



ASSOCIATION OF WEST MIDLANDS MOTOR CLUBS

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION MEETING **HELD AT BROMSGROVE GOLF CENTRE** **On Tuesday 11th November 2025**

Present:

Kevin Witton (Chair & Treasurer)
John Jones (Vice Chair)
Ian Jarrett (Training)
Matt Walk (Stage Championship Co-ordinator)

John Arnold (President)
Jackie Harris (Secretary)

Delegates from the following clubs:

Tony Carwithen (BRSCC (Midlands))
Tania Brown (VSCC)
Dave Nursey (HDLCC)
John Claydon (QMC)
Colin Griffith (Ludlow Castle MC)

Paul Clackett (WMPMC)
Ethan Harris (VSCC/SWMC)
Bill Pardoe (Kidderminster MC)
"Chalkie" (QMC)
Mike Wilding (Ludlow Castle MC)

On Zoom:

Mike Broad (BTRDA)
Andy Grimm (Bath MC)

Paul Price (W&SSCC)
Mark Wagstaff (Eastwood & DMC)

1. Apologies

Jon Cordery (Forest Radios)
Tracey Smith (BRMC)
David Williams

Adrian Tucker-Peake
Richard Egger (Loughborough CC)
David Simons (MLO)

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 5th August 2025

Proposed: Bill Pardow

Seconded: Ethan Harris

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence

Various items of correspondence have been received since the last Meeting, including, but not limited to:

- Regulations received from MSUK.
- Cotswold Group – Martin Saunders is standing down as Chair.
- Maurice Leach has resigned as RLO. Anyone interested in taking on the role should contact Kevin Witton.

5. New Clubs / Official Changes / Date Changes

New Clubs: No further applications have been received since the August meeting.

Official Changes: Bath MC have appointed new Competition Secretaries, Elaine Ward and Andy Grimm. Hagley Light Car Club currently has two chairs, the committee chair, Caroline Rider, and board chair and have also appointed a new treasurer, Lindsey Summers.

Date Changes: None advised.



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6. Championship Reports

6.1 Stage Rally (Heart of England Championship)

Matt Walk gave a presentation on the 2025 championship. A copy of his presentation is included with these minutes.

- During 2025 there had been 11 events over 10 weekends at 9 venues, averaging one event a month during the period March to November.
- There were 10 classes catering for all levels, from entry level Rally Start cars up to Rally 2's. There was also a Class T which is a unique initiative to encourage the use of more modern cars.
- There were 105 registered competitors, up from 93 in 2024, and 95% have started at least one event. 26 clubs were represented. Awards given for Junior and Novices and 8 drivers in contention for overall title.
- Key changes for 2026 include updated championship stickers, amendments to the class structure and amendments to the calendar due to date changes.

6.2 Car Trial

- This championship has finished with Mark Hoppe winning the award.
- It was stated at the meeting that the number of competitors were down. This was incorrect, the competitors increased by 1 on the 2024 figure.
- Would like to run another couple of events but difficult to get people onboard.

7. Training Officer's Report

Ian Jarrett provided a written report as follows:

- Fire Training - Practical and Theory held at Shelsley Walsh on 18th October. 25 delegates in all, although this was not as many participants as expected. Received positive feedback from all who responded, and they seemed to enjoy the opportunity to use an extinguisher "for real" and working with real fires in a vehicle shell rather than on a rig or tray. Structure of day to be reviewed, possibly using the café for other training throughout the day. Special thanks to Midland Automobile Club and Shelsley Walsh for hosting the training and making facilities available.
- Othe Items - guide members and clubs towards training packages both for individuals and for clubs on the Training Hub accessible via Sport80 - Motorsport UK web pages.
- Updated modules on Sustainability and refreshers for various disciplines.
- Grants have come through from Training Trust for 3 face-to-face training sessions and 1 fire training.
- Bolton Training Day at Bolton College on 29th November 2025.
- Shrewsbury College now have a motor vehicle engineering department and have rooms available for face-to-face training. It is unknown at present whether they have space for practical training sessions.
- Concern raised about people registering for training and then not turning up. If training is required let the Association know and they will be happy to organise and run.
- Midland Marshal Training at Prescott in 2026 – no engagement with Association.
- Shropshire and South Staffs Land Rover club would like to engage with the AWMMC for training
- Advert on Association website for Chris Woodcock's company who supplied the foam fire extinguishers free of charge. Also, thanks to Diamond for providing the powder fire extinguishers for training at a reasonable rate.

8. Ministry of Defence Liaison Report

David Simons reported as follows:

Since August, I have been reasonably busy with requests for assistance in finding venues for motorsport on MoD/DIO land. Unfortunately, we have drawn a blank with the three venues approached, but for the record, these were:

- RAF Cosford (on behalf of Cheltenham Motor Club)



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- Swynnerton Army Training base (on behalf of Ecurie Royal Oak); and
- DM Kineton (on behalf of Rugby & Mercia Motor Clubs).

I stewarded a meeting at Rissington Kart Club on behalf of Motorsport UK in September. Although the restrictions imposed on the venue are still in place, club officials are making progress and are happy to continue dealings with the DIO locally, without further assistance.

Also, during the period, the restriction on Army Training bases arising from previous difficulties at Warcop, was lifted, but we also lost Major Sean Caine, who was transferred to other duties. Simon Fowler at Motorsport UK will advise on his replacement. It would be useful to have another get-together with Army Training and to establish similar links with the RAF.

9. Motorsport UK Committees

MSUK Regional Committee:

John Arnold attended meeting on 4th November 2025 and reported on recent developments:

- Presentation on FIA Eco Rally in Scotland which was well received. In Dundee again for 2026.
- Changes to road rallying.
- New MSUK appointment to media, Polly Dedman.
- DEFRA/AONB impact going forward.
- Forestry issues – Wolverhampton have got their route approved by NRW. Still work in progress with Midland Manor. Jonathan Jackson working hard to progress.
- Forestry fees still in negotiation for NRW but Forestry England have increased their fees.
- Continued promotion of British Motorsport Trust.
- Change of internal MSUK staff structure, now 70 MSUK staff. Simon Fowler now responsible for cross country trials and autotests. MSUK have officially made six redundancies but believe there are more. No comment from MSUK, which is poor, particularly not informing when people have left. Steve Blakeman asked to attend a future meeting.
- Club of the Year/Volunteer of the Year 2025 – entries now closed.

Rallies Committee:

Kevin W reported on a meeting held on 1st October 2025, mentioning discussions on:

- Rally tyres list.
- Road rally updates, including new regulations that Clerks and Deputies need to be licenced Clerks of the Course. Still in the consultation process.
- Forestry – Cambrian has been approved by NRW but Severn Valley is still in discussion.
- BARS training system for co-drivers - want to charge co-drivers for undertaking the training.
- Personal protective equipment for stage rallies.
- Refuelling at stage rallies – MSUK and their insurers do not like refuelling at service park, prefer a separate area. Will become an issue for single stage venues with limited space.
- Concern about Vital Fuel pulling out of events last minute and only delivering fuel to competitors that order beforehand.
- Sustainable fuels by 2027.
- Perpetual insurance for road rallies, competitors, multi venue stages and safety cars.
- Running order for gravel rallies went out for consultation in September and was voted through that there would be no reverse seeding. The steering group then met and opposed the proposal to scrap reverse seeding from 1st January 2026. This has not been publicised by MSUK and has been badly handled and will impact forest rallying in the UK. Events will be requesting reverse seeding waivers from MSUK.
- Sustainability Charter – all clubs who run stage rallies need to sign up.



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Young Officials Committee:

Ethan Harris reported on a meeting held on 20th October 2025, in particular:

- The aim of the committee is to get more young people into officiating.
- They have two initiatives, getting under 18's to learn about official roles and 18-35's trained into official roles.
- Taster day held at Silverstone Festival and 8 people signed up and experienced things like race control and rescue units. Of the 8 that signed up, 7 were new to motorsport. Rolling out more events in 2026 and if any clubs can help, please send details to Ethan Harris.
- Who has taken over responsibility for the Junior Competitors Safari? The event was making headway, but organisers have now left.

10. Treasurer's Report

Kevin Witton reported:

- £100.00 in the Cheque Account and £16,563.00 in the Premium Account, but this will increase significantly as subs come in over the next few months. Clubs will be given until 1st April 2026 to pay and, if no payment received, will be removed from the Association.
- The decision on whether race clubs will be required to join an association to get permits is going to the race committee.
- Expenses have been paid to Matt Walk.
- Donation will be made to charity in 2026, possibly the West Midlands Air Ambulance.
- RAF Cosford, home of the West Midlands Air Ambulance, has facilities than could be used for meetings or face to face training.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Meeting dates for 2026 as follows:

3rd March 2026

5th May 2026

4th August 2026

3rd November 2026

The next Association meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 3rd March 2025.

The meeting will be held at Bromsgrove Golf and Conference Centre B60 1LD



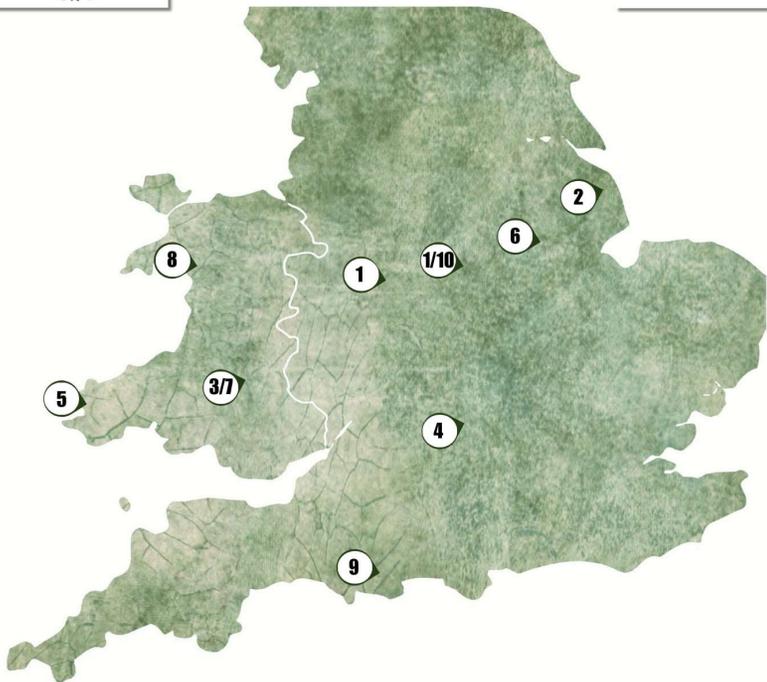
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Round	Date	Event	Venue
1	16th March	Agbo Stages & Dukeries Rally	Weston Park & Donington Park
2	6th April	Alan Healy Memorial Stages	Cadwell Park
3	4th May	Dixies Challenge	Epynt
4	8th June	Abingdon Car-Nival Stages	Abingdon Airfield
5	5/6th July	The Bob Shaw Memorial Brawdy Stages	Brawdy
6	3rd August	The John Hickling Memorial Stages	Fulbeck
7	24th August	Get Connected Mewla Rally	Epynt
8	12th October	Toyota Harlech Stages	Llanbedr
9	15/16th November	The Challenger Stages	Bovington
10	30th November	Donington Rally	Donington Park

2025 Calendar

- 11 Events over 10 weekends at 9 Venues
- Best 6 Scores from 11 events count
- Geographical spread of events, 4 Welsh, 3 East Midlands, 2 Southern, 1 West Midlands
- Variety of events, 4 Airfields, 3 Circuit, 2 Pacenote, 1 Proving Ground, 1 Stately Home.
- March –November, averaging 1 per month
- 6 Spectator friendly events

2025 Classes

Class A – 2WD Up to 1400cc

Class B – 2WD 1401cc to 1600cc

Class C – 2WD 1601cc to 2000cc

Class D – 2WD 2001cc and over

Class E - 4WD with H Pattern Gearbox

Class F - 4WD with Sequential Gearbox

Class H – Historic cars fitted with Multi Cam engines

Rally Start- All cars complying with Motorsport UK Rally Start Regulations

Class T- 2WD up to 1600cc series production cars with forced induction

Club Classic- 2WD Pre '88 Series Production Cars with period Modifications and all Single Cam Historic

- 10 Classes, catering for entry level Rally Start cars up to Rally 2's
- Rally 2 (Class F) for Class Points only, emphasis on Home Prepared cars
- 7 of the 10 Classes have 3 or more points scorers so far
- Class T unique initiative to encourage the use of more modern cars

2025 Competitor Uptake

- 105 registered competitors (93 registered in 2024)
- 95% have started at least 1 event (84% Scored in 2024)
- 20% of the entry on each round so far are registered (20% in 2024)
- 26 Clubs represented (25 represented in 2024)
- Awards for Junior's (Under 24) and Novice's (Completed 3 Rallies or less)
- 8 Drivers in contention for Overall title (2 Class A, 3 Class B, 1 Class C, 2 Class D)

Class	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	CC	T	RS
Registered	19	29	25	18	4	5	0	6	4	6
Points Scorer	17	26	23	18	4	5	0	5	2	6

2025 Media

- Facebook Group has 2,300 Members (1,700 in 2024)
- Pre and Post event Write-Ups detailing each competitor, average of 3,055 per write up, total to date 55,000

2026 Key Changes

- Updated Championship Stickers
- Amendment to Class structure, replacing 'Club Classic' with more conventional 8 Valve Class
- Amendment to Calendar due to date changes

2026 Provisional Calendar

Round	Date	Event	Venue
1	15th March	Zone Systems Dukeries Rally	Donington Park
2	22 nd March	Agbo Stages	Weston Park
3	12 th April	Altratech SMC Stages	Anglesey Circuit
4	3 rd May	Dixies Challenge	Epynt
5	7 th June	Abingdon Car-nival Stages	Abingdon
6	4/5 th July	The Bob Shaw Memorial Brawdy Stages	Brawdy
7	2 nd August	The Dennis Turner Memorial Stages	Fulbeck
8	30 th August	Get Connected Mewla Rally	Epynt
9	11 th October	Kevin Ephriam Memorial Toyota Harlech Stages	Llanbedr
10	14/15 th November	The Challenger Stages	Bovington
11	TBC	Donington Rally	Donington Park

- Best 6 scores to count- Provisional

2026 Sponsorship

- Title Sponsor - £750
- Overall Awards- Junior + Novice Awards- £300
- Class Awards - £200

- Covers costs of any cash prize and awards

- Named in Media publications, Logo on all cars and Published results
- First refusal given to 2025 Sponsors
- No 'Sole Supplier' Deals

2026 Growth

- Emphasize close competition for Overall title amongst 'Clubman' Cars
- Identified of the 925 unregistered competitors who have entered the first 9 rounds, 9 have already entered enough events for an award (4 or more) and 59 have entered 3 events- Reach out to competitors
- Highlight to competitors from Welsh, South West, East Midlands, North East Midlands, North West and Cotswold championships that 3 or more events cross over with the AWMMC
- Highlight Championship supporter prize of a free entry to the Hills Ford Stages.
- Early MSUK approval so flyers can be handed out at late 2025 and early 2026 events.
- Advise competitors and Clubs of process to join the AWMMC, highlight that this opens the Championship to their Members