

Mawsley Village Association (MVA) Meeting

Date: Wednesday 28th January 2026

Venue: TCAM

Attendees: Jenny Clucas
Christine Hamilton
John Holton
Paul Howells
George King
Chris Waine

Apologies: Nicola Wisdom
Simon Wisdom

NOTES

1. **Actions from October Meeting**

Research alternative cheaper options of submitting MVA returns to Companies House	See Notes below
Continue to pursue benches project	Ongoing – see Item 7

After the discussions at the October meeting about exploring alternative cheaper ways to produce annual audited accounts to Companies House, which would allow us to remain a Charitable Company, the view is that our current accountant's fees are competitive within the accountancy market.

It was agreed to retain our current approach for this year's accounts, but in the next year to explore in more detail the option of becoming Charitable Incorporate Organisation. This would mean we remained a legal entity, and the liabilities would continue to rest with the charity, but the organisation would not be registered at Companies House.

The other options of becoming a Charitable Trust or Unincorporated Organisation are not viable for the MVA as it would not be a legal entity, hence any leases/contracts would have to be in a Trustee's name and all liabilities would lie with the Trustees.

The other suggestion which will be actioned is put out an appeal for Accountant in the next Newsletter, familiar with charity accounting, willing to help the MVA.

2. **MVA Finances update**

John as MVA treasurer gave a summary of MVA finances. The MVA currently has £16,232.47 in its bank account, including £4,293.93 of Skate Mawsley Funds. The MVA will continue to keep the financial position of the charity under close review.

3. **Fireworks Night - 2025**

2025: Chris and the Team thought this was the best event ever. Everything went as planned, the weather was kind, and the attendance levels were very good. The event made a surplus of £1374. Something to consider for 2026 would be e-tickets.

Massive thank you to Chris, Steve and Rich, who have all stood down from the Fireworks team, for their amazing input over many years. It takes a lot of expertise, time and effort to put on the display each year, so this has been a big commitment from each of them.

2026: It was agreed that we would continue with a Village Volunteer Team for 2026, if volunteers are available to organize the event. For 2027 onwards, we need to look the implications of Martyn's Law and whether it would need to be run by a Fireworks Company

and if so whether the cost would be prohibitive. Combining with other local village events may be another option.

Jake is seriously considering leading the Fireworks Night Team for 2026 and has a H&S specialist willing to come on Board. Jenny will talk to Jake to confirm and, if so, invite him to the April Meeting to start planning for 2026. Chris assured everyone that he, Steve and Rich would advise and work with the new Team.

4. **Skate Mawsley Project**

MVA hold the funds raised by the Skate Mawsley project, via GoodHub, on behalf of the Project. The total held currently is £4,293.93; this money is to be used as match funding for new skate ramp facilities in the village.

The Skate Mawsley Group is seeking a meeting with NNC to clarify various aspects with regard to applying for grant funding and if successful the ongoing ownership, insurance and maintenance of a ramp.

5. **Village Newsletter**

John, as Editor, gave an update:

The next Newsletter will be issued late March in time for Easter activities with copy required by 13th March. John will contact all contributors, User Groups and advertisers with the dates, and John and Jenny will put something on the Village Facebook pages in advance about the forthcoming Newsletter, encouraging articles and adverts. John plans to include a quiz and will contact Richard Barnwell as in the past he indicated he could provide something on the history of Mawsley. Plus, the appeal for Accountant as per Item 1.

6. **Regular village litter picks**

As previously agreed, going forward the plan is to run two litter picks a year in April and September (after the Easter and Summer school holidays).

The next litter pick is planned for Sat 11th April (after the Easter school holidays, which are Mon 30 Mar to Fri 10 Apr) - Jenny will publicise the event on all the Village Facebook pages.

7. **Village Public Benches**

The first bench (donated by NNC) has now been installed on the Eco Meadow; MVA agreed to fund the installation of this bench. Mawsley Parish Council have agreed to fund a further three benches with two being sited on NNC and one on David Wilson Homes (DWH) land. NNC are visiting Mawsley on Friday (30th Jan) to agree the location of the two on their land. Ideas put forward are Spinney Wood Walk, adjacent to the Playing Field, and Eco Meadow.

Jenny is continuing to pursue a contact with DWH regarding the other bench.

8. **AOB**

8.1 **Mawsley Ladies Rounders Team**

A request for funding of £310 for a Rounders set and three bats from the Mawsley Ladies Rounders Team was approved.

8.2 **Fun Day**

A proposal from TCAM was that Fun Day revert to being a village MVA event, as it was originally, with TCAM still involved in the organisation. This may encourage more fun activities to be included in the day. MVA agreed with proposal.

Members then discussed MVA encouraging all User Groups to be involved and run fun/family activities and for MVA itself to organize some activities (e.g. Tug of War). To be discussed further at the April Meeting.

Subsequent to the meeting, TCAM have also proposed that other events such as Pancake Day and the Christmas Fair could also become village MVA Events.

8.3 Welcome pack to Village

Paul proposed reinstating the Village Welcome pack initiative, which include information about the activities on offer and User Groups/contacts, TCAM info, Church, Doctors, Dentist, Vet, etc. Under GDPR rules the Estate Agents cannot provide us with details of new residents, so the plan is to provide each active Estate Agent with a stock of welcome packs to give to new residents.

Paul agreed to contact all the active Estate Agents and collate the packs. Jenny, with TCAM's assistance, will produce a list of User Groups and other contacts.

9. **Date of Next Meeting** – provisionally Wed 22nd April 2026 (tbc) at 7.00pm, at TCAM.

10. Actions:

Audited accounts Research pros and cons of becoming a Charitable Incorporate Organisation and option of a volunteer accountant	John
Public Benches Continue to pursue project	Jenny
Welcome Pack Contact active Estate Agents Produce contact list	Paul Jenny
Agenda Items for April to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finance update, including Charitable Incorporate Organisation/volunteer accountant ○ Fireworks Night 2026 ○ Fun Day 2026 - Activities ○ Welcome Pack progress ○ Skate Mawsley ○ Public Benches 	