

Shropshire Group

Minutes of the 471st meeting of the Shropshire Group held at Norbury Village Hall, Staffs, on Monday 10th November 2025 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)

471/1. Apologies for Absence

All members were present, with BB being welcomed back after an absence due to ill health.

471/2. Minutes from the 470th meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed off.

471/3. Matters Arising

470/3 IJ presented LT with a commemorative glass and little box of sweets from the Volunteer Recognition Awards event as although nominated, she was unable to attend. LT thanked the Committee for their support. A discussion about the ridiculous changes to the Award system took place, and IJ stated that he had requested the full list of nominees, and details of the selection criteria used, all in the name of transparency.

470/7 b) The spelling of the topic for the talk on 11.3.26 was corrected to Boscobel.

407/8 The amount of imprest requested was corrected from £650 to £1100.

471/4. Correspondence

- a) The following is a full list of correspondence received and forwarded to Committee members or raised at the meeting indicated, as appropriate. AB commented on the fatuous nature of many of the LGR questions sent before each Club Council meeting. Also, that the responses from all the other Local Groups are not circulated after the meeting, so what is the point. AB had commented on the experience of attending the event at Blists Hill in September, and received a standard reply from Member Communities.

Received	Title	Forwarded
20.9.25	Alzheimer's Society – Thank letter to LT for £200 donation	-
22.9.25	Local Group Questions for Local Group Representative for the Club Council Meeting	Replied 3.10.25
7.10.25	Invitations for Club Leader Nominations – Deadline 28 th October 2025	7.10.25
27.10.25	Draft Club Council Minutes – 14 th October 2025	10.11.25
27.10.25	Action Required: Unstaffed Venue Risk Assessment – SEN 423 Annual Quiz	Returned 12.11.25

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

Date	Title	Reason	From/To
3.10.25	Local Group Questions for Local Group Representative for the Club Council Meeting	Replies to questions & comment re Blists Hill event	To D. Knight
6.10.25	Local Group Questions for Local Group Representative for the Club Council Meeting	Response to Blists Hill comments	From K. Crichton
12.11.25	Action Required: Unstaffed Venue Risk Assessment – SEN 423 Annual Quiz	CYA Tick Box form completed & returned	To Jack Bell

It was agreed that AB would arrange a meeting with IJ and Ruth Blackhurst to discuss the Group's possible participation in the Past Fast & Future Charity Auto Show in Shrewsbury in 2026. The meeting took place on 10.11.25.

IJ agreed to speak to Dave Rosher of the Classic Car Group to assess interest.

Action: **IJ**

AB reported that a 5 page 'Risk Assessment' form had been sent in relation to the use of Norbury Village Hall for the annual quiz in December. Most of it was totally irrelevant and ridiculous, and was a CYA tick box exercise.

471/5. Newsletter

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

471/6. Competition Matters

IJ reported that he would be attending the next meeting of the Association of West Midland Motor Clubs on 11.11.25. The marshalling team had been to several events, with activities completed for the year.

471/7. Review of Activities

Past Events

Date	Event	Venue	Attendance	Comments
2025				
8.10.25	What's in a Word – Alan Lewis	MAA HQ	13 members 2 partners 1 guest	Knowing the origins of familiar words and phrases is of interest to all, so on that level the talk was fine, but it could have been better presented.

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b) Future Events

Date	Event	Venue c=confirmed	Cost	Organiser
2025				
12.11.25 7.30pm	Shropshire Seasons from the Skies – Ric Morris	MAA HQ – 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
2026				
11.2.26 7.30pm	Valley of Rivers & Streams – Kate Cadman	MAA HQ – c	Kate returns to tell us about the geography and geology of the Ironbridge Gorge, birthplace of the Industrial Revolution	LT
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 th 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	Tba	MAA HQ - c		AB
10.6.26 7.30pm	Tba	Tba		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	Tba	Tba		AB
9.9.26 7pm	Under African Skies – Mark Sisson	MAA HQ – tba	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	MMA HQ – tba	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	Tba	Tba		AB

IJ and AB attended a meeting with Ruth Blackhurst and colleagues, at Shrewsbury College, to discuss the Group's possible involvement in their motoring-themed event on behalf of Severn Hospice. This was discussed by the Committee, and it was agreed to go ahead.

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.

471/8. Accounts

The imprest of £1100 was received. LT reported that no confirmation had been received that the budget for next year had been approved. Raffle prizes for the quiz had been purchased.

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 15.9.25 to 9.11.25

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
		2025 Budget		3200.00
	Cleared Imprest		-3200.00	
	Budget Remaining			0.00
	Bank Balance		1596.27	
	Uncashed cheques		0.00	
	Cash Tin		90.40	
	Total Monies Held			1686.67
	Of which Charity		32.00	
	Volunteer Reward			
	Total Funds Available to Group			1654.67

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BANK ACCOUNT - reflecting committed expenditure

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		1012.47
16.9.25	Norbury VH committee meet	Visa	-65.00	947.47
1.10.25	MAA HQ room hire	Visa	-200.00	747.47
10.10.25	Imprest		1100.00	1847.47
13.10.25	Speaker Fee	100795	-50.00	1797.47
7.11.25	MAA HQ room hire	Visa	-200.00	1597.47
9.11.25	Bank Charges		-1.20	1596.27
End of period			583.80	1596.27

CASH TIN

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		104.75
15.9.25	Committee travel expenses		-14.35	90.40
End of period			-14.35	90.40

L Tenan, Treasurer.

471/9. Dates of Next Meetings

Date	Day	Start	Venue c=confirmed	Purpose
17.11.25	Monday	7pm	Navigation Inn, Gnosall	Committee meal
16.2.26	Monday	7.30pm	Norbury Village Hall - c	Committee meeting

471/10. AOB

IJ reported that there had been one nominee for the Club Leader role, viz. himself, and he had been officially recognised as the new Leader. As he cannot hold two positions on the management committee at once, the position of Motoring Leader is now vacant. However, he is able to maintain his role as Chairman of Shropshire Group, and will continue this responsibility with the same commitment as before. The Committee members congratulated him on his elevation, and thanked him for his continuing support for the Group. IJ said that one of his priorities would be succession planning for all committees.

GS informed the Committee that he intended to retire from his role when he reached 80 years old, in October next year. The need for succession planning became more pressing, as a result, as the Committee would then be reduced to five members.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm. These minutes are a true record of the 471st meeting of Shropshire Group.

Signed:

Chairman's name:

Date: