



THE CIVIL SERVICE MOTORING ASSOCIATION

CHESTER & WIRRAL GROUP

Minutes of the 2nd Committee Meeting of 2025 held on 7th May 2025

1 Present

A Tattersall – Secretary, R Knight- Chairman, D.Knight Treasurer,
M Kench M Hartley.

2 Apologies M Docker, L Sharp

3 Minutes of Previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting had been read and accepted via E Mail.

4 Matters Arising [not covered elsewhere]

None

5 Secretary's Report

The programme for 2025 is now finalised, see item 7. In addition, Denise has prepared a newsletter and we hope to give this out at the Hoylake rally (12th to 19th June) particularly to those who live within the vicinity of the venue. We will also pass copies to members to hand out members in the hope to attract new members to the group. The Newsletter can also be sent via E Mail.

The visit to The Lewis Carroll centre in Daresbury is more or less confirmed. Alison is just waiting confirmation that a tour guide can be found. (Post meeting tour guide confirmed.)

6 Treasurer's Report

The Group's money before today's meeting is as follows-

Bank Account – Group Account Virgin Money £1.00,

Lloyd Bank Account – £20.00

Cash – £ 405.98

Total – £ 426.98

Payment to go out at the meeting-

Pay the Committee members traveling costs for committee meeting.

Pay the speaker for today.

The reason for the substantial amount of cash is to avoid frequent trips to the bank..

8 Current Rolling Social Programme

See Attached

9 Programme and suggested Future events

It had been agreed to hold an afternoon tea in June but as we meet at 2pm this would be a cream tea with scones, jam and cream plus a selection of cakes. Dietary needs would be catered

Alison had a local magazine which listed a number of speakers at other groups. Marilyn had also heard a talk about Belson post war from a lady who had lived in the area for some time and she thought it would be a good talk for our group. With all this information plus suggestions made at our last meeting should enable Alison to fill the 2026 programme.

It had been discussed whether to hold evening meetings in the lighter months as this may attract some additional members. The committee felt this would be too confusing so we are to continue to meet on a Wednesday afternoon throughout the year.

10 Other Meetings

Denise as LGR had not attended any meetings since our AGM. Boundless AGM was to be held in Stratford in w/c 13th October 2025 and would include an event for Boundless volunteers. This is a new policy and replaces the previous honorarium system. Alison had already booked a holiday for that week so would be unable to attend.

11 Publicity

We now have a Newsletter as previously mentioned.

12 Any Other Business

None

13 Date of next Meeting

Wed 3rd September at 1pm

Chairman thanked everyone for attending. Secretary *A Tattersall*

Date 7/5/25

Chairman *R Knight*

Date 7/5/25

2025 Plan of talks and Events

Green means event completed.

	Speaker or Activity	Notes
8th Jan	Beamish	
5 th Feb	The great Smokey Mountains and a few other things	Ted Brabin brings us an illustrated talk about his adventures in the Blue Ridge mountains including an encounter with a grizzly bear
12 th March	AGM - Buffet, AGM and some fun stuff	Note – 2nd Wednesday and start time is 1pm
2 nd Apr	Ned's Sheds – woodturning	Come and hear how Ned – a self taught woodturner uses his skills both to design and make individual pieces along with teaching others these skills.
7 th May	Medical detection dogs	Medical detection dogs trains dogs to detect the odour of human disease with the aim of developing faster, more efficient and less invasive diagnostics that lead to better patient outcomes.
4 th June	Cream tea	Hopefully a chance to use the garden at the hall otherwise we will eat indoors. Hopefully we will have a fun quiz too.
2 nd July	Lewis Carroll Centre Daresbury & Blakemere Shopping village	An opportunity to visit Charles Dodgson's (Lewis Carroll's) birthplace and learn of his links to All Saints Church Daresbury and about his life. There will be a chance to explore the centre together with light refreshments (£5) as well as a talk about Charles Dodgson and the church itself. Following this we will make our way to Blakemere Shopping village where we will eat lunch and have a good browse around at your own pace.
3 rd Sept	Lighthouses of Liverpool Bay	Janet Butler will come and tell us all about the Lighthouses that played a key role for shipping coming into Liverpool.
1 st Oct	Poppy Appeal	Ruth Jones will come to tell us about the poppy appeal and it's link to the local area.
5 th Nov	Hedgehog care	Greer Lacey from Jackson's wildlife charity will bring us an illustrated Hedgehog awareness talk together with a brief explanation of how Jackson's Animal rescue started.
3 rd Dec	Christmas Do	Note start time of 1pm. Our annual Christmas Party – buffet lunch will be provided.