

CNWW PRESIDENT REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026

Time certainly feels like it is flying by too quickly, especially when it comes to reflecting on what we have done over the past quarter. Janet and I have shared attending events this year.

We had our Officers and Reps meeting on the 13th of June, and always lots of discussion and planning goes on at these meetings. The summary of the workshop we had in March was sent to SIGBI, as there was a lot of suggestions on what we wanted to see from SIGBI. When I spoke to SIGBI President Gillie on a telephone call she reported she had seen it and that SIGBI were working on some of the issues raised, especially getting our voice out to the wider public, and that she was being interviewed on GB news (and it was also reported on ITV news) about the Railway survey. If we can get more of that then it will be great – so let's see if we get more notice.

We had a new venue for the Regional meeting on the 4th of July at the White House in Ruallt, St Asaph. The venue was lovely with a spacious room with lots of light. The meal was also very good. It was a hot day though and we opened the windows! We had 3 great presentations for the Barbara Dixon Award and the regional members present then voted on those and the display stands. All were worthy of the award and it is so heartening to see the amazing projects that we do. SI Nantwich was awarded the trophy for their project on County Lines and gathering the most important people together (who had been working on individual aspects of it) to have a wider discussion, sharing of resources and working together – which is still happening and will need to continue as this is unfortunately an ongoing situation where young people as young as 9 are recruited by gangs.

Well done to all the projects and in 2 years it will be great to hear about more projects being put forward for this award.

I have not done very much since then as I had my spinal surgery on the 9th of July, so have been limited in getting about as unable to drive until this coming week.

However, I have been on Zoom meetings and we had another 3 Regions meeting on the 18th of July where we have a few members representing our Region. There are a number of events coming up over the next year in the other regions so we will advertise those and hope some of you can attend them. The summer joint trip was cancelled due to lack of numbers but we haven't given up on another trip next year.

We had an Officers meeting on the 28th of August to plan the next quarter and hear about Iris's plans for her year. There are 5 of us attending the South Lancs Regional Lunch in Garstang on the 20th of September and will report back on that at the next meeting. We have another Officers and reps meeting on the 10th of October, so if there is anything you want to bring up please let your reps know.