



London Central Branch

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AGM 2025/26

Agenda AGM 2025/26

Monday 19th January 2026 at 6.30pm

Location: Webinar - Online Zoom Meeting

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 19th December 2024
3. Chair's Report for 2024/25
4. Hon. Secretary's Report 2024/25
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report 2024/25
6. Elections
 - 6.1. Election of Chair 2025/26

Mr Dalim Basu
 - 6.2. Election of Officers 2025/26

Nominees for re-election
Honorary Secretary- Mr David Grundy

Honorary Treasurer- Mr David Lewis
 - 6.3. Election of Committee Members 2025/26

Nominees for re-election
Nominees for committee helpers (3 month initial period)
 - 6.4. Assignment of specific roles
Inclusion Officer
7. Any Other Business

Previous Annual General Meeting Minutes

The British Computer Society – London Central Branch

19th December 2024 at 6.30pm

Location: Online Zoom

Committee Members present: Mr D Basu (Chair), Mr D Grundy (Secretary), Mr D Lewis (Treasurer), Ms Diana Cojocar, Ms Kitty Hung

It was noted that there were 13 members in attendance.

8. Apologies for absence

Ms Aashi Sahu, Ms Verónica Romero Cores, Mr Mustafa Harun Sendur, Mr Joe Woodhouse

9. Minutes of the AGM held on 4th December 2023

The minutes were approved.

10. Chair's Report

Mr Basu presented the Chair's report.

The Chair's report was accepted.

11. Hon. Secretary and Inclusion Officer's Report

Mr Grundy presented the Secretary's report.

The Secretary's report was accepted.

12. Hon. Treasurer's Report

Mr Lewis presented the Treasurer's report.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

13. Elections

All elected Branch officers and committee members were nominated in conformity with the Member Group Rules.

13.1. Election of Chair 2024/2025

Mr Dalim Basu was re-elected Chair for the forthcoming session.

13.2. Election of Officers 2024/2025

The following Officers were re-elected:

Honorary Treasurer: Mr David Lewis

Honorary Secretary: Mr David Grundy

13.3. Election of Committee Members 2024/2025

The following members were re-elected to the committee:

Ms Kitty Hung

Ms Diana Cojocaru

Mr Mustafa Harun Sendur

Mr Joe Woodhouse

The following members were newly elected as committee helpers for a 3 month initial period:

Ms Maria Shiao

13.4. Assignment of specific roles

The following committee roles were assigned:

Inclusion Officer – David Grundy

14. Any Other Business

Mr Grundy raised a query from a member regarding the amount of notice we give to members when promoting our events. Some members would prefer more notice, but if we are organising weekly events then we try to prevent the promotions from overlapping. We agreed to take this forward for discussion at a committee meeting.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 6:55pm



Chair's Report for the Year 2024/25

To be presented live at the AGM webinar.

Honorary Secretary and Inclusion Officer's Report for the Year 2024/25

I am pleased to present this report for the past year, in which we held 43 events.

Event Attendance

Similar to last year, our annual event participation was 2,447. The largest event had 230 participants (67 in-person and 163 on Zoom).

2025				
Aug	Webinar	Database Design Should Be Agile		61
Aug	Hybrid	IT Governance and Us		84
Jul	Hybrid	Human-AI Systems Are Here to Stay: What Price Are You Willing to Pay?		60
Jul	Hybrid	AI and the SDGs – working towards the UN Global Goals 2030		61
Jul	Hybrid	Why You Must Treat AI as an Insider Threat		128
Jul	In-person	Visit to BCS Notts&Derby at Derby		8
Jul	Hybrid	One-Day Workshop: How Can Generative and Agentic AI Serve the Greater Good?		40
Jul	Hybrid	IT's a Marathon		44
Jun	Webinar	From Teacher to Cyber Security Analyst		53
Jun	In-person	Visit to BCS Hertfordshire committee at Uni of Herts, Hatfield		9
May	Hybrid	Human Networking		70
May	Hybrid	Can Disinformation Be Defeated?		61
May	Webinar	ITQM Leadership in Professional and Higher Education Practice		13
May	Hybrid	The Rise of Agentic AI		73
Apr	Webinar	AI and Privacy		29
Apr	Webinar	Career Connections with BCS Early Careers		26
Apr	In-person	BCS book launch - 'Survivor's Guide to Enterprise Architecture'		42
Apr	Webinar	Tech Without Code - Your Path to a Thriving Digital Career		36
Mar	Webinar	AI and Data Security - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly		57
Mar	Webinar	More than The Middle Man - Business Analyst Career Journey		48
Mar	In-person	AI for Good Showcase / UCL with BCS event (Afternoon)		14
Mar	Hybrid	AI's Ethical Dilemma: From Cognitive Algorithms to Physical Robotic Automations		103
Feb	Hybrid	From AI to SBI - Synthetic Biological Intelligence		96
Feb	Hybrid	Myths and Realities of AI		230
Feb	In-person	AI Business Breakfast with Decalex		23
Jan	Webinar	Career Connections with BCS Early Careers and Kitty Hung		35
Jan	Webinar	AI and the New Digital Divide: Insights from Across Sectors		73
2024				
Dec	Webinar	London Central AGM		13
Dec	Webinar	NLB AGM		13
Dec	Hybrid	AI tech talk: Understanding LLMs, Exploring Attacks and Applicable Defences		118
Nov	In-person	UKsec Summit (BCS Partnership) 20-21 Nov		17
Nov	Webinar	How hybrid working can lead to disaster + London South AGM		16
Nov	Hybrid	To AI via Ethics, Tech & Engineering with Jo Stansfield		44
Nov	Webinar	The Future of Data Security – A Practical Guide to Safeguarding Sensitive Information		52
Nov	Webinar	AI Risks (including How to Hack ChatGPT)		91
Oct	Hybrid	Non-invasive Neuroadaptive Brain-Computer Interfaces		112
Oct	Hybrid	Exploring the Future of Technology and Leadership with Nicky Danino		43
Oct	Webinar	Early Careers Q&A - How to become a Data Consultant		43
Oct	Webinar	Recycle Your Electricals and the use of AI in handling e-waste		61
Oct	Hybrid	How "Big" Ruins "Tech"		42
Sep	Webinar	Wominspiration - Beth Clarke interviewed by Jo Stansfield		16
Sep	Hybrid	AI Hardware – A look at the Past, Present and The Future		100
Sep	Hybrid	Wominspiration+ - Emma Logan & Jasmine Taylor of KPMG		89
Grand Total				2447

Social Media

We continue to upload recordings of many of our events to YouTube.

Number of new videos: 29

Number of views: 3,000+

Our LinkedIn group is growing at a steady pace and now has 362 members.

Member Discounts

In November 2025 we continued our annual partnership with the UKSec Cybersecurity Summit with 29 members using our exclusive discount code.

Diversity and Inclusion

I'm the branch's Inclusion Officer and our large number of events mean that we cover many bases. We had events around the topics of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, and AI for public benefit. We also had several events with inspiring female leaders, as well as career guidance for young people and networking advice for introverts.

We also hosted a very unique dramatic performance in the BCS atrium area which was attended by 60 people. Our expert performers from the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations explored society's Faustian pact with technology and AI.

David Grundy
Honorary Secretary
15th December 2025

Honorary Treasurer's Report Financial Year 2024/25

I am pleased to present the Honorary Treasurer's Report for the London Central Branch for the financial year 2024-25, this being September 2024 through August 2025. This report is presented at the Branch's Annual General Meeting on a date to be confirmed and it contains information correct as at Sunday 30th November 2025.

Financial Year 2024/25

To fund our operations during this period, we submitted a budget request which was reduced to £2052 which included no provision for student prizes. Under the chairman's leadership budgets were once again also agreed for London South and North and these were used in part to fund shared events. The information below relates only to London Central.' During this further hybrid financial year, the branch spent £2961, despite sharing event costs with the two other London branches because we ran an extensive programme of webinars and events that kept the membership engaged, active and entertained. We had only £145 (budget £570) speaker expense claims (mainly thanks to the generosity of our speakers and continued use of Zoom etc.), The significant overspend was on catering at £2516 (Budget £1140) but this was more than offset by new unbudgeted income sources including a donation from Westway trust of £1500 and Eventbrite registration fees for paid events totalling £1027. Eventbrite charges absorbed £224 of this income.

	Actual Aug 2025	Budget Aug 2025	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual Full Year	Budget Full Year	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget
Income	(21.70)	0.00	(21.70)	0.00%	2,526.52	0.00	2,526.52	0.00%	2,526.52	0.00	2,526.52	0.00%
Expenditure	543.52	171.00	(372.52)	317.85%	2,960.81	2,052.00	(908.81)	144.29%	2,960.81	2,052.00	(908.81)	144.29%
Net Profit/(Loss)	(565.22)	(171.00)	(394.22)	330.54%	(434.29)	(2,052.00)	1,617.71	21.16%	(434.29)	(2,052.00)	1,617.71	21.16%

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Income	(21.70)	0.00	(21.70)	0.00%	1,026.52	0.00	1,026.52	0.00%	1,026.52	0.00	1,026.52	0.00%
1708 Events Registration Fees	(21.70)	0.00	(21.70)	0.00%	1,026.52	0.00	1,026.52	0.00%	1,026.52	0.00	1,026.52	0.00%
1711 Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00%	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00%
Total Income	(21.70)	0.00	(21.70)	0.00%	2,526.52	0.00	2,526.52	0.00%	2,526.52	0.00	2,526.52	0.00%

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3010 Travel/Subsistence (Other)	0.00	28.50	28.50	0.00%	75.15	342.00	266.85	21.97%	75.15	342.00	266.85	21.97%
4130 Speakers expenses	145.27	47.50	(97.77)	305.83%	145.27	570.00	424.73	25.49%	145.27	570.00	424.73	25.49%
4150 Catering	398.25	95.00	(303.25)	419.21%	2,516.43	1,140.00	(1,376.43)	220.74%	2,516.43	1,140.00	(1,376.43)	220.74%
4931 Eventbrite Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	223.96	0.00	(223.96)	0.00%	223.96	0.00	(223.96)	0.00%
Total Expenditure	543.52	171.00	(372.52)	317.85%	2,960.81	2,052.00	(908.81)	144.29%	2,960.81	2,052.00	(908.81)	144.29%

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Financial Year 2025/256

For the forthcoming financial year 2025/26, being September 2025 through August 2026 we prepared a full budget submission but instead received an email notification from head office.

"Thank you for your budget submission.

Member Group Budget 2024/25 and 2025/26 Summary

The 2024/25 BCS financial year is coming to a close on 31 August, and we expect to have the final end-of-year accounts in mid-September.

We are anticipating ending the financial year at 90% of the member group budget. With an increase in sponsorship and event charging income, member groups will end the year above projected income.

The total member group funding allocation in the 2025/26 budget will remain at the same level. With fluctuations against individual groups depending on their individual circumstances, for instance, regular underspending or identification of increased impact supporting strategic goals.

We thank all of our treasurers for their role in ensuring this budget performance and recognise the commitment made by each of you in this active voluntary role.

Budget Allocation

We wish to inform you of your budget allocation for 2025/2026 as agreed by the Trustee Board.

This allocation is broken down into two sections based on the information you provided in your budget submission for 2025/2026. We've attached a summary spreadsheet of your budget.

Expenditure: £1,655.00

Income: £0.00

Total budget: £1,655.00

Review Comments:

Thank you for the committees work in the last year and your collective contribution across 3 branch committees to deliver an active programme for members in London. The main reduction made was in catering expenditure, additional catering can be funded through chargeable events or sponsorships.”

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		Budget Sep 2025	Budget Oct 2025	Budget Nov 2025	Budget Dec 2025	Budget Jan 2026	Budget Feb 2026	Budget Mar 2026	Budget Apr 2026	Budget May 2026	Budget Jun 2026	Budget Jul 2026	Budget Aug 2026	Budget 2025/26		
1600	Miscellaneous Income															0.00
170	Other Publications															0.00
1704	Sponsorship															0.00
1708	Events Registration Fees															0.00
1711	Donations															0.00
	Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
3010	Travel/Subsistence (Other)	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	28.50					285.00
4000	Stationery															0.00
4100	Room Hire															0.00
4150	Speakers expenses	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00					420.00
4212	Catering	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00					950.00
4291	Publicity & Materials															0.00
4291	Sponsorship Expense															0.00
4900	Other Costs General															0.00
7100	Equipment Costs															0.00
	Costs	165.50	165.50	165.50	165.50	165.50	165.50	165.50	165.50	165.50	165.50	0.00	0.00	1,655.00		
		(165.50)	(165.50)	(165.50)	(165.50)	(165.50)	(165.50)	(165.50)	(165.50)	(165.50)	(165.50)	0.00	0.00	(1,655.00)		

This report is presented for the consideration of the AGM meeting, supported by a summary of the Branch's expenditure as at the end of August 2025 and the budget for 2025/6 .

I am strongly of the opinion that the budgeting process is deeply flawed and takes little account of the real high level of activities and income potential of the group. A new zero budgeting process is required.

David J W Lewis Honorary Treasurer 30th November 2025