

Shropshire Group

Minutes of the 59th Annual General meeting of the Shropshire Group held at Haughton Hall, Shifnal on Wednesday 9th April 2025 commencing at 8pm.

Present

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

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

In addition, there were seven other members, one honorary member, four partners and one guest in attendance, making a total of 19 people, thus the meeting was quorate with 10 voting members present. IJ welcomed the throng and thanked them for attending.

59/1. Apologies for absence

Mrs R. Green.

59/2. Minutes from the previous AGM

The minutes of the 58th AGM held on 17th April 2024 were circulated at the meeting. It was proposed by Mr. R. Smith and seconded by Mrs. A. Smith that they were an accurate record, and they were signed off by the Chairman and Secretary.

59/3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

59/4. 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 2024

Our Group has enjoyed somewhat of a renaissance during the last year with increased attendance with additional members bolstering regular attendees. Our Committee has endeavoured to sustain this by arranging a mix of topics and events to promote interest.

As Chairman, I must applaud the efforts and contributions of all Committee members.

Again Shropshire has had some success in obtaining mentions in the Boundless magazine due to the mix of events and topics, but also the efforts of Adrienne in submitting reports and details in good time and also keeping abreast of the requirements of the administration required to ensure events get onto the Club web pages.

During last year we raised funds from the Christmas Quiz and other events allowing us to make donations to both the Midlands Air Ambulance and Alzheimer's Research UK. Both charities are appreciative of your contributions.

I believe that our Group is in 'good health' and has support to continue in the future.

Ian Jarrett

Chairman – Shropshire Group 2024 - 2025

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

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59/5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report is reproduced below.

Shropshire Group – Secretary's Report 2024/25

At the first Committee meeting after the last AGM in April 2024, the Committee roles of Vice Chairman, Editor and Motor Sports Representative came up for election, and the appointments were made as follows:

Role	Nominated	Proposed by	Seconded by	Vote
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 2024/5 of twenty two, following the record 41 attendees for the canal boat trip in 2023. However, only three events (June, July and October) were attended by less than twenty people, and the lower numbers were due to holidays or illness.

Three new members attended our events up to March 2025, and it is hoped that they continue to join in the activities. Topics in the last year covered bees, 65 years in show biz, SNCT update, mediaeval Newport, garden birds, Attingham, old fogey rail trip, cartoon drawing, the sun, and the annual quiz. 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. These locations have proved popular and flexible, and are 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, the most recent was issued on 5.3.25. 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 2025

Mr. R. Davis asked how many new members had attended events and how had they become aware of the Group. AB replied to say that the mentions in the magazine, as spoken of by the Chairman, had resulted in a few enquiries and actual attendance by new members, though unfortunately local group events are no longer listed in the magazine. However, a mailshot had been requested and actioned earlier in the year and had resulted in an increase in 'registering an interest in an event' on the website and it was hoped that this would result in new members coming through the doors at future events.

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

59/6. Treasurer's Report

Shropshire Group Statement of Accounts 2024

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 2024

	£	£	£
Balance brought forward from 2023		1408.65	
Income			
Imprests received		2800.00	
Direct Income: Quiz Night		55.00	

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Total Income 4263.65

Less Expenditure

Committee costs:

Room hire	495.00	
Travel	157.50	
Bank Charges	61.60	
		714.10

Event costs:

Room hire	1374.50	
Speakers	669.50	
Biscuits for meetings	9.65	2053.65

Total Expenditure 2767.75

Balance carried forward to 2024 1495.90

Comprising of:

Bank Account	1391.45	
Cash	104.45	
		1495.90

Charity, pending distribution 732.00

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

Actual funds available to Group at 1st January 2025 **763.90**

Treasurer, Lynn Tenan.

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

59/7. 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. A. Cartwright proposed the existing Chairman, seconded by GS. Mr. R. Smith proposed the existing Secretary, seconded by BB. GS proposed the existing Treasurer, seconded by Mr. A. Cartwright.

Officer	Name	Proposer	Seconded
Chairman	Mr. I. Jarrett	Mr. A. Cartwright	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.

59/8. Election of Committee

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

The remaining Committee members were willing to stand again, i.e. Mr. R. Barnwell, Mr. G. Searson and Mr. B. Boaden.

LT proposed the three existing Committee members listed above en bloc. Mr. R. Smith seconded the nominations; all three members were elected nem con.

59/9. 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.

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59/10. Question Time

Mr. K. Locklyn-Wood asked if the Group had a time machine, due to the date that the last AGM took place specified in the minutes, i.e. 2028. AB agreed that the date should read 2024.

Mr. A. Cartwright asked if it was possible for the Group to have its name included on the exterior of the Midland Air Ambulance helicopter, as it had donated well over £150. AB agreed to investigate the possibility when a second visit to the HQ is arranged in September.

59/11. Any Other Business

Mr. R. Davis thanked the Committee for the hard work over the last year arranging all the events that everyone had enjoyed.

No additional questions were raised from the floor and the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Statement

These minutes have been accepted by the Annual General Meeting of the CSMA Shropshire Group as a true record of the 59th Annual General Meeting, which took place on Wednesday 9th April 2025.

Chairman

Secretary

Date