

## Shropshire Group

Minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting of the Shropshire Group held at the Midlands Air Ambulance HQ, Cosford on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026 commencing at 8.05pm.

### **Present**

In the Chair	Mr. I. Jarrett (IJ)
Secretary	Mrs. A. Barnwell (AB)
Treasurer	Mrs. L. Tenan (LT)

Committee Members: Mr. G Searson (GS), Mr B. Boaden (BB), Mr. R. Barnwell (RB)

In addition, there were ten other members, one honorary member, four partners and no guests in attendance, making a total of 21 people, thus the meeting was quorate with 9 voting members present. IJ welcomed the throng and thanked them for attending. He also explained though the Group had been in existence for more than 60 years, this was the 60<sup>th</sup> AGM due to several years missed due to various factors, e.g. foot & mouth and Covid.

### **60/1. Apologies for absence**

Mr and Mrs Bev Cooper.

### **60/2. Minutes from the previous AGM**

The minutes of the 59<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 were circulated at the meeting. It was proposed by Mrs. R. Green and seconded by Mr. B. Boaden that they were an accurate record, and they were signed off by the Chairman and Secretary.

### **60/3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **60/4. Chairman's Summary**

IJ thanked LT and AB for their roles interacting with HQ, and BB, RB and GS for their invaluable contributions and support. The Chairman's Summary was circulated to the attendees of the AGM, and is reproduced below.

### **Shropshire Group – Chairman's Report to AGM for 2025-6**

*Last year provided a bit of an upheaval due to the change of management at Haughton Hall Hotel, our meeting venue for a number of years. This it seems was no bad thing as we have found a new home in the Air Ambulance Operating Base at Cosford. This has excellent facilities and meets current access requirements. A key benefit of using the Air Ambulance facility is that the fees we pay help to support the charity.*

*I can only praise the contributions and input of our Committee in identifying and securing an eclectic range of speakers and events over the year. Our events have been mentioned in the Boundless magazine on occasion, this is attributable to Adrienne ensuring that information is provided to Brighton Office in good time to allow entry on the Club Web pages etc.*

*As is our tradition, we held the Annual Christmas Quiz at Norbury Village Hall and raised monies towards the Air Ambulance and Alzheimer's Research UK. Raising funds has given us the opportunity to have behind the scenes visits to Cosford when presenting cheques.*

*Currently our Group remains in 'good health' with activities planned for the coming year.*

*Ian Jarrett  
Chairman – Shropshire Group 2025 - 2026*

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Mr. M. Blackshaw asked for more detail about the reason for leaving Haughton Hall Hotel. IJ replied explaining the problems caused by the introduction of a new parking system that affected a number of members, and also the lack of easy access into the building.

The meeting proposed that the report be accepted, and there was a unanimous vote for the proposal.

### 60/5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report is reproduced below.

#### **Shropshire Group – Secretary's Report 2025/26**

*At the first Committee meeting after the last AGM in April 2025, the Committee roles of Vice Chairman, Editor and Motor Sports Representative came up for election, and the appointments were made as follows:*

<b>Role</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Vice Chairman	Mr R Barnwell	En bloc	En bloc	Carried
Future Events Editor	Mr B Boaden	En bloc	En bloc	Carried
Motor Sport Representative	Mr I Jarrett	En bloc	En bloc	Carried

*Attendance numbers dropped slightly, with an average attendance in 2025/6 of twenty. This year there were an additional two events to visit the Midlands Air Ambulance HQ at Cosford, where numbers were restricted due to the constraints of the site, thus lowering the average attendance figure somewhat. Eight new members attended our events up to March 2026, some of whom have returned to join in the activities and get to know us better.*

*Topics in the last year covered the Ironbridge Gorge, Midland Air Ambulance visits, electric cars, The Shadows, Patrick Lichfield, Shifnal, wildlife by rivers and sea, words and phrases, hot air ballooning, the annual quiz and Boscobel House. We are always looking for new ideas for members to enjoy, so if you have ideas about different events or visits that you would like to attend, please contact any Committee member to put forward your ideas.*

*The Group's activities have used both the Village Hall at Norbury and Haughton Hall at Shifnal as in previous years. However, it became apparent that Haughton Hall no longer suited the Group's needs and events transferred to the Midland Air Ambulance HQ in September. This location has proved to be very popular with the added frisson of being able to see the helicopters in their hanger or on the take-off area, and it is now included in future event planning. However, if you would prefer an event to be staged nearer to your location, then please let us know.*

*We would like to welcome many more new, not to mention younger, members to our Group; however, our difficulty is in making the first contact. Shropshire events are featured on the Shropshire Group page on the Boundless website so keep an eye out for them. To help reach as many members as possible we periodically request an e-shot to be sent out to members within the surrounding area to publicise our activities. Please help with this effort by ensuring other members that you know of are aware of our events.*

*Last but not least, I am pleased to be able to take this opportunity to thank Bob Boaden for his dedication in sending out each month the list of Forthcoming Events. This method of communicating with our existing members may be considered rather old hat these days....so if anyone is interested in becoming involved and maintaining a Shropshire Group Facebook page, then please let me know.*

*Adrienne Barnwell*

*Secretary, April 2026*

The meeting proposed that the report be accepted, and there was a unanimous vote for the proposal.

### 60/6. Treasurer's Report

#### **Shropshire Group Statement of Accounts 2025**

##### **Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 2025**

	£	£	£
<b>Balance brought forward from 2023</b>		1495.90	
<b>Income</b>			
Imprests received		3200.00	
Direct Income: Quiz Night		50.00	
Petty cash from Bank		100.00	

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Total Income 4845.90

### Less Expenditure

#### Committee costs:

Room hire	328.00	
Travel	139.65	
Bank Charges	42.88	
Printer Ink, Secretary	71.58	
Cash withdrawn for Petty Cash	100.00	
Cash withdrawn for Committee meal	120.00	
		802.11

#### Event costs:

Room hire	1370.00	
Speakers	565.00	
Biscuits for meetings	8.70	
Treasure Hunt expenses	28.60	
Christmas raffle prizes	34.00	
		2006.30

Charity donations: Air Ambulance & Alzheimer's UK 700.00    700.00

Total Expenditure 3508.41

### Balance carried forward to 2026

#### Comprising of:

Bank Account	1231.39	
Cash	106.10	
		1337.49

**Charity, pending distribution** 102.00

Held in Group bank acc. but not part of overall Group finances

Actual funds available to Group at 1st January 2025 **1235.49**

Treasurer, Lynn Tenan.

The meeting proposed that the report be accepted, and there was a unanimous vote for the proposal.

### 60/7. Election of Officers

IJ declared that he, the Treasurer and the Secretary were willing to stand for re-election, and also advised the meeting that there were an additional four places available on the Committee to make a maximum of ten members. He reminded the meeting that there is also a facility to co-opt members if appropriate for specific events or projects.

Mr. R. Davis proposed the existing Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, seconded by Mr. K Locklyn-Wood. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Officer	Name	Proposer	Seconded
Chairman	Mr. I. Jarrett	Mr. A. Cartright	GS
Secretary	Mrs. A. Barnwell	Mr. R. Smith	BB
Treasurer	Mrs. L. Tenan	GS	Mr. A. Cartwright

The election of the proposed and seconded officers was carried nem con.

### 60/8. Election of Committee

IJ invited those present to put themselves forward for membership of the Committee. No-one accepted.

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Two of the remaining Committee members were willing to stand again, i.e. Mr. R. Barnwell and Mr. B. Boaden. Mr. G. Searson had already notified the Committee that as he was about to reach the age of 80 and had been on the Committee for over 30 years, it was about time he stepped down. Mr. R. Davis expressed the view that the Committee must get some younger members.

GS proposed the two existing Committee members listed above en bloc. LT seconded the nominations; both members were elected nem con.

## **60/9. Group Charter**

IJ explained that the Group Charter has to be accepted and signed each year by the Chairman of the new Committee, to agree to the code of responsibilities. IJ duly signed the Charter.

## **60/10. Question Time**

There were no questions.

## **60/11. Any Other Business**

Mr. R. Davis asked if there were any questions about the cost of the new venue, IJ replied that there were no problems with the use of the Air Ambulance HQ.

IJ highlighted the length of service to the Committee given by GS and presented him with a long service plaque to commemorate his commitment, plus a Waitrose card in thanks.

No additional questions were raised from the floor and the meeting closed at 8.36pm.

## **Statement**

These minutes have been accepted by the Annual General Meeting of the CSMA Shropshire Group as a true record of the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, which took place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Chairman .....

Secretary .....

Date .....