

Mawsley Villagers Association AGM

Date: 26 May 2026

Attendees:

Directors: Jenny Clucas, John Holton, Paul Howells, Chris Waine

Registered Members: Julia Baines, Sam Eggleton, George King, Nicola Wisdom

Village Members: Juliet Bullock, Jennifer Flynn

1. Chairmans Report (Jenny Clucas)

Welcome to all Directors, registered members of the MVA, and all the Mawsley village members present. Thank you very much for attending tonight.

Mawsley Villagers Association (MVA) is a registered charity with the Charities Commission and a limited company. The MVA, as the lease holder for the Village Centre, continues to work closely with Mawsley Parish Council, and with its trading arm, TCAM, a Community Interest Company, who operate the Centre on a day-to-day basis.

I will give a brief overview of the past year and John will present the finances before we open the MVA AGM for Q&A. My only comment regarding the finances is that whilst we are in a viable position currently this is not sustainable without some fund-raising activities going forwards. John will provide more detail.

Looking back over the past 12 months - the MVA has:

- Organised and run another successful fireworks night through the auspices of its experienced Fireworks Team. Everyone thought this was the best event ever; everything went as planned, the weather was kind, and the attendance levels were very good.
- Published 3 editions of the village newsletter, which continues to receive very positive reviews from local residents. The newsletter has a varied content from User Groups and individuals, and the limited number of adverts for local businesses offsets the printing costs.
- Installed 4 new public benches in the Village, working with North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) and Mawsley Parish Council (MPC), with additional funding from Mawsley WI and MVA. Many thanks to NNC, MPC, WI and MVA for contributing to the success of this project.
- Incorporated the Skate Mawsley Group as a formal sub-group of the MVA to assist in their efforts to secure funding for a new skate ramp. MVA have supported their engagement with NNC and act as their 'banker' holding the funds they have raised.
- Established twice yearly litter picks around the village in April and September, which are well supported by Village volunteers. The last one was held on 11th April and the next is planned for 12th September

Fireworks Night

I would like to praise and thank all of the Fireworks Team and volunteers for yet another magnificent and successful fireworks event. The time and effort they put in is invaluable, and the event is an important part of the Mawsley calendar.

I wish to convey very special thanks to Chris Waine, Steve Thorpe and Richard Harmon for their amazing input over many years as 2025 was their last Fireworks Night. 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.

I am pleased to say that a new skilled and enthusiastic Team led by Jake Fisher is in place to continue this tradition, with the previous members acting as mentors.

Skate Mawsley

The skate ramp project is progressing. With assistance from the MVA, a positive response has been received from NNC, confirming that they would be willing to be a joint or second applicant on any grant applications, would provide support and oversight of the delivery of the capital build, cover the public liability insurance and any ongoing maintenance costs, and provide the Contributing Third Party (CTP) payment if required. In addition, NNC have confirmed that to the Skate Mawsley Group, that as NNC are VAT registered, the VAT element will be covered by them, meaning any funding the Group raises will go further.

The Sub-group are now proposing a ramp in the £55-60k budget ballpark. They have ~£29k secured to date and are exploring grant options for the further ~£30k required.

MVA hold the funds raised by the Skate Mawsley project, independently and via GoodHub, on behalf of the Project. The total held as of end April 2026 is £4,410.

Looking forward:

- Jake and the Team have started planning for Fireworks Night 2026 - something to look forward to in the dark winter nights.
- Skate Mawsley Group will continue with their efforts to raise the funding required for a new skate ramp. This will involve applying for grant funding. The MVA will support this project.
- A Welcome Pack for new residents is being developed, working with local Estate Agents for distribution.
- The next Newsletter will be circulated in September, with the deadline for copy in mid-August. The Editor will contact the regular contributors and User Groups and we will post a reminder on the Facebooks Groups. If anyone wishes to contribute an article or run a paid advert please talk to John. After that there will be a pre-Christmas Newsletter in early Dec and the following one in April 2027.
- The next Litter Pick will be on Saturday 12th September - all volunteers welcome. Litter pickers, bags and gloves are provided, and TCAM kindly offer free tea/coffee/soft drinks and biscuits afterwards for the volunteers.

Directors and Registered Members

I would like to thank the Directors and Members for their continuing contribution to MVA and the Village. I would also like to thank MPC for their continuing support and the TCAM Directors and Nicola and her staff for their hard work in operating the Centre on behalf of the MVA.

The current board of directors are: Jenny Clucas, John Holton, Paul Howells and Chris Waine. There are no officers up for election this year.

If anyone would like to become more involved with the MVA as a Director or registered member you would be most welcome, please come and chat with me.

2. Treasurer's Report (John Holton)

The MVA financial year runs from 1st December to 30th November.

At the end of the last financial year the accounts showed funds carried forward of £10,402, down on the previous year (£12,321). The main transactions during that year were:

- Payment of the rates £2,042 (previous year £1,767)

- Newsletter printing costs £1,570
- Preparation of the end of year accounts £634
- Fireworks night costs £7,757

These costs were off-set by the following income:

- The 2025 firework display ticket sales and grant totalled £8,784, giving a surplus of £1,227.
- Three editions of the newsletter were circulated in the year and printing costs were off-set by advertisement income of £1,360, giving a net cost of £210 in 2024/25.

Since the end of the financial year (30 November 2025):

- There have been 2 editions of the Newsletter. These two Newsletters cost £1,110 offset by advertisement income of £1,040, giving a net cost of £70 in 2025/26 to date.
- The charity has provided £323 to support the Village Ladies Rounders Team with new equipment and shirts.

As of today, the charity has £9,986 in the bank. This will be depleted shortly with the purchase of the fireworks at a cost of £4,126 leaving £5,860.

As mentioned by the Chair, the MVA acts as the ‘banker for the Skate Mawsley Group. The MVA currently holds £4,410 collected by the Group for the Skate Park project.

The MVA has a reserves policy of £4k minimum and remains financially viable for the size and extent of its activities, however, it will need to raise funds in the coming years to cover outgoings. The rates decrease the accounts by ca £2,000 per annum and without raising funds the charity will be financially unsound in 3 years.

3. Q&A

The meeting was opened for comments/questions :

MVA Reserves

A question was asked as to whether the Charity should increase its reverse limit. John replied that this was unnecessary and the current £4k limit was workable.

Welcome Pack for new residents.

Would people letting properties be included in the circulation? Paul replied that if possible they would, either via local Estate Agents or with copies available to collect from TCAM. Previously, the details of new residents could be obtained via the Council, but this is no longer possible under GDPR rules.

How do people become registered MVA Members?

All Village Residents are automatically classed as members, but individuals who wish to become more involved and have a vote on MVA activities can become a registered member by completing a simple membership form. All members of MVA sub-groups are required to be registered members.

Ideas for possible MVA/TCAM Events (to be explored in conjunction with TCAM):

- Fairy Trail
- Craft events
- Children’s entertainment
- Arts Month incl ‘open mike’ poetry evening
- Afternoon teas
- Market