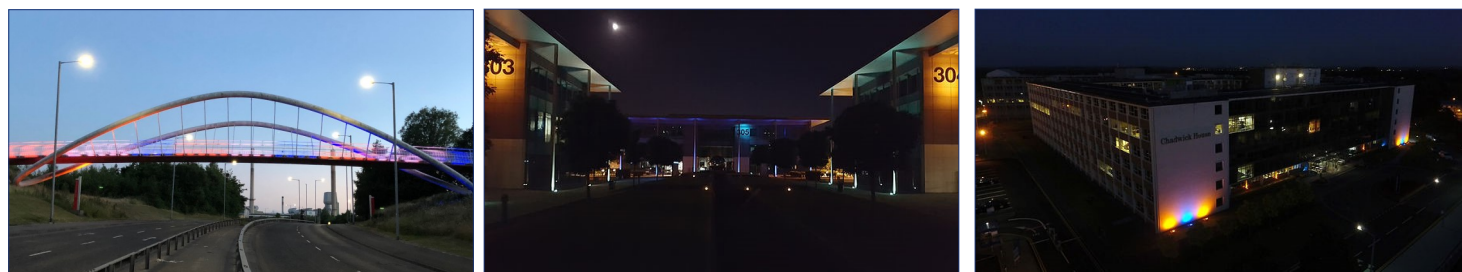


Illuminated Buildings at Birchwood Park

A selection of buildings within Birchwood Park in Warrington lit up in the MNDA colours for MND Global Awareness Day on the 21st of June 2018

The Steve Prescott Bridge in St. Helens was also beautifully lit up in the MNDA colours for MND Global Awareness Day.

You can see many of the buildings on Birchwood Park lit up in blue and orange again on this years Global Awareness Day on Thursday 20th June 2019.



The newsletter is produced by Lee Fogg. If you have any news and photos that we may be able to use in the newsletter please Email the newsletter at mndalancsnews@gmail.com

Autumn Ball

A big thank you to all who participated in organising the Autumn Ball, held on Saturday 20th October 2018 at the Totally Wicked Stadium, St. Helens.

A wonderful evening, with a lovely three-course meal and entertainment by the live band 5 shades of grey and compere and comedian Jed Stone. A raffle and an auction, including signed rugby shirts, a signed football, tickets to sporting events, 'upcycled' clocks and various hampers helped to raise a remarkable total of **£6,294**. We hope that everybody who was involved had a great time, and we thank you all for your continued support.

For more information on the next MNDA Charity Ball 2019, tickets or sponsorship email:

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MND Awareness Film Evening Event

Wednesday 19th of June 2019

FREE MOVIE NIGHT!

Last years event helped to raise over **£1,000!**

Many thanks to Paul Bullock for making this movie night happen again.

For more info:

<http://www.thecentreatbirchwoodpark.co.uk/home.aspx>

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2019 Dates

January - Wednesday 16th Branch Meeting

February - Wednesday 20th Branch Meeting

March - Wednesday 20th AGM Meeting

April - Wednesday 17th Branch Meeting

Race Night

MND Race Night returning on the 10th of May



MND Global Awareness Day:

Friday the 21st of June 2019



People with motor neurone disease are at the **heart of everything we do**



We never lose hope. We strive to find a cure for MND and to support everyone affected by this devastating disease.

Charity Bike Ride

Dave Jones completed a bike ride earlier this year in memory of group member Lyndsey's father Steve Kinsey.

Many thanks to Dave, the Kinseys and friends who helped to raise awareness of MND and for your continued support.

Pictured below is Lyndsey's father in law Dave presenting a cheque to our Branch Chairman Eric.



The Saints Bucket Collection

The awesome volunteers of the South Lancs branch of the MND Association took part in a bucket collection at the Totally Wicked Stadium St. Helens.

Thank you to all volunteers who participated in the bucket collection and to the very generous rugby fans at the Saints vs Wigan match who raised an amazing £1,584 for the MND.

A huge thank-you goes out to all those who attended and took part!

Charity Book Sale

Two of the amazing volunteers of the South Lancs branch of the MND Association raising awareness at Warrington Disability Awareness Day which resulted in an interview with Radio Warrington!



SCRAP6MONTHS

All people with MND should be able to access benefits quickly using the Special Rules for Terminal Illness (SRTI).

People living with a terminal illness such as MND should be able to claim benefits without having to fill in a long form, attend a face-to-face assessment, or wait weeks for their benefits to arrive.

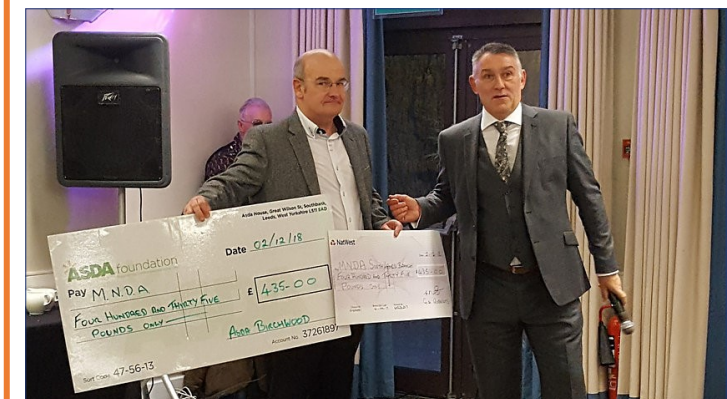
The SRTI process is the fast-track process for claiming benefits, meaning people do not have to go through a long and stressful assessment process.

However, the SRTI requires a 'reasonable expectation of death within six months', which excludes many people with an unpredictable terminal illness like MND. We would like to see the Government change the law, as Scotland has recently done, to move away from the 6 months definition towards a decision made by a clinician. We are campaigning to change the law so that all people with MND are able to access benefits under the SRTI.

Will you help us #Scrap6Months?

For more info on how you can help visit:

<https://www.mndassociation.org/get-involved/campaigning-influencing/scrap-six-months/>



Donations ASDA

A massive thank-you to Graham Roberts for donating the fantastic amount of **£435.00** to our branch and a big thank you to Asda Birchwood for kindly matching his donation.

The donation totalling in **£870.00!**

Christmas Party 2018



Many Thanks to vocalist Steve Dean and to everyone who attended the South Lancs Christmas party!

North Regional Conference

- Saturday 22nd June
- Programme TBC
- Radisson Blu Manchester Airport
- 10am - 4pm

Northwest Forum

- Saturday 23rd march
- Britannia Hotel

Campaign activities

Find out more about what we are doing to change the criteria of the SRTI for people with MND.

<p>Sign the petition</p> <p>SCRAP6MONTHS</p> <p>Sign the Scrap 6 Months petition!</p>	<p>Share your experience of claiming benefits</p> <p>SCRAP6MONTHS</p> <p>Share your experiences of applying for benefits</p>	<p>Read about the event</p> <p>SCRAP6MONTHS</p> <p>Read about our event in Parliament with Marie Curie</p>
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