

Shropshire Group

Minutes of the 469th meeting of the Shropshire Group held at Haughton Hall Hotel, Shifnal, on Monday 30th June 2025 commencing at 7.40pm.

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. B. Boaden (BB)

469/1. Apologies for Absence
 Mr. G. Searson (GS).

469/2. Minutes from the 468th meeting
 The minutes were agreed and signed off.

469/3. Matters Arising
 468/5 In response to the Volunteer Recognition Announcement, AB had personally responded to Geoff Gaunt, Gerard O’Sullivan and a number of others within HQ on 24.5.25, dissecting the proposal. The letter was circulated amongst the Committee, who were in agreement with its sentiments. AB reported that an acknowledgement was eventually received from Geoff Gaunt on 12.6.25.

469/4. 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
29.4.25	Nominations for Independent Council Member	29.4.25
2.5.25	Member Communities Communiqué – Spring 2025	25.7.25 (late!)
6.5.25	Local Groups Questions	-
15.5.25	Invitation: Join us for a Club Update	-
23.5.25	Invitation for Local Group Representative Nominations	23.5.25
24.5.25	Re: Local Groups Questions (responses to email sent earlier in the day)	-
3.6.25	New Date for Club Update Zoom Session – Now Available	-
5.6.25	Invitation for Chair of Club Council Nominations	5.6.25
9.6.25	Volunteering Opportunities with the Boundless Foundation – Air Ambulance UK	-
12.6.25	Re: Member Communities Volunteer Recognition Announcement	-

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

Date	Title	Reason	From/To
24.5.25	Local Groups Questions	Replies of questions	To D. Knight
24.5.25	RE: Local Groups Questions	Existence of missing Club Council minutes	To D. Knight
24.5.25	Re: Member Communities Volunteer Recognition Announcement	Dissection of new system	To G. Gaunt, G. O’Sullivan, etc.

AB reported that a personal reply to the Volunteer Recognition Announcement had been sent to many senior employees at HQ on 24.5.25, clearly stating why the changes were very ill-thought out and would be to the detriment of most volunteers. There was no acknowledgement of the email from Geoff Gaunt until 12.6.25, and then a determination to press on regardless.

469/5. Newsletter

BB asked IJ to confirm remaining rallies for inclusion in the Newsletter, and IJ went through the dates. BB also asked for details of the pub to be used as the meeting place at the end of the forthcoming treasure hunt in Shifnal, so they could be published.

469/6. Competition Matters

IJ reported that the MSUK want regional associations to come up with strategies to get more people into the sport. The Motor Sport Group in CSMA is struggling for venues, and also finding enough entries for 12 car rallies.

469/7. Review of Activities

a) Past Events

Date	Event	Venue	Attendance	Comments
2025				
14.5.25	Into The Shadows – Chris Austin	HHH	16 members 8 partners 1 guest	Chris provided a relaxing and nostalgic evening as he talked about his friendship with one of the Shadows, and played some of their most memorable hits on his own electric guitar.
11.6.25	Life & Times of Patrick Lichfield – Judith Hubble	HHH	15 members 5 partners 2 guests	The Lichfield family and estate are a well known local phenomenon so it was interesting to delve into more detail about the family history of Patrick Lichfield, his photographic work and so on.

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b) Future Events

Date	Event	Venue c=confirmed	Cost	Organiser
2025				
9.7.25 7pm	Treasure Hunt in Shifnal – meet at Village Hall TF11 8DW	Shifnal	Walking treasure hunt around Shifnal	IJ
10.9.25 7pm	By River & Sea – Mark Sisson	Midlands Air Ambulance HQ - c	Mark returns from his world-wide travels to stun us with his fantastic pictures of wildlife; this time by rivers and seas. It should be a good night.	BB
8.10.25 7.30pm	What's in a Word? – Alan Lewis	HHH - c	Discover the origin of some everyday words and phrases	AB
12.11.25 7.30pm	Shropshire Seasons from the Skies – Ric Morris	HHH – c	A different view of Shropshire, in all seasons	BB
3.12.25 7.30pm	Annual Quiz – Alan Cartwright	Norbury Village Hall – c ST20 0PA	The annual quiz, where we all find out how much we don't know	AB

AB confirmed that as the tour of the Midland Air Ambulance HQ was over-subscribed, another visit would be arranged for later in the year.

LT reported that she had not been able to make contact with Kate Cadman to discuss another talk for early 2026. She would continue her efforts.

AB stated that the next event after the August break had been moved to the Midland Air Ambulance HQ (MAAHQ), Cosford, following the deterioration in service at Haughton Hall. The speaker Mark Sisson had been informed, and BB had published the change in the Newsletter. Haughton Hall had yet to be notified, and a decision had also to be made on whether to move the remaining two events booked at Haughton Hall (October and November) to MAAHQ too. The location for the next two Committee meetings (in September and November) has also to be determined.

Other events to be investigated:-

- Thai food night – AB/IJ
- Archaeology from the skies by Andy Wigley – AB
- Shropshire Wildlife – BB
- English Heritage re Wroxeter or Boscobel House – LT
- Evening event at Wappenshall Junction – AB
- BIFOR talk – AB
- Speaker in Wirral – IJ.

469/8. Accounts

An imprest of £1100 was agreed, and £100 would be drawn out for petty cash. LT reported that the bank had written to say that bank charges would no longer be applied, from July 2025.

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 28.4.25 to 30.6.25

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
		2025 Budget		3200.00
	Cleared Imprest		-1000.00	
		Budget Remaining		2200.00
		Bank Balance	743.45	
		Cash Tin	36.25	
		Total Monies Held		779.70
		Of which Charity	332.00	
		Volunteer Reward		
		Total Funds Available to Group		447.70

BANK ACCOUNT - reflecting committed expenditure

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		1294.45
29.4.25	HH committee meeting	Visa	-99.00	1195.45
10.5.25	Bank Charges		-5.00	1190.45
14.5.25	Speaker Fee - C. Austin	Bank Transfer	-90.00	1100.45
14.5.25	HH room hire, event	Visa	-141.00	959.45

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9.6.25	Bank charges		-5.00	954.45
10.6.25	HH room hire, event	Visa	-141.00	813.45
10.6.25	Speaker Fee - J.Hubble	Chq 100792	-70.00	743.45

End of period	-551.00	743.45
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CASH TIN

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		67.75
28.4.25	Committee travel expenses		-28.00	39.75
14.5.25	Biscuits		-3.50	36.25
			-31.50	36.25

L Tenan, Treasurer.

469/9. Dates of Next Meetings

Date	Day	Start	Venue c=confirmed	Purpose
15.9.25	Monday	7.30pm	HHH – c	Committee meeting
17.11.25	Monday	7.30pm	HHH – c	Committee meeting

469/10. AOB

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.24pm. These minutes are a true record of the 469th meeting of Shropshire Group.

Signed:

Chairman's name:

Date: