

Branch Chair

(Notes by Bob Keaveney, was Chair 2016 – 2019, Acting Chair 2019/20, 2023/24)

The scope of the role of the Chair within Bromley is very much as in the standard CAMRA [Role Summary](#) document. However the responsibilities of the Chair are not as onerous as the role summary might perhaps make you think.

In Bromley CAMRA, the Committee works as a team, with each member of that team responsible for managing various aspects of the work of the branch. The primary role of the Chair is to provide a 'light touch' leadership for that team.

However, the core tasks of the Chair do include:

- Chairing monthly meetings of the Committee (normally 10 per year)
- Working with the Secretary to set the agenda for Committee meetings
- Chairing and addressing the branch AGM
- Representing the branch at London Regional meetings (can be delegated)
- Supporting other members of Committee, as and when needed

However the Chair is not expected to be the 'public face' of the branch at very many events during the year. By long standing tradition in Bromley, 'presentation events' (e.g. Pub of the Year etc. presentations) are normally led by the relevant member of the Committee, rather than by the Chair.

Pub Promotions and Awards Coordinator

(Notes by Bob Keaveney, who ran PotY/CotY awards from 2014 to 2022)

This role might also include Locale, but this could be delegated. (See below)

The following summary applies only to the PotY/CotY awards

The role in respect of the **Bromley Branch Awards** is primarily focussed during the period November to March, and can be summarised as:

- November. Update documentation from previous years to be used for new year
- December. Invite nominations from members and seek volunteer judges
- January. Summarise nominations and report to Committee for shortlisting
- February. Judging period. Collate judges' scores. Judges' meeting. Report results to Committee. *With Social Sec and Pub/Club contacts:* Notify winners and runner-up, arrange presentation events
- Feb/March. Notify London Region of winners. Publicise winners
- Later in year. Presentation events for winners (and possibly runner-up)
- Throughout year. Check for CAMRA revisions to national PotY/CotY process, and make recommendations to Committee for any changes to branch processes

Role also includes being the Bromley Rep on the **London Regional** judging panel

- Invite Bromley members to assist in judging
- April. Regional Judges' meeting, the 13 branch winners announced
- April- June. Judging period of the 13 pubs
- July. Regional Judges' meeting, decision made on winner

Locale

(Notes by Norman Warner, who was Locale Rep 2014 to 2022)

CAMRA's LocAle initiative has a number of aims, but essentially it is all about 'Reducing Beer Miles' and promoting small, independent brewers of cask ale.

The role of LocAle Co-ordinator can be a standalone committee function, or incorporated within the wider role of Pub Promotions & Awards Co-ordinator.

A LocAle Co-ordinator manages the [Locale initiative](#) on behalf of Bromley CAMRA branch. Specific tasks are:

- Maintain a list of Cask Brewers operating within 30 miles of Pubs/Clubs in Bromley borough, to act as a guide for our Publicans (*)
- Working with the Pub/Club Contacts, promote accreditation amongst our pubs.
- Obtain a supply of window stickers and 'Pump Clip Crowners', each year and distribute (via Pub/Club Contacts) to those establishments already in the initiative.
- Provide information to enable Committee colleagues to keep WhatPub and the website updated, to include current venues offering Locale
- Liaise with London Regional CAMRA counterparts, to administer both brewery lists and accredited venues.

(*) Bromley covers such a large geographical area that an approach previously adopted has been to list those brewers who are between 25 and 35 miles of Keston Mark (roughly the central point of our Borough). An offer is then made for a tailored list to be created for a specific location. In practice, most publicans can do this for themselves, in which case the co-ordinator merely ensures, the guidelines are followed.

Note: This branch has previously agreed that brewers producing more than 500,000 hectolitres per annum, are National brewers and not part of the scheme. Fuller's are an example of this aspect. (1 Hectolitre = 100 litres)

Social Secretary.

(Notes by Barry Phillips, Social Sec 2014 to 2023)

The Social Secretary is responsible for organising branch social events throughout the year, and for submitting the calendar of social events and meetings to for publication on the national CAMRA website and to London Drinker magazine, to suit publication deadlines.

The role may also involve arranging venues for branch committee meetings.

The intention has been every year to try and support as many of our local pubs and breweries as possible by arranging a number of social visits every month to as many pubs and clubs in the branch area that serve real ale.

In addition, arranging occasional socials outside the branch area, which may be to interesting towns or cities with a rich variety of pubs and possibly breweries, and also to neighbouring branch areas and beer festivals, liaising with neighbouring CAMRA branches to arrange occasional joint social events.

Local Pub & Club Branch Representative

(Notes by one of our current Local Pub and Club Branch Representatives)

The role of Local Pub and Club Branch Representative is one of real interest to individuals who enjoy using their locals, meeting the locals, liaising with the Publicans and above all are keen to help ensure their local pubs' survival. It is very much a people facing role as a representative for the members of CAMRA.

In Bromley our areas are decided by reference to post codes (BR1, BR2 and so on) with some key parts of the role being: -

- To act as liaison between members, pubs and the Branch;
- Delivery of the London Drinker magazine (every two months) and
- To keep an eye (and ear) on their allocated pubs and report to the Committee on a monthly basis in time for the Committee meetings. These can be as detailed as you wish and some of our reps include photos as well as commentary! You are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Liaison can include promoting links between CAMRA and publicans; keeping pubs informed of the help and support available from CAMRA, encouraging pubs to display CAMRA leaflets and related material and, importantly, checking accuracy of WhatPub, to suggest updates as needed.

Apart from a monthly report of your area, the role has no set timeframe and can take as much or as little time as the representative wants to give. There are no special skills required other than a genuine interest in pubs and people. Advice and guidance on CAMRA policy is available from other Committee members or indeed CAMRA's Head Office.