



Mawsley Villagers Association Ltd  
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## **The Mawsley Villagers Association Annual General Meeting 2022**

**January 10th 2023 (delayed from December 2022)**

**Present:** Steve Thorpe, Jim Mortimer, Paul Howells, Claire Thorpe, Simon Wisdom, Alan Moore, Sue Moore, John Holton, Chris Waine

**Apologies:** Laura Cross, Jake Fisher, Martin Bentley, Vic Cope, Duncan Webster

### **1. Chairmans Report – Steve Thorpe**

Welcome to all directors, members of the MVA and the wider based Mawsley residents.

I begin with praising all MVA members, staff at TCAM, the MPC and Mawsley residents with your support not only to one of the village organisations but how we have all worked together lately to achieve common goals.

Looking back over the past 12 months - dare I say it, what with the affect that Covid played not just for Mawsley Village but the world as a whole we have bounced back and remain in a strong position. Not only as a team but financially too. This has been a quiet year for the MVA with very little to report on.

We have welcomed new members this year and also unfortunately we have to say goodbye Simon Wisdom. Simon - not only this year but for the entire time he has been a member has made a big impact to the success of the MVA thus reflecting on TCAM and the village. I am sure you will all agree he will be missed and he is leaving behind some big shoes to fill.

Highlights for this year have been

- Commencing and maintaining a better working relationship with the MPC
- Re-starting the Mawsley Newsletter
- Bonfire night

The MVA have supported the scouts this year with funding which allowed the group to pick up and restart following Covid.

There were no officers up for election this year and the current board of trustees stand as: Steve Thorpe, Chris Waine, John Holton, Paul Howells, Simon Wisdom, Martin Bentley and Duncan Webster.

This will be my final report as chair. I have been with the MVA and TCAM for 12 years now and due to work commitments, I am having to stand down. I will remain an active trustee and remain enthusiastic for the village however cannot commit to what the MVA is capable of. That said, the MVA's role is something that I wish to be addressed in the coming months. The question around the



MVA and its operating procedures is a question that has been raised before and I don't think we have given this the time and attention it requires.

## **2. Accounts 2021/22 - John Holton**

At the end of the MVA financial year the bank balance was £19,341. The main transactions during the year were:

- the receipt of Government Omicron grant £2,667
- subsequent transfer of the Covid grants to the Centre £6,000
- payment of the rates £1,463
- grant to the scouts for new equipment £984
- preparation of the end of year accounts £613
- and firework night,

The firework display cost £5,016 and ticket sales were £6,515 giving a profit of £1,499 an excellent result.

The newsletter restarted in December and printing costs were £345, this was off-set by advertisement income of £140. Currently there is £18,965 in the bank.

The MVA remains in a strong financial position for the size and extent of its activities.

## **3. Projects and Grants - John Holton**

The MVA has been severely restricted in its activities due to the Covid pandemic. There has been limited calls for funding from village groups and few active projects. As we have come out of restrictions users groups have restarted and we expect more activity in the coming year.

As noted in the accounts the MVA received an Omicron grant £2,667 in February. This was the final Covid grant we received from Government in support of the Mawsley Centre for which the MVA is the leaseholder. The grants were transferred to the Centre.

A very successful firework night was organised by the MVA. The event was profitable for the charity the first time in a number of years.

The Mawsley Magazine was restarted in December with a new editor. The magazine was well received and a second edition is planned for March. The cost of producing the magazine is off-set by advertisement income, long term it is anticipated that the magazine will be self-funding and maybe profitable.

## **4. Any Other Business**

As there were no candidates for MVA Chair the vacancy will be advertised in the next Mawsley newsletter.

Steve Thorpe - Chair