

BCAC Chair's Report for 2025

Events

In 2025 we scheduled 2 concerts.

- A return visit by Peter Knight's Gigspanner Trio that, as always, lived up to our expectations for an evening of wonderful musicianship.
- An acapella concert by the Wilson Family with support from Seb Stone. This concert was originally scheduled for 2020 but was postponed due to the COVID pandemic restrictions. It was great to finally get to hear the 4 brothers singing in glorious harmony to a packed audience in Bamford Institute. The 2020 concert would have been Seb's first professional gig but he is now a regular performer on the folk circuit and in the last few years he has learned to play the uilleann pipes in addition to the tin whistle so we were treated several fine tunes as well as his superb singing.

The Bamford Community History Panels

Following the completion of the railway passing loop track work and the replacement of the fencing at the station, the second set of copies of the Bamford Community History panels has now been installed on the Manchester-bound platform. We are grateful to David Randall and the Friends of Bamford Station for doing this.

Programme for 2026

At the AGM in February 2026 I will be standing down from the roles of Trustee and Chair and handing over to a new team who will determine the programme of activities for 2026.

Thanks

As this will be my last Chair's report I would like to thank all the past and present Trustees and members of the BCAC Committee and all the other helpers for their energy and enthusiasm.

In particular I would like to thank the other Trustees: Cath for her tireless work advertising our events and especially for organising the Bamford Community video in 2021; Jonathan for keeping our accounts in order, and Liz for her constant support and encouragement and especially for leading the Bamford Community Art Project in 2020.

Thanks too to the many volunteers who help with the concerts: Andy & Cath for suggesting performers; the set-up team of Andy, David, Geraldine, John, Judy & Mark; Liz & Geraldine on the ticket desk; Jean the raffle queen, Jonathan & David behind the bar, and everyone who helps clear up afterwards.

Thanks to you all for your time, support and commitment; without you the BCAC would simply not function.

David Allwood
Chair, BCAC

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