

## National Chairman's report NEC Meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2024

Dear All,

It only seems five minutes when we were at Reading this year attending the National Annual General Meeting (NAGM) and now half a year has passed.

Just like life things have not gone as planned and I understand some of the NEC's frustrations. With some determination I am sure we can get ourselves back on track. I would like to thank Ben Allen for finding us this new venue that we are meeting at today. This will also be the venue for the next NAGM 2025.

We still find ourselves with no NEC Administrator or National Internet Co-ordinator. Now as Erika is our HGS she will be pleased to know that I have a copy of the recording from NAGM 2024. With no pressure and six months to have the minutes ready for NAGM 2025.

As some of you know there are concerns with the timing of WASH which puts some pressure on the Plus yearly diary. With some suggestions around rejigging some events but with Hoburne already fixed I suspect that some events will be affected. Adding to this is the cost-of-living crisis which even I have acknowledged is a real issue in the normally well-off part of England. There is likely to be some difficult choices next year and we will have to act quickly to minimize the risk for future years. It is iconic that we had this issue when we were a larger organisation, but I never expected now that we are smaller in size.

I look forward to welcoming you all on Saturday and I will send out the meeting link for anyone who are unable to attend at Northampton.

Steve  
Steve Rolfe  
National Chair