

## Shropshire Group

Minutes of the 472<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Shropshire Group held at Norbury Village Hall, Staffs, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 commencing at 7.35pm.

### Present

In the Chair                    Mr. I. Jarrett (IJ)  
 Secretary                     Mrs. A. Barnwell (AB)  
 Treasurer                     Mrs. L. Tenan (LT)  
 Committee Members:      Mr. R. Barnwell (RB), Mr. G. Searson (GS), Mr. B. Boaden (BB)

**472/1.** Apologies for Absence  
 All members were present.

**472/2.** Minutes from the 471<sup>st</sup> meeting  
 The minutes were agreed and signed off.

**472/3.** Matters Arising  
 471/7 b IJ reported that he had a meeting in Brighton on the 10<sup>th</sup> June, and it was agreed that the event date would be changed to 17<sup>th</sup> June, as a speaker had not yet been booked.

### 472/4. Correspondence

a) The following is a full list of correspondence received and forwarded to Committee members or raised at the meeting indicated, as appropriate.

Received	Title	Forwarded
21.11.25	Club Leader and Club Treasurer Election	21.11.25
26.11.25	Shropshire Group – May 2026 acknowledgement from Ruth Blackhurst	-
28.11.25	Message from Club Leader – Investing in Volunteers Renewal	-
19.12.25	Winter Communiqué 2025	19.12.25
29.12.25	Shropshire Group Community Page Update	Replied 10.2.26

b) The following is a list of communications with those indicated:

Date	Title	Reason	From/To
25.11.25	Shropshire Group – May 2026	Confirmation of participation in Fast, Past and Furious Motor Show, Shrewsbury	To Ruth Blackhurst
4.12.25	Shropshire Group – Best wishes	Group's best wishes to ill member	To Geoff Booth
10.2.26	Shropshire Group Community Page Update	Explanation of reason for delay in replying	To Jack Bell
16.2.26	Shropshire Group – Social Break Guides	Request for Guides to distribute at events	To Memb. Comms

AB noted that Member Communities had requested an updated Group profile for the Group's web page. A revised profile will be circulated to the Committee for approval before submission.

IJ provided an update on the Investing in Volunteers survey that had been received. The survey results had been analysed and the result was awaited.

### 472/5. Newsletter

BB continues to issue the Newsletter, containing details of future events and rallies.

### 472/6. Competition Matters

IJ reported that no further meetings had taken place. The marshalling team had been to the Showground Stages in January, and were preparing for the AGBO in March.

### 472/7. Review of Activities

#### Past Events

Date	Event	Venue	Attendance	Comments
<b>2025</b>				
12.11.25	Shropshire Seasons from the Skies – Ric Morris	MAA HQ	14 members 3 partners 1 guest	A very interesting talk with beautiful photos taken from a hot air balloon as it traversed the Shropshire landscapes, showing the changes through the seasons and down the years.
3.12.25	Annual Quiz – Alan Cartwright	Norbury Village Hall ST20 OPA	16 members 3 partners	We all proved yet again how little we know.
<b>2026</b>				
11.2.26	Valley of Rivers & Streams – Kate Cadman	MAA HQ	20 members 6 partners 5 guests	Another talk from Kate, enjoyed by all, on the extraordinary qualities of the Ironbridge Gorge and its historical importance to us all.

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### b) Future Events

Date	Event	Venue c=confirmed	Cost	Organiser
11.3.26 7.30pm	Boscobel, the house that saved the monarchy – William King	MAA HQ – c	William will tell us all about the part that Boscobel House played in the life of 17 <sup>th</sup> C Great Britain	LT
8.4.26 7.30pm	AGM, SNCT Update – Bernie Jones	MAA HQ – c	Update of the restoration work on the Shrewsbury to Newport Canal, plus AGM	AB
13.5.26 7.30pm	Women's Land Army – Emma Spenser	MAA HQ - c	The trials and triumphs of those ladies who worked the land in WW2	AB
17.6.26 7.30pm	Tba	MAA HQ - c		AB
16.5.26 12-3pm	Fast, Past & Furious – Ruth Blackhurst	Shrewsbury college	Have presence at event to publicise existence of Shropshire Group	AB, IJ
8.7.26 7.30pm	Walking Treasure Hunt	Tba		AB
9.9.26 7pm	Under African Skies – Mark Sisson	MAA HQ – c	Mark returns to take us to Africa and experience the wildlife to be found there	AB
14.10.26 7.30pm	Crushed by Wheels of Industry – Kate Cadman	MAA HQ – c	Kate will take us to the times when the new industries in the Ironbridge Gorge were unforgiving and unrelenting on those who worked on them.	LT
11.11.26 7.30pm	Too Young to Retire? – Derek Osborn	MAA HQ - c	Derek retired from teaching yoga when he reached 83, but that just gave him more time to do all the other things that interested him.	AB
2.12.26 7.30pm	Annual Quiz – Alan Cartwright	Norbury Village Hall, ST20 0PA - tba	The annual quiz, where we all find out how much we don't know	AB
<b>2027</b>				
10.2.27				
10.3.27				
14.4.27 7.30pm	AGM, Tracing your Family on a Modest Budget – Karen Evans	MAA HQ - tba	The ins and outs of finding more about your ancestors, without it costing too much	AB

#### Other events to be investigated:-

- Thai food night – AB/IJ
- Archaeology from the skies by Andy Wigley – AB
- Shropshire Wildlife – BB
- Event at Wappenshall Junction – AB
- BIFOR talk – AB
- Speaker in Wirral – IJ.

#### 472/8. Accounts

It was agreed to request an imprest in March, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

#### STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 9.11.25 to 15.2.26

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
		2026 Budget		3800.00
	Cleared Imprest			
	<b>Budget Remaining</b>			<b>3800.00</b>
	Bank Balance		941.49	
	Cash Tin		106.10	
	<b>Total Monies Held</b>			<b>1047.59</b>
	Of which Charity		102.00	
	Volunteer Reward			
	<b>Total Funds Available to Group</b>			<b>945.59</b>

#### BANK ACCOUNT - reflecting committed expenditure

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		1596.27
13.11.25	Raffle prizes	Chq 100796	-34.00	1562.27
13.11.25	Norbury VH meeting	Bank transfer	-65.00	1497.27
17.11.25	Committee meal	Cash withdrawal	-120.00	1377.27

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19.11.25	RJ Morris speaker fee	Bank transfer	-80.00	1297.27
4.12.25	Norbury VH Quiz	Bank transfer	-65.00	1232.27
10.12.25	Bank charges		-0.88	1231.39
28.1.26	Kate Cadman speaker fee	Bank transfer	-89.90	1141.49
30.1.26	MAA room fee	Bank transfer	-200.00	941.49

End of period	-654.78	941.49
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### CASH TIN

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		90.40
10.11.25	Committee travel expenses		-34.30	56.10
3.12.25	Quiz entry fees		17.00	73.10
3.12.25	Raffle income		33.00	89.10
End of period			15.70	106.10

L Tenan, Treasurer.

### 472/9. Dates of Next Meetings

Date	Day	Start	Venue c=confirmed	Purpose
27.4.26	Monday	7.30pm	Norbury Village Hall - tbc	Committee meeting
22.6.26	Monday	7.30pm	Norbury Village Hall - tbc	Committee meeting
14.9.26	Monday	7.30pm	Norbury Village Hall - tbc	Committee meeting
23.11.26	Monday	7.30pm	Norbury Village Hall - tbc	Committee meeting
15.2.27	Monday	7.30pm	Norbury Village Hall - tbc	Committee meeting

### 472/10. AOB

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm. These minutes are a true record of the 472<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Shropshire Group.

Signed:

Chairman's name:

Date: