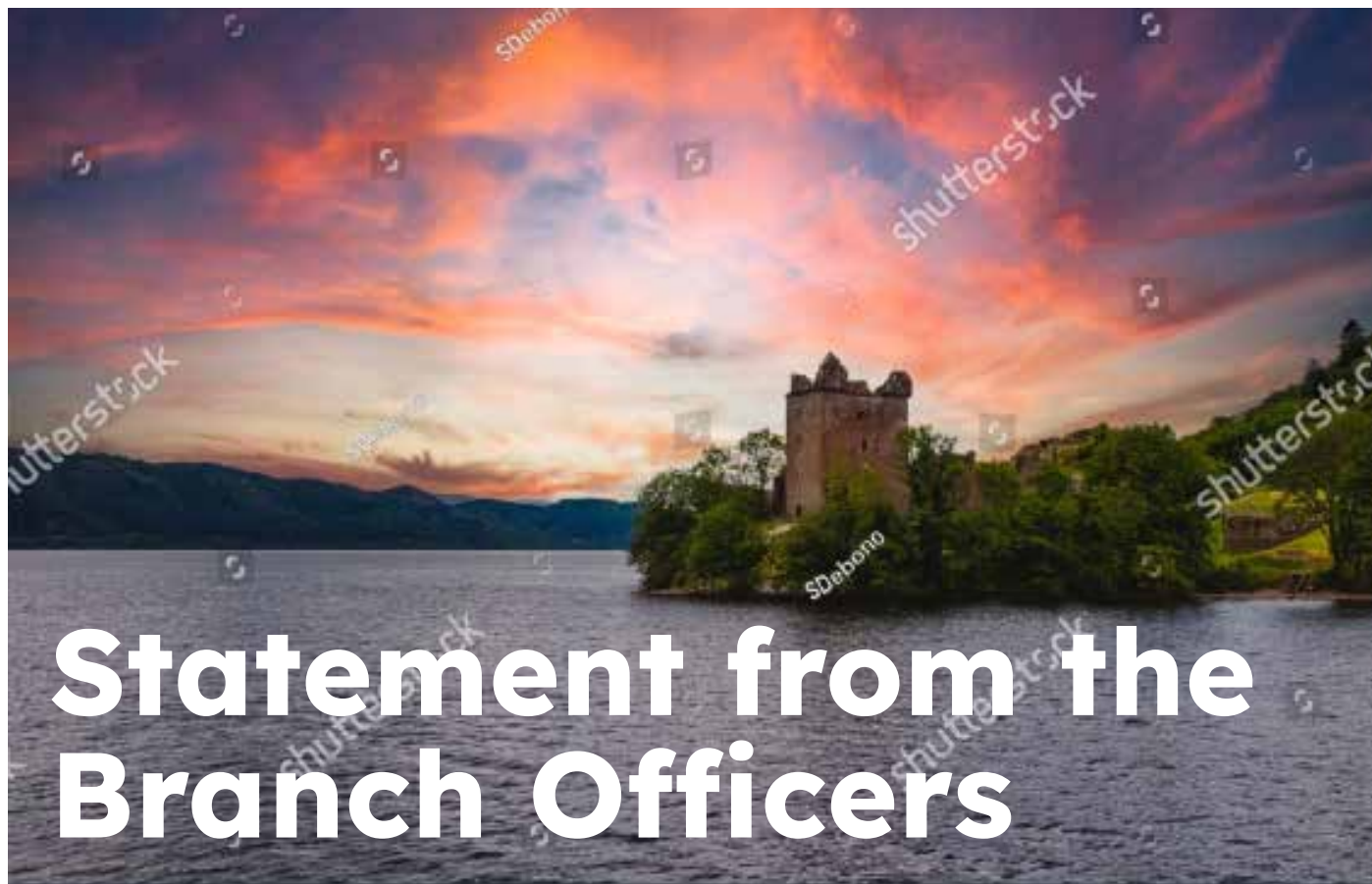


Scotland Branch Newsletter

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TACKLING THE CHALLENGES OF KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH OUR MEMBERS



Statement from the Branch Officers

This is to advise Scotland Branch members the branch chair stepped down from his position towards the end of May and the remaining branch officers, in addition to their usual responsibilities, have been working together to maintain the day-to-day running of the branch.

There was insufficient time for head office in London to arrange to remove the chair's contact details from the most recent issue of *The Pensioner* magazine. CSPA General Secretary Sally Tsoukaris was informed accordingly, along with the chair and vice chair of the national Executive Council.

An emergency Scotland Branch officers meeting was subsequently held via Microsoft Teams on

Wednesday 28 May for discussions regarding the short- and long-term plans for the future of the branch.

Special meeting

Under the circumstances, it was decided that the next members meeting – to be held in The Griffin, 266 Bath Street, Glasgow, on Thursday 4 September at 1.30pm – will now be held as an Extraordinary General Meeting, as stated in the Branch constitution: “The Branch Officers may, at their discretion, call

Our 4 September meeting is to be an Extraordinary General Meeting

an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time.”

The meeting room can be accessed through the bar or via a door on Elmbank Street, for those members who require pavement access.

We hope as many members as possible will be able to attend this very important meeting. If you would prefer to attend virtually via Microsoft Teams, please contact Michael Kirby, Membership Secretary (contact details at the bottom of this page).

Please note that the position of Scotland Branch chair will remain vacant until after the Extraordinary General Meeting takes place, as it will need to be advertised.



Scotland Groups

Sadly, there are no groups operating in Scotland. Should any members wish to consider re-opening either the Glasgow or Edinburgh group, please contact Branch Administrator Christine McGiveron via email: Christine.McGiveron@cspa.co.uk or tel: 07506 315826.

Members Meeting November 2025

This will be held in The Griffin pub, 266 Bath Street, Glasgow on Thursday 6 November, commencing 1.30pm. An invitation will be sent to the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity to attend, as they bring Christmas cards and gifts not

available in high-street shops. Please come along, but if you cannot manage, and are able to attend virtually via Microsoft Teams, please contact Membership Secretary Michael Kirby (contact details at the bottom of this page).



Branch Christmas Lunch

This is an advance notice to let everyone know that this very popular event will be held again in the Maldron Hotel, 50 Renfrew Street, Glasgow, on 11 December. It is a short walk to Buchanan Street bus station and a 10-minute walk from both the Central and Queen Street train stations. The November newsletter will request members to book their place and advise of any dietary requirements.

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Visit our Branch Website

The website is solely for Scotland Branch members and is regularly updated by me with news and items relevant to Scotland. It also includes a link to the national website, which will enable non-members to join the CSPA.

The new website has been created to present a more corporate image, with the branch website now identical to the national one.

The branch officers hope you like it and I encourage everyone to have a look and see what you think.

It is easy to navigate and there is a facility to provide feedback. To access the website just enter www.cspascotland.org.uk in your browser to get to the home page.

Michael Kirby, Membership Secretary and Branch Webmaster

Keeping your details up to date

Membership Secretary Michael Kirby (details at the bottom of this page) is the man to contact for any alterations to your personal data held on the Scotland Branch section of the CSPA database (eg change of address, email or telephone number) or any other membership matters. Should any branch members prefer to receive future newsletters by email, please contact Michael Kirby with your email address.



SP Energy Networks Priority Services Register

In the event of a power cut, our teams work around the clock to restore your electricity as quickly as possible.

To enquire about being placed on this register – phone 0330 1010 167

Any feedback regarding this newsletter would be very much appreciated.



Remember: do not leave *The Pensioner* magazine in doctors' or dentists' surgeries or any public places as it contains names and addresses of CSPA officers.

The CSPA is committed to ensuring that your information and privacy are protected.