

Severn Valley Group MCC 63rd AGM

11am 25th October 2025 at Christopher Whitehead school

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Severn Valley Group of the MCC

63rd Annual General Meeting

11am 25th October 2025 at Christopher Whitehead school Worcester

Committee members present;

Chairman -Phil Care

Vice Chair – Anthony Barnsley

Secretary – Gail Cole

Treasurer – Andrea Care

Member – Janet Emeney

Official Adjudicators

John and Joy Rice

Minutes of Meeting

(Non- Verbatim)

Notetaker – Gail Cole

1. Chairman's introduction

The Chairman introduced all the committee members and declared the meeting open at 11am. He welcomed all members and requested all mobile phones be switched off. Then handed over to the Secretary to convene the meeting and read apologies.

Secretary

"I hereby announce that the 63rd AGM of Severn Valley Group of the MCC is now convened" and stated the meeting would be recorded via Dictaphone to aid accuracy of the meeting.

After which the Chairman called for one minute silence for absent and lost friends and asked that they always be remembered. Members stood up if they were able.

2. Apologies

The Secretary read out and confirmed the following apologies received from members unable to attend;

Jan and Steve Satchell, Linda Mayner, Stewart and Sheila Priddy, Karen and Ian Sheers, Jo and Sean Hale, Jane Smart, Jeremy and Sandra Layton, Julie and Paul Stevens, Chris and Amanda Windmill. Further apologies were received by the floor for Alan and Sue Harvey.

3. Minutes of 2024 AGM

The Chairman asked that only members who attended last year's AGM had any questions or queries or matters arising. 2024 AGM has been on Severn Valley website for the past eleven months giving members ample opportunity to read, hard copies were also distributed for members to look at today. No queries were raised therefore the Chairman asked for a proposer and seconder for the minutes to be accepted.

Proposer – John Kirby Seconder – Liz Harrison

Members were asked to vote; only members who attended last year's AGM can vote. 16 for, 0 against and 3 abstaining as did not attend AGM.

4. Change of Verifiers

Chairman stated he had an email in August from GCE services who verified accounts previously from Bierley Hill were no longer able to offer this service and after contact with COMS the Chairman got in touch with GJ accountancy a professional accountancy firm in Ledbury. A meeting was held with the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and the accountancy firm were handed over the accounts. A couple of weeks later the Chairman was called again to sort out discrepancies from the previous year and was there nearly all day but everything got sorted out. The Chairman asked for a proposal to accept that GJ accountancy has now verified these accounts.

Proposer – John Kirby Seconder – Gail Cole

The Chairman now asked all members to vote which was unanimous in favour.

He stated he is now at liberty to release the financial accounts at the meeting.

If the vote had not gone through there would have to be an EGM so thank you for voting.

5. Chairman's Report 63rd AGM

I would like to thank you all for attending this 63rd AGM of the Severn Valley Group MCC. I would like to thank all the Committee Members, Secretary Gail, Treasurer Andrea, Vice Chair Tony, Committee Members Jan and Mike who have worked so hard over the past year. I would personally like to thank Mike Cooper, Sue Williams, Mick Emeney, Pat and John Kirby who have stepped in to help due to my health issues.

I would like to say a big welcome to all the “Avon Orphans” who have joined Severn Valley Group as members. I know a number of you have supported our rallies over the years and we hope to see more of you over the coming year. I would like to welcome all our new members who have joined us this year and express my sorrow that a number of our long term members have left through ill health and other issues. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best of fortune for the future.

We put on a full Rally Program this year with lots of well attended and notable rallies like Xmas Dinner, New Year, Cottage of Content, Blues Festival and Welland to name a few. We had to cancel 4 rallies this year, 2 due the venue no longer available and 2 through lack of a Host and Support. This has been a major issue throughout the year with a very small group of people “Hosting” our rallies and when they are not available rallies have to be cancelled. The Committee has looked at this and wishes to change the Host duties, more on this later. We had to change our AGM date and venue as the original venue was not available and also to have a more central location for our members. It has been pleasing to see new members attending our rallies to offset the number of long-term members who used to regularly support us and no longer do so for various reasons. One of the most pleasing things concerning our rallies was said by a member of another group who regularly attends our rallies, “Severn Valley rallies are friendly and fun”, probably the best compliment to us as a group.

Though we have managed as a very small Committee over the past year it is pleasing to announce 4 of our members wish to join the Committee. This is in a climate where Committees throughout the MCC Groups are struggling to get members to be on their committees. This is a testament to how the Severn Valley Group is moving forward with a solid foundation we are putting on a full Rally Program next year with a few new venues to the Severn Valley Group, I

hope you will come and support us as an appreciation of all the hard work the Committee puts in over the year.

Chairman. Phil Care

6. Secretary Report 63rd AGM

At the end of the financial year, 31st July 2025 we had 353 members, of which 77 Have cancelled, 56 New members and 41 transfers from Avon group.

The Website and Facebook are currently maintained by the present Committee. This has not been as well maintained as we would like, due to the fact that we are a small Committee and only the basics were being done. This situation has improved with new members seconded onto the committee.

A laptop and Printer were purchased for use by the Severn Valley Group Secretary after the last AGM. A phone for secretary use mainly for rally enquiries.

All electrical equipment has been PAT tested once again for the year with a certificate of conformity. Though some items have been scrapped through failing the PAT test.

The Rally list for 2026 is almost finalised and a full list requiring hosting / Stewarding is on the noticeboard on the stage. We need Marshalls please to help run these rallies, so if anyone is interested can they please put their name down beside the rally they wish to Marshall. You don't have to do it all on your own as a member of the Committee will also be at the rally who can organise entertainment. Even if members just want to book people in and park the motorhomes up it would be of great help and the Committee can support you in this also.

Our Rally booklet will be available by February 2026, but there is a list of all Rallies on the website.

Gail Cole – Secretary

7.Treasurer's Report 63rd AGM

It has been a solid year financially for Severn Valley Group while still maintaining our core instructions from the membership to provide more information in the form of rally booklets and reducing our funds in the bank.

This year, Lloyds our Bank has introduced a "Community Account" which Severn Valley Group now comes into. This is subject to Service Charges which incurs a cost on the Severn Valley account. We therefore put £5k into a savings account and the interest has offset the Service Charge costs. We are actively looking at other banks that will give us Service Charge free accounts and NatWest has an account with free banking for 2 years that we are exploring. We also had the issue with the Auditor which has now been resolved.

We have purchased a Laptop, Printer and Usb stick for the Secretary, new radios for rallies like Welland and Christopher Whitehead. We also purchased a usb speaker with mike and new radios microphones this year.

We made a surplus on this year's Rallies of £990, this was mainly due to the generous donations from the Blues Festival Minibus raffle and the Welland Steam Fair Rally and raffle.

Over the course of the year we have distributed over £500 in loyalty vouchers, paid £100+ for PAT testing, paid £300 to send 2 representatives to the National and of course the just under £500 spent on the Rally Booklets.

This has resulted in our funds in the bank decreasing by just under £800 to £12660. This is in line with the membership request to reduce our funds in a sensible measured manner.

The intention is to continue with the Loyalty Vouchers in the next financial year as an ongoing way of reducing our group funds. We have a number of assets which are no longer used and they have been brought to this AGM for members to purchase for a small donation.

I therefore propose the accounts submitted to to the members for the Year 2024-2025

Treasurer Andrea Care

Chairman will go through the balance for Andrea, treasurer as he has spent some time (around 4 hours) going through the books with the accountant.

He stated the balance sheet as of 31st July 2025 is £11999.06 including deposits paid of £630 for future rallies. The total was £12689.57 with a loss of £675.06 most of this was to do with safety of equipment, this in line with members wanting a reduction in funds at the 62nd AGM was told not to release copy of accounts by verifier until gone through accounts and be audited and verified. Members were invited to look at the accounts presented by PowerPoint on a laptop or given a print out.

Pat Kirby questioned why a copy of the accounts was not available to members and Phil explained it was because they had not been verified and was advised by the accountant not to release accounts until verified and discussed at the meeting.

Andrea has proposed accounts

Seconder John Osborne

The Chairman asked members to vote and all members voted unanimously in favour.

8. Supplement document amendments:

The committee had a look at the roles of Marshalls and committee.

Marshall's responsibilities; main responsibility is booking in members and parking up, taking money and liaise with committee member. Hopefully it will encourage people to come forward.

Committee responsibilities; Support Marshalls, paperwork, correct ensure monies taken are correct, health and safety.

These roles will be put on the website available to see.

Pat Kirby stated we are putting more on committee, Phil replied that hosts can do as much or as little as they want but even just booking in and parking it is helping the committee to do other things.

Question; Di Moore asked about signage, if a person is marshalling a rally does this include putting rally signs out and how will they be able to get the signs for the rally? Especially if you are hosting a rally but the next rally it may be a couple of rallies away.

Answer; Phil stated that committee members will be at all the rallies and they can bring the signs with them or if hosting the next rally can take signs with

Supplementary documents continued

them. It is the committee members responsibility to ensure all paperwork, money taken is correct.

Andrea and myself do booklets for each rally with guidelines, including roles and responsibilities, it includes risk assessments for the venues etc.

Question; Sue Williams asked who would bank the money from a rally?

Answer; Phil stated it is the responsibility of the Chairman or the treasurer to bank the money but we also have receipt booklets we can use.

If marshalling a rally and you would like to attend for example, go to the blues festival? Phil replied that a committee member can stand in and cover if Marshalls want to go off site for a while.

Chairman asked if any other questions?

Tony Barnsley asked on behalf of group members whether rally signs could be a bit bigger as often the rally sign is low to the ground and not seen until the last minute.

Pat Kirby interjected and said this should be discussed at the members meeting not at the AGM. The matter was not discussed further and will be discussed at the members meeting which follows the AGM.

Phil asked for changes re hosts to Marshalls and committee role to be proposed which will come under the umbrella of hosting.

Chairman asked for a proposer and seconder

Proposer ; Richard Lamberton

Secunder ; Mike Cooper

Chairman the asked members to vote by show of hands.

Members vote was unanimous in favour of changes.

10. Barlow Trophy

The Chairman asked the Vice Chairman to present the trophy to the winners but before doing so asked if everyone knew what the trophy is for? Chairman asked John Kirby if he would like to explain what it is for and John explained it was originally set up by the Barlow family and is a show of appreciation for members who have spent the most nights at rallies which is counted up at the end of the year. Chairman stated that our current president is Jenny Barlow and John suggested that Jenny present the trophy.

Chairman talked about the couple who had taken 23 years to win the trophy saying they were an extremely popular couple who are willing to help out and support Severn Valley rallies. Phil then announced it was members Di and Bri Preece. (Applause) and congratulated the couple.

11. Election of independent Adjudicators

Chairman has asked John and Joy Rice from East Mids to be our official adjudicators and asked members to vote if in agreement and was unanimous.

12. Election of Committee members

Chairman stated that in accordance with last year a member of the committee has to stand down and being only a small committee Phil has decided to stand down as Chairman and handed over the rest of the meeting to Vice Chairman Anthony Barnsley.

Vice Chairman stated he has given out ballot papers for members to vote on nominations for the committee over the next year. He asked if anyone from the floor would like to put themselves forward, no response. Tony also asked if Phil could be added on ballot paper to be voted on.

Proposer; Kirsty Lamberton

Seconder; Mike Cooper

Phil explained he had to stand down but committee asked if he could be voted on to stand again and the committee will decide what position.

Phil announced that there are four new people wanting to join the committee Mike Cooper and Sue Williams attending the meeting, Julie and Paul Stevens were not in attendance as on holiday until next week, they were originally able to attend the AGM until date was changed.

Votes will be scrutinised and counted by independent adjudicators John and Joy Rice.

Vice Chairman explained the board for our own group Severn Valley which has all the names of previous Chairmans engraved on it for any members unaware of what it is for.

Secretary announced that all members standing for the committee 2025-2026 were voted in.

Vice Chairman announced that the committee will pause and exit the meeting to decide upon roles each committee member will take and return to the meeting to let members know positions of committee members.

Secretary announced that the committee has had a brief meeting and these are the positions to be held as voted by the committee.

Phil Care reinstated as Chairman Proposer ; Gail Cole

Seconded; Anthony Barnsley

36 votes from members on the floor

Anthony Barnsley as Vice Chairman ongoing

Gail Cole as Secretary ongoing

Andrea as Treasurer ongoing

Jan Emeney ongoing

New Committee member Sue Williams Proposer; Jan Emeney

Welfare along with Jan Emeney Seconded; Anthony Barnsley

38 votes from members on the floor

Welfare along with Jan Emeney and Fund raising

New Committee member Mike Cooper will be finding venues and take on role of Health and Safety Officer. Proposer; Andrea Care

Seconded; Phil Care

36 votes from members on the floor

New Committee member Paul Stevens Marshalling, looking after the Marshall helping them out and giving advice. Proposer; Gail Cole

Seconded; Andrea Care

37 votes from members on the floor

New Committee member Julie Stevens will help with secretarial role, events and activities. Proposer; Phil care

Seconded; Gail Cole 37 votes from members on the floor

(applause by members after each committee member position was read out)

13. Honorary Independent Accounts Verifier

We need a verifier for the accounts next year and the Chairman Proposed Sarah Hitchman a professional with experience who is able to do this for Severn Valley Group.

Phil Care; Proposer

Richard Lamberton; Secunder

Chairman asked for a vote from members which was unanimous.

14. Any Other Business

Pat Kirby asked when will committee meetings be on the website for members to see. Chairman explained he has been sorting out website, Facebook etc and stated they will be on website by next week, Secretary stated she also has a printed copy available should anyone wish to look at any of the meetings from throughout the year.

A WhatsApp group was mentioned and in the future Severn Valley group hope to set up a WhatsApp group for members.

15. Break for refreshments

Chairman told members there will be a break for refreshments before the members meeting.

Chairman stated as there was no other business the secretary would close the AGM.

The meeting was declared closed at 12.07pm by Gail Cole Secretary.

