Agenda

Agenda of the Annual General Meeting of Chelmsford & Mid-Essex CAMRA,
held at 8.30pm on Wednesday 18th November 2026
at **The Brewhouse & Kitchen Chelmsford.**

Apologies for absence

Minutes of the previous meeting

Approval of Accounts

Chair's Report

Membership Secretary's Report

Campaigns Report

Social Secretary's Report

NBSS Co-ordinator's Report

BFOs' report

BLO's reports

Election of officers

Appointment of Auditors

Special motions, previously notified to the Secretary.

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PUB CAMPAIGNS REPORT 2026

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our '26 in 26' Scoring Challenge. It's been fantastic to see so many of you out exploring the branch.

I have the last few T-shirts to hand out at the AGM this evening.

We've had some real star explorers ticking off pubs across Chelmsford and Mid Essex - our top pub explorers will be announced shortly.

This campaign continues to be a great success, which is why we're already planning next year's challenge: The Great CME Beer Hunt 2027. Full details to follow soon.

We're keen to attract new scorers for 2027, as our scorers play a vital part in selecting the pubs that go forward into the Good Beer Guide each year. If you've never scored before, help is available - please just ask and we'll get you started.

Pub Updates

Pubs in our area are always changing, and we do our best to keep the CAMRA website up to date. We are incredibly grateful for updates and photos from members - landscape photos work best.

You can send updates to pubcampaigns@camra.org.uk or use the 'Submit Updates' link on the CAMRA website below the relevant pub or club page.

Thank you to everyone who has sent updates in, especially for some of our less-visited pubs - they are really valuable. If you would like to help by surveying a pub or dropping off some CAMRA information at your local, please get in touch. Even one or two a year makes a real difference, particularly around GBG selection time in February.

It's always great to meet new members at branch meetings and socials, and we hope our emails are reaching you. If you're not currently receiving branch news and would like to, it's easy to update your CAMRA preferences. You'll find guidance on our website: www.chelmsford.camra.org.uk

Cheers,
Jane & The Pub Campaigns Team

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Initial unaudited short branch accounts

CAMRA CHELMSFORD & MID ESSEX BRANCH

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO 30 APRIL 2026

CAMRA CHELMSFORD & MID ESSEX - BRANCH AND ALL SUB BRANCHES

SUMMARY ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 30 APRIL 2026

	2026	2025
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
BRANCH CAMPAIGNING AND ADMINISTRATION		
Income (excluding beer festivals)	2,013.53	2,193.61
Branch Expenditure (excluding festivals)	2,918.50	1,697.43
Surplus excluding festivals	**-904.97**	**496.18**
BEER FESTIVALS		
Beer Festivals Income	180,345.77	167,251.48
Beer Festivals Expenditure	172,849.33	153,563.21
Beer Festivals Surplus	**7,496.44**	**13,688.27**
TOTAL BRANCH		
Income	182,359.30	169,445.09
Expenditure	175,767.83	155,260.64
NET SURPLUS BEFORE REMITTANCES	**6,591.47**	**14,184.45**
REMITTANCES TO CENTRAL FUNDS	3,500.00	17,000.00
SURPLUS AFTER REMITTANCES	**3,091.47**	**-2,815.55**

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Chelmsford & Mid Essex CAMRA

NBSS Annual Report – Year to Date (30 October 2026)

📊 Participation & Scoring Summary

- **CAMRA Members Participating**: 173 *(↑ from 156)*
- **CME members scoring:** 49 *(↑ from 45)*
- **Pubs Visited**: 149 *(↑ from 98)*
- **Beers Scored**: 3283 *(↑ from 2033)*
- **CME Members' Contribution**: 2541 beers (↑ *from 1522)*
- **Pubs Averaging 3+ Score**: 66 *(44.30%, ↓ from 72.44%)*
- **Branches Contributing Scores**: 64 *((↑ from 43)*

🍻 Most Visited Pubs (by Beers Scored)

Rank	Pub	Beers Scored	Last Year	Beers Scored
1	Compasses, Littley Green	356	Endeavour, Springfield	318
2	Orange Tree, Chelmsford	272	Orange Tree, Chelmsford	175
3	Endeavour, Chelmsford	212	Ivory Peg, Chelmsford	173

👥 Most Visited Pubs (by Surveyors)

Rank	Pub	Surveyors	Last Year	Surveyors
1	Ale House, Chelmsford	62	Railway Tavern, Chelmsford	46
2	Railway Tavern, Chelmsford	60	Ale House, Chelmsford	40
3	Orange Tree, Chelmsford	50	Endeavour, Springfield	35

🌳 Most Visited Rural Pubs (by Surveyors)

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Rank	Pub	Surveyors	Last Year	Surveyors
1	Compasses, Littley Green	36	Compasses, Littley Green	25
2	Viper, Mill Green	20	Viper, Mill Green	21
2	Chequers, Roxwell	20	White Hart, Margaretting Tye	18

🍺 Beers with Most Scores

Rank	Beer	Scores	Last Year	Scores
1	Timothy Taylor's - Landlord	161	Mighty Oak – Oscar Wilde	79
2	Chelmsford Brew Co. – Cool Bay	72	Timothy Taylor's – Landlord	30
3	Mighty Oak – Oscar Wilde	68	Mauldons – Black Adder	25

🏭 Top Breweries (by Total Score)

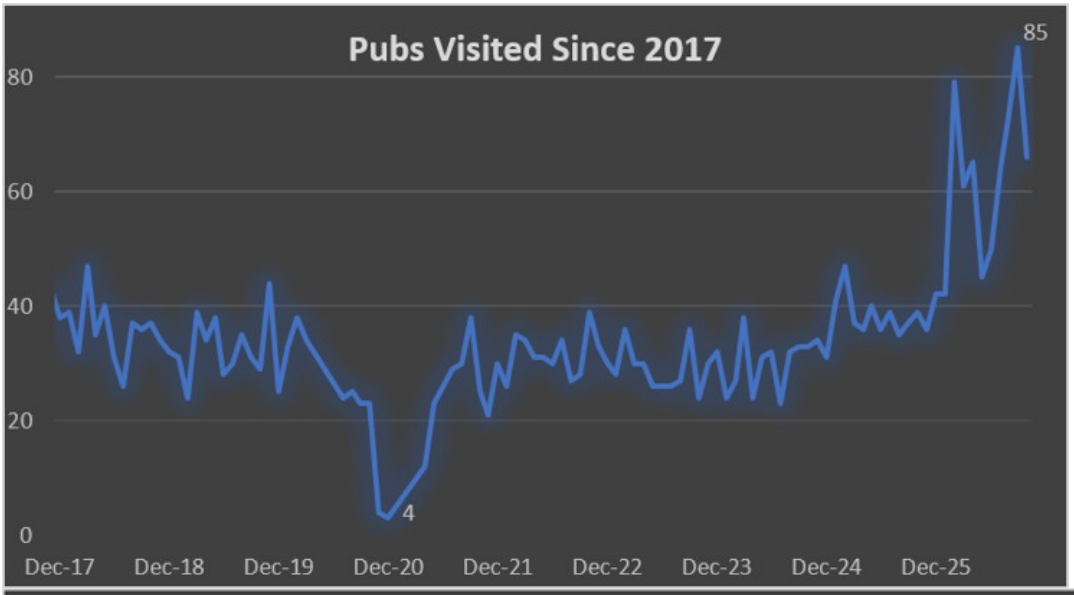
Rank	Brewery	Score	Last Year	Score
1	Mighty Oak	735.5	Mauldons	563.5
2	Chelmsford Brew Co	733	Mighty Oak	559.5
3	Mauldons	631	Chelmsford Brew Co	536
4	Crouch Vale	536	Bishop Nick	368

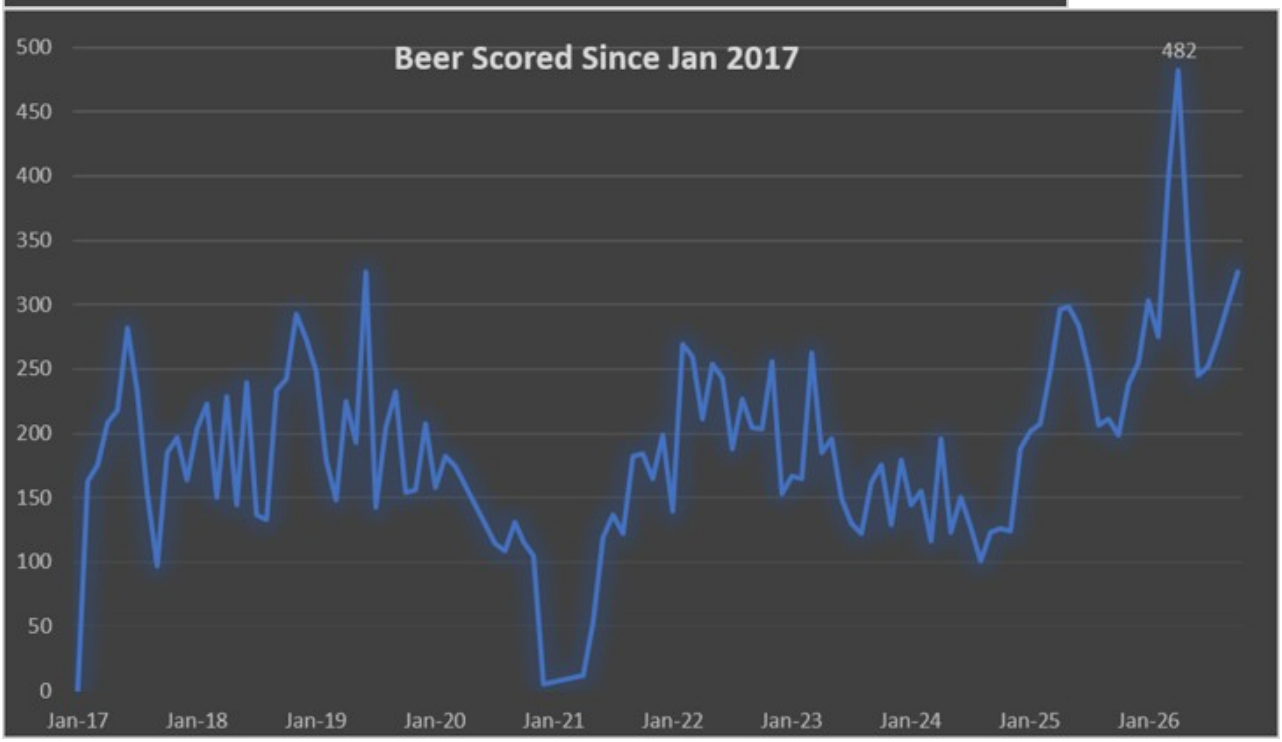
🏅 Top Beers (by Total Score)

Rank	Beer	Score	Last Year	Score
1	Timothy Taylor's – Landlord	451.5	Mighty Oak – Oscar Wilde	295.5
2	Chelmsford Brew Co. – Cool Bay	240.5	Mauldons – Black Adder	169.5
3	Mighty Oak – Oscar Wilde	237	Timothy Taylor's – Landlord	163.5
4	Crouch Vale – Essex Boys	176.5	Bishop Nick – Ridleys Rite	156

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Beer Festival report for AGM 2026

A downside for the festival this year was that we made a small loss; Despite our efforts Men's world cup football and extremely hot weather rather worked against us, however, there were many positives to outweigh that:

- We signed up 212 new CAMRA members at the festival, and some 40 in the run up to the festival.
- We helped Farleigh Hospice raise some £9,500.
- We put on some great music in the stage tent (power cut excepted!) and introduced a Country Day which went well.

Our total numbers were down somewhat, but those attending generally continued to enjoy a great range of beers, ciders and other drinks. Not to forget the food from the selected concessions.

We are surveying attendees and will reflect on the feedback in planning for next year.

Thanks to our sponsors, supporters and all the 230 volunteers who made this happen.

My special thanks to the volunteers who help organise, set up and take down the festival, especially in 30-degree heat.

John Preston
Beer Festival Organiser

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Brewery Liaison Officers (BLO) Update

Chelmsford Brew Co – Provided by the BLO Heather Joy

Hello!!!

Just getting lots of brewing done at the moment. All the Xmas and seasonal beers for the rest of the year.

Curse of the Rougarou 6.66% Deep Red Ale

Davy Dark 4.2% Ruby Ale

Xmas Gold 3.7% easy drinking hoppy golden ale, light but still loads of flavour

We will be doing a Tap Takeover / Mini-fest the last weekend of November so Friday and Saturday (27th & 28th). We will also be hosting a pre Xmas makers market on that Saturday as well. The chosen brewery is Nene Valley from Peterborough with their hoppy ales.

We aim to have 9 beers in total so fingers crossed.

It's quite a while away but our winter beer festival will be 21-24th December this year.

Our hours will remain the same over the winter, Thursday 4-9, Friday 4-11, Saturday 1-9pm.

We will be having a series of new food trucks to boost our stable, paella, Greek and Caribbean are all doing a few dates.

Hope this is helpful and see you soon hopefully.

Hans

Radio City Beer Works – Provided by the BLO Christine Robinson

I have spoken to Dan who is pleased to say the Brewery continues to increase production each year; he is forecasting a 25% increase during 2026.

Despite many challenges this year, he continues to increase cask production with customers in London, East of England and the Portsmouth area. He is currently exploring other opportunities for distribution which hopefully would increase the production of cask beer from 10% to 30% of beer brewed.

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Our Summer Festival is a welcome opportunity to promote his beers. Obtaining volunteers to help him on site was no problem and they enjoyed it so much they returned as customers when they weren't working, one even joined CAMRA.

Dan and his team are looking forward to being part of our 2027 Festival.

Brewhouse & Kitchen Brewery, Chelmsford - – Provided by the BLO Christine Robinson

Rhys continues to do well producing regular and Seasonal Ales for the Brewhouse & Kitchen. He has just finished brewing an Amber Ale and is now moving onto a Whisky Stout which did so well last year, it sold out before the end of January.