## **Social Secretaries Report**

Welcome to our new website. We have been social secretaries of the Bradford branch of NARPO for over 8 years. We volunteered to manage this updated website and we have worked extensively with Lou and Jake from Oomph, who administer NARPO's national website. Without their fantastic help and advice this site would not be possible.

We want the site to be both interesting and informative and we hope you visit it often and contribute to it. Prior to joining the police, Hazel was a newspaper reporter and sports page editor for a weekly newspaper. Computers were non-existent then, but the process of publishing stories and interesting articles is much the same.

The 'Members Miscellany' is the place to visit for stories, activities and information. This is your area and we want you to share your stories of general interest whether they be humorous, sad or just informative. The hobbies section is starting off with a sketching group. The idea is to enable like minded members to meet up, sketch and then later relax together over a drink and a snack in a pub or cafe. Perhaps some of you would like to lead other groups such as photography, or fishing, crafting or a book club? It's your section and you will get out of it what you put in. There's hundreds of hobbies and it's often much more enjoyable to pursue them with others. If lockdown has taught us anything it is that we miss social interaction, and it is important to maintain friendships and fellowship. Our normal branch social events allow us to meet four times a year. The hobbies and walking groups will give opportunities for those who want to meet more often and partake in varied activities to do so. These groups will be independent of NARPO and you take part at your own risk and your own expense, but as members we already have shared interests and we are sure most of you can't wait to meet up again with friends and colleagues. There will be regular updates so watch out for them and join in if you can.

Please submit your stories and contact us with any queries you may have on the email shown below. We look forward to hearing from you, Peter and Hazel Jarvis.

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