



Coeliac UK Young Wolverhampton Group

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Minutes of the Coeliac UK - Young Wolverhampton Coeliac Group held on -
Wednesday 24th June 2026

Present

Kerry Blunt
Sally Hathaway
Jo Green
Martin Hathaway
Jed Hathaway
Tom Hathaway
Susan
Jody Hampshire
Luke Foster
Tracey Lerpiniere

Apologies

Welcome and introductions

3rd Year back since Covid

Sally Hathaway presented the minutes for 2025 for members to approve. (Approved by Sally and Kerry Second.)

New committee

Committee stood down –

Sally Hathaway (Group Organiser)
Kerry Blunt (Secretary)
Jo Green (Treasurer)

Susan Nominated Sally and Jody second
Jody nominated Kerry and Jo second
Susan nominated Jo and Sally second

Points discussed

Group Organisers Report

Covers the whole years events – Please see attached

Communications

We will continue to use Facebook, Instagram, website and bulk email to communicate with members.



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Kerry's management of our Instagram page and contacts with suppliers has been key to getting the information about our group to new families. We have also invested in flyers to send to dietitians at local hospitals and to use at community events – Sally now has a full list to hand to

Fundraising:

We need to continue to communicate to all our new families that our group does not receive any funding from Coeliac UK. Our group has to be totally funded by our Young Wolverhampton Coeliac Group members via entry costs, raffles etc..

The current free room hire at Woodfield Sports and social Club, we think this is coming to an end. Funding is now built up from donations and the summer festival, this allows us to look at different options to funding a venue – potential option Coven Memorial Hall where we held our summer festival

Big thanks to those who have fundraised and donated money to us since our last AGM - This is a massive help in keeping our pot of money topped up, in case in the future we need to fund venue hire.

Emma Ansell and Robyn - £700 – 5 mile Bridgnorth walk

Awareness month

Walk with the adult group took place, great awareness made wearing our orange tops. Due to the weather it was a smaller turnout than usual

Summer Festival 2026 – Celebrating 21 years of the group

Summer Festival was well attended. Well done to Sally, Kerry and Joanne for all their hard work in making sure the event run smoothly. Thank you to Miriam and Tracey CUK for their advice and ongoing support. A massive thank you to all the volunteers that supported and helped, LOCO academy, JD sounds and all the stall holders. Very pleased with Cheeky Gorgeous – balloon modelling and face painting.

The Mayor and Mayoress attended the event, they stayed for over an hour, were very engaged and left a great post on social media.

Older children / Young Volunteers

We have continued to have a big interest from our older children in supporting the committee in running activities, helping out at events and supporting the younger members. We have provided them with Coeliac UK volunteer tops and this has helped with their confidence and being part of the events, when at times this is difficult due to their age and nature of the activities.

Future events

We stick to similar events and dates each year. Due to time commitment from the volunteers and lack of attendees at our January event, we have reduced events to 3 a year plus the two events we do with the adult group.

September 12th – Free From Festival Birmingham – Check for discount codes for the group

October 10th – Halloween scare and share

November 29th – Christmas Party

Treasurers Report

Please see attached.



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Joanne thanked everyone. The Summer Festival was a great success, looking at around £845 raised from ticket sales, tombola, teas and coffees and stall holders.

Last AGM balance £1239.25

This AGM £3800 TBC

AOB

Date of next event: September 12th Free From Festival Birmingham

Actions –

- Thank you emails to be sent to stall holders that attended summer festival
- Email to be sent to Lorna / board of directors at Coven Memorial Hall to discuss costs for future events and a cheaper rate due to a childrens charity group.
- KB to reach out to Marjeritia at FF events for discount code for the group