

Shropshire Group

Minutes of the 470th meeting of the Shropshire Group held at Norbury Village Hall, Staffs, on Monday 15th September 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)

470/1. Apologies for Absence
 Mr. B. Boaden (BB).

470/2. Minutes from the 469th meeting
 The minutes were agreed and signed off.

470/3. Matters Arising
 469/4 AB reported that LT had been nominated for the Volunteer Recognition Awards. LT was surprised, and thanked the Committee for their support. A discussion took place about the ridiculous changes to the Award system, which will result in a very select few getting all the recognition, and the vast majority of volunteers being ignored and taken for granted.

470/4. 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
17.7.25	Volunteer Recognition Update	17.7.25
18.7.25	Shropshire Group 2026 Budget Request	-
21.7.25	Volunteer Recognition Awards – Further Details	21.7.25
21.7.25	Re: Past, Fast & Future Charity Auto Show 2025 (N.B. should be 2026)	-
21.7.25	Volunteer Recognition Awards 2025 – Nominations now open!	21.7.25
1.8.25	Member Communities Communiqué – Summer 2025	1.8.25
29.8.25	Email Removal Request	Replied 1.9.25
1.9.25	Invitation for Club Treasurer Nominations – Deadline 22 nd September	2.9.25
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

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

Date	Title	Reason	From/To
25.7.25	Re: Past, Fast & Future Charity Auto Show 2025 (N.B. should be 2026)	Acknowledgement of show date in 2026	To Ruth Blackhurst
20.8.25	Shropshire Group – room bookings	Cancellation of bookings at Haighton Hall	To HH Sales
20.8.25	Re: Shropshire Group – room bookings	Cancellation confirmed, and info request	From HH Sales
20.8.25	Re: Shropshire Group – room bookings	Confirmation received and info provided	To HH Sales
2.9.25	Shropshire Group Budget 2026	Submitted to Member Communities	From L. Tenan
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

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.

Action: **AB**

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

Action: **IJ**

470/5. Newsletter

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

470/6. Competition Matters

IJ reported that the marshalling team had been to several events.

470/7. Review of Activities

a) Past Events

Date	Event	Venue	Attendance	Comments
2025				
9.7.25	Treasure Hunt in Shifnal	Shifnal	9 members 2 partners 3 guests	Everyone had an enjoyable walk around Shifnal, discovering parts and features that they were unaware of before. Back in the pub, the fish and chips went down well.

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Date	Event	Venue	Attendance	Comments
10.9.25	By River & Sea – Mark Sisson	Midlands Air Ambulance HQ	13 members 4 partners 1 guest	Mark thrilled us again with stunning photos on the sea shore of the wild life to be found there, in this country and around the world. We enjoyed part of the section on Rivers, before his laptop battery expired! Talk to be resumed at a later date.
12.9.25	Air Ambulance visit	MAA HQ	13 members 4 partners 1 guest	AS the group gathered for the visit, one of the helicopters took off on a mission. A donation of £100 was made to the charity, and their activities discussed. Unfortunately, because the medical staff were at a call, it was not possible to see the helicopter more closely and speak directly to the staff. Nonetheless, the visit was enjoyed by all.

b) Future Events

Date	Event	Venue c=confirmed	Cost	Organiser
2025				
8.10.25 7.30pm	What's in a Word? – Alan Lewis	MAA HQ - c	Discover the origin of some everyday words and phrases	AB
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 - tbc	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
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

Haughton Hall were notified that of the cancellation of room bookings for the remainder of the year. Following the very favourable response to the Midland Air Ambulance HQ meeting room, the remaining two events (October and November) were also moved to MAA HQ. The location for the Committee meetings is changed to Norbury Village Hall.

Other events to be investigated:-

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

470/8. Accounts

An imprest of £650 was agreed, to include £20 per person for the Committee meal. A donation of £200 was made to The Alzheimer's Association, and £100 to Midlands Air Ambulance.

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE - 30.6.25 to 15.9.25				
Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
		2025 Budget		3200.00
	Cleared Imprest		-2100.00	
	Budget Remaining			1100.00

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Bank Balance	1012.47
Uncashed cheques	300.00
Cash Tin	104.75

Total Monies Held	1417.22
Of which Charity	32.00
Volunteer Reward	
Total Funds Available to Group	1085.22

BANK ACCOUNT - reflecting committed expenditure

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		743.45
4.7.25	Cash for Tin		-100.00	643.45
10.7.25	Bank Charges		-5.40	638.05
11.7.25	Imprest		1100.00	1738.05
3.1.00	Treasure Hunt expenses		-28.60	1709.45
9.8.25	Bank charges		-5.40	1704.05
2.9.25	MAA HQ room hire		-200.00	1504.05
10.9.25	Secretary printer ink		-71.58	1432.47
10.9.25	Alzheimer's Charity donation	Chq 100793	-200.00	1232.47
12.9.25	Midlands Air Ambulance charity	Chq 100794	-100.00	1132.47
14.9.25	M. Sisson speaker fee		-120.00	1012.47
End of period			269.02	1012.47

CASH TIN

Date	Transaction	Status	Value £	Balance £
-		Start of period		36.25
30.6.25	Committee travel expenses		-31.50	4.75
4.7.25	Cash from Bank		100.00	104.75
End of period			68.50	104.75

There is an outstanding invoice of £99 for HHH, am waiting for phone call from them to pay it.
 Three messages have been left with no response, so do not intend to leave any more.
 L Tenan, Treasurer.

470/9. Dates of Next Meetings

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

470/10. AOB

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm. These minutes are a true record of the 470th meeting of Shropshire Group.

Signed:

Chairman's name:

Date: