



**ANWCC Minutes of Meeting**  
**held 12th August 2025**  
**Mere and Tabley Community Club,**  
**Warrington Rd, Mere, Knutsford**  
**WA16 0TD**



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### Action Summary

The following actions are summarised from the meeting minutes:

Minute	Action	
2025.41 – Discussion (b) Rallying	Raise the need for a formally recognised, accredited forestry carbon offset scheme for event organisers.	Claire Kirkpatrick
2025.41 – Discussion (f) Sprint/Hillclimb	Raise SHC pressures with Andrew Bisping as Sprint and Hill Climb Committee representative.	Mark Wilkinson
2025.41 – Discussion (f) Sprint/Hillclimb	Request a discipline-specific prompt sheet for Event Stewards.	Claire Kirkpatrick
2025.44 - Secretary's Report (a) Regional Association Development Plan	Form recruitment sub-committee.	Jim Spencer, Steve Johnson, Oz Philips and Jack Mather
2025.44 - Secretary's Report (d) Event Officials Licensing	Build succession planning and recruitment into the ANWCC Regional Development Plan	Claire Kirkpatrick
2025.44 - Secretary's Report (f) People Accreditation	Apply to MSUK for People Accreditation	Tracey Smith

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### Apologies for Absence:

Dave V Thomas (Championships Co-Ordinator, North Wales CC), Colin Lester-Jones (North Wales CC), Jon Cordery (BRMC), David Rainsbury (MGCC), Roy Bell (Association of North East Midland Motor Clubs), Chris Brown (Lindholme MSC), Simon Bentley (De Lacy MC), Mike Lawson (Knutsford DMC) and Barry Wilkinson (Pendle DMC).

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### Present were:

Ann McCormack (Warrington DMC), Chris Winstanley (Longton DMC), David Gregory (Quinton MC), Eric Cowcill (PaN), Gareth Roberts (Broughton-Bretton MC), Jerry Lucas (Wallasey MC), Jonathan Armishaw (AMRO), Les Sharp and Roger Hopkins (Knutsford DMC), Maurice Ellison (Clitheroe DMC), Nancy Russell (Stockport 061), Oz Phillips (BMMC NW), Paul Goodman (MGCC (NW)), Paul Kelly (CSMA NW), Richard Murtha (Lancashire AC), Steve Johnson (CSMA NW, SD34MSG, U17MC(NW) and Accrington MSC) and Steve Kenyon (Garstang and Preston MC).

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### Officials present were:

Mark Wilkinson (Chairman/Stockport 061/Motor Sport (North West)/2300 Club), John Harden (Vice-Chairman and Liverpool MC), Jack Mather (Vice-Chairman), Jim Spencer (Treasurer/BRCA and Hagley), Katy Mashiter (Training and KLMC/Morecambe CC) and Tracey Smith (Secretary/BRMC).

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### 2025.37 - Welcome

Mark Wilkinson welcomed delegates to the meeting. Mark introduced Claire Kirkpatrick, Director of Club and Volunteer Development and Ben Cross, Club Development Coordinator from Motorsport UK.

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### 2025.38 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

The following points of accuracy were noted: David Gregory is not a member of Knutsford DMC and under item 2025.24 (Sustainability), Mike Lawson presented an outline of progress towards sustainable club accreditation. An amended version of the minutes will be published on the website.

The minutes were proposed by Jack Mather and seconded by Katy Mashiter. Tracey Smith thanked Jack for taking the minutes.

#### **Actions from the previous meeting:**

2025.22-Mark Wilkinson to raise the impact of declining marshal numbers at the meeting on 19 May. *Complete*. Claire Kirkpatrick stated that the number of registered marshals overall has not declined; however, MSUK do not have data on how many volunteer on a regular basis. Asked if the age demographic of marshals is changing, Claire stated that the age of new marshals is coming down, with the largest age group to register being between 18-29.

2025.30-Eric Cowcill to highlight the need for Safety Car Training in NW to MSUK. *Complete*. Eric spoke with Sam Walker, who is arranging the safety car training.

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### 2025.39 - Matters Arising

None received.

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### 2025.40 - Motorsport UK Reports

Claire Kirkpatrick provided an update on the work of the Club Development Team.

**Road Rally Officials Licensing** – an online course for Clerks of the Course for road rallies is under development. A working group will inform which events will need a licensed official. Clubs are encouraged to nominate candidates for the licensing course.

**Insurance for Road Rally Events** - MSUK are fully aware of the lack of affordable insurance for road rally events; insurers are cautious. The MSUK Finance Director is working hard to resolve this issue and put in place appropriate insurance. MSUK recognises this is one of the biggest risks to the sport. Katy Mashiter stated that her club had been quoted £65 per car for insurance. This did not include the per capita fee. Clubs recognise that this is not sustainable. It was noted that competitors can extend their own insurance.

**Sport:80 and 2026 Renewals** - Officials and marshals renewals will launch mid-September and club renewals will launch mid-November. Sport:80 is being updated to create Wizard tools to help with the renewals process. Clubs will be able to add and remove their own officials from their portal. Clubs will also be able to see a list of their members. A webinar on how to amend official's details will be available soon. Katy asked if clubs could list membership of more than one association. Claire stated there were no plans to change this at this time. Jack asked if there was a way of removing non-members from the Sport:80 club list. Claire advised clubs to contact MSUK.

**2026 Club Workshops** – workshops, similar to the former Club seminars, are planned for the North West in 2026.

Asked if any further NCR updates were planned, Claire stated that any updates would follow any Board meeting where updates were to be discussed.

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**StreetCar Festival** - MSUK ran a successful StreetCar Festival last year at Bicester and aims to run at least one event in each of England, Wales and Scotland this year. On Sunday 10 August, Anglesey Motorfest hosted the Wales StreetCar Festival. Claire reported that more than 200 Clubman license applications were made on the day.

Regional Committee met on 17 June. The following items were discussed:

**Online Safety Act** - further national developments expected to shape Motorsport UK's upcoming guidance.

**National Motorsport Week 2025** - scheduled for 10-20 July, with a focus on recruitment, retention and reengagement across all levels and disciplines of the sport.

**British Motorsport Trust** - supports key safety and training initiatives. Work is ongoing to raise the profile of the Trust.

**Training** - a new, simplified training pathway for Road Rally Clerks of the Course is in development, alongside efforts to address training gaps in key safety roles.

**Volunteer recruitment challenges** - a long-term development audit is underway to support future planning.

**Marshal License Renewal** - support for Marshals without internet access continues through postal notification of renewals and paper forms.

**Sustainability** - Members were notified of the year-end deadline to agree to the Sustainable Rally Charter, submit Carbon Calculator data and achieve Sustainability Accreditation for Clubs to be eligible to apply for closed road or forest Stage Rally permits in 2026.

**Martyn's Law** - is expected to come into effect in April 2027. The law is designed to improve security in publicly accessible locations against potential terrorist attacks. Guidance will be issued once further details become available.

Next Regional Committee meeting will be held on 4 November 2025.

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## 2025.41 – Discussion

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### a) Racing

Nothing to report.

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### b) Rallying

Tracey Smith has written to the forest rallies event organisers that are part of the ANWCC championships outlining the need to sign the charter. The charter is a requirement to satisfy the terms of the Forestry Stakeholders for the Rallying Forestry Agreement. Ripon Motor Club have replied stating that they had already signed the charter and were working towards accreditation. Knutsford DMC are awaiting committee approval to sign the Charter. We continue to support our clubs as they go through the application process.

There was some discussion around carbon offsetting; this is considered a last resort. MSUK would encourage clubs to use the carbon calculator tool to understand their carbon footprint and then take steps to reduce their footprint. It was agreed that collecting more data would lead to more accurate evidence of the real impact of motorsport.

Katy stated that the Forest Commission have a corporate offset scheme and added that clubs would welcome a formally recognised, accredited scheme for event organisers to contribute to help sustain forests for the future. Claire agreed to raise this with the Sustainability Team.

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**c) Karting**

Nothing to report.

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**d) Cross-Country**

Nothing to report.

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**e) Autotest/Autosolo**

Nothing to report.

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**f) Sprint/Hillclimb**

John Harden stated that sprint and hill climb events in the region are losing competitors. Several events in the north-west had been cancelled this year due to the lack of entries. Fees and ancillary costs are rising faster than inflation which means that events are not sustainable when faced with a decline in the number of competitors. This is contrary to what is being reported in Revolution magazine which seems to have a southern bias where events don't appear to have such issues.

Interest in sprints is declining rapidly. Venue hire costs are escalating; John Harden noted that hiring Aintree is now £5,000 a day which means that it costs around £15,000 a day to run a sprint there and event organisers are faced with losing between £3000-£5000 per event. Cancelling an event may result in the loss of that venue to motorsport. Paul Goodman stated that MG Car Club lost their Anglesey event as they were outbid by others for hire of the circuit. Paul asked if track license fees could be absorbed into the per capita fee, particularly given that a venue hosting just two events a year is charged the same licence fee as one hosting a dozen events?

Paul Goodman also noted that the heavy promotion of StreetCar by MSUK is taking away potential new competitors from sprints and hill climbs and other seasoned competitors are leaving sprints to go circuit racing which, for years, has been the next step for sprint competitors, but few new drivers are coming in to replace them.

Delegates felt that MSUK have done nothing to support club sprint and hill climb events. These disciplines receive little coverage in MSUK reports and do not get much publicity from MSUK. John felt speed events are over-regulated. John stated that he wrote the North and Midlands Recommended Classes and Clarifications for event regulations to help competitors decipher the over-complicated speed event rules. These have become widely adopted as the basis of many organisers' event classes. It was felt that the technical regulations for speed events are too constraining and cause competitors to turn to non-regulated events such as Javelin sprints and Time Attack.

It was agreed that MSUK needs to revisit their position that "any sport that needs PPE is not considered a grassroots motorsport". Mark Wilkinson agreed to raise these points with Andrew Bisping as Sprint and Hill Climb Committee representative.

The volume of event paperwork was discussed and it was agreed that there should be a mechanism or suitable system to upload documents online. Claire stated that Sport:80 does not have capacity to do this but added that the Sporting Team were looking at a system that would connect with Sport:80 to hold event documentation electronically.

Claire was asked why clubs need to provide copies of so many documents to Stewards appointed by MSUK and which had already been provided to MSUK. For example, why do organisers need to supply Stewards with copies of track licences and event permits when MSUK only appoints a steward once a permit has been issued and a permit is only issued when a venue has received a track licence? Similarly, why do organisers have to obtain copies of each visiting championships' permits when MSUK must have a central database and could simply publish a list of championships for which a permit has been issued? It was agreed that some documents should simply be available

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for inspection at the event rather than having to be sent to the Stewards, for them to send on the MSUK which probably has them already.

Katy Mashiter observed that some event Stewards have been demanding documentation in advance that they should not request for speed events (for example, full safety plans, photos of venues set up for events etc) which, due to confusion over what the Steward should be asking for, adds considerably to the workload of volunteer officials. It was agreed that a discipline-specific prompt sheet for Stewards would be helpful. Claire agreed to raise this with Rachel Gascoigne.

The general feeling was that MSUK is unnecessarily adding to the workload of volunteer officials at speed events and this feeling was echoed by representatives involved in other disciplines.

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#### **2025.42 - Sustainability**

We will run the [myclimate.org](https://myclimate.org) carbon calculator tool to measure the environmental footprint of our meeting and meet the requirements of our Sustainable Club Accreditation. We cannot use the MSUK tool as we do not currently hold any permitted events.

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#### **2025.43 – Safeguarding**

Nothing to report.

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#### **2025.44 - Secretary's Report**

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##### **a.) Regional Association Development Plan**

All Regions will have their own plan by Q3 2025 and progress will be measured via future club survey feedback.

The StreetCar Festival at Anglesey Autofest on 10 August presented a great opportunity for us to promote ANWCC and meet our member clubs, but unfortunately, only Dave Thomas was available to attend the event. ANWCC does not have any promotional materials. Tracey Smith proposed that a recruitment sub-committee was needed. Jim Spencer, Steve Johnson, Oz Philips and Jack Mather agreed to form a recruitment sub-committee and Claire Kirkpatrick agreed to build succession planning and recruitment into our Regional Development Plan.

Steve Johnson stated that he would welcome early notification of future StreetCar Festival dates to help with planning. StreetCar Festival dates cannot be agreed upon until the Board has approved the budget at the November meeting.

Steve also stated that colleges offered a great resource and that, in his opinion, not enough was being done to access college venues. Claire stated that her team has attended schools and colleges and that this work has resulted in the recruitment of new volunteers and an increased take-up of careers in motorsport. The biggest challenge is unlocking new venues for events. It is recognised that colleges and universities have a corporate responsibility and want to be good neighbours. This limits the use of their property at weekends for events.

Jim Spencer stated that clubs work closely with colleges and universities; John Harden has pioneered the Green Power Challenge in the north west and the British Radio Car Association is taking part in the S-RC Cup, a UK STEM Challenge for schools' competition for radio-controlled cars. It is centred around designing and building RC cars while learning physics, aerodynamics and electronics. Teams then compete on purpose-built race circuits inside prominent UK universities. Jim stated that schools face big challenges around resource availability. Mark wished Jim every success with the cup.

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##### **b.) Correspondence**

Proposed regulation changes have been circulated to all member clubs.

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Applications for volunteers to join various MSUK committees closed on 3 August.

Minutes received from AEMC and AWMMC.

Tracey Smith attended the ANEMMC meeting on 21 July as a guest.

Regional Association Chairs and Secretaries now have access to all association minutes and Regional Meeting summaries via Admin Control (MSUK document cloud).

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### **c.) New Member Clubs**

An application to join ANWCC was received from Harper Adams Motorsport Club. No objections were received and the club was welcomed as a full member of ANWCC, subject to receipt of subscription fees. Mark Wilkinson wished the club every success with their events.

Steve Kimber (Hogg Motorsport, Isle of Man) has set up a new recovery unit. The fully licensed two crew and vehicle are looking for opportunities in the UK. Contact [towmannrecovery@gmail.com](mailto:towmannrecovery@gmail.com).

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### **d.) Event Officials Licensing**

Applications for Event Official Registrations are now available from the Sport:80 platform. These include Event Steward, Event Secretary, Event Safety Officer (Stage Rally), Competitor Liaison Officer (Stage Rally) and specific registrations for Clubs operating events under a Super K-X Karting permit. Other roles will be added in the future. Registrations are not mandatory. Clubs are asked to encourage members who undertake these roles to register. Applicants will need to supply a letter of nomination. A guide on how to apply for an Event Official Registration is available [HERE](#).

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### **e.) Volunteer Recognition**

It is important to recognise the contribution from our volunteer club members. In February, it was agreed that delegates would consult with their club members and start to identify suitable nominations in advance of the opening of the 2025 MSUK Club and Volunteer Awards at the end of August and the ANWCC awards at the end of the year.

Claire stated that nominations for the MSUK Club and Volunteer Awards open on 1 September.

Tracey Smith attended a workshop to encourage volunteer organisations in Lancashire to apply for the King's Awards. Motorsport is underrepresented in this area and clubs are encouraged to think about suitable delegates. Nominations open in September. Register at [www.gov.uk/honours/nominate-someone-in-the-uk](http://www.gov.uk/honours/nominate-someone-in-the-uk). You will need your nominee's name, age, address and contact details, details of relevant work or volunteering they've done, details of any awards or other recognition they've received and 2 supporting letters - these should be from people who know the nominee personally. Include any evidence of recognition your nominee has received for their achievements, for example, articles, photos or letters.

The workshop also showcased the Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund that offers small grants for specific projects. Apply at [www.lancashire-lieutenancy.org](http://www.lancashire-lieutenancy.org). Criteria and priorities apply. Grants will be made based on funding available and will only be made for causes in Lancashire and to new applicants not supported in the past.

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### **f.) People Accreditation**

ANWCC is piloting the MSUK People Accreditation, promoting diversity and inclusion in motorsport. Tracey Smith has completed the required online disability and accessibility and LGBTQ+ inclusion modules and encourages all member clubs and committee members to do the same.

Inclusion and safeguarding are already firmly embedded in our championship rules - we expect all member clubs and registered championship competitors to follow the Race with Respect code.

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We create an inclusive environment where like-minded individuals can work together for the benefit of our sport. We aim to bridge the gap of isolation by fostering a strong sense of community and encouraging belonging.

It was agreed that separate Safeguarding and EDI statements would be helpful. Tracey Smith to apply for People Accreditation on behalf of ANWCC.

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#### **g.) LARA**

Eric Cowcill reported that forestry tracks are still being cleared post-winter storms. Eric has a copy of the latest forestry maps. There is still some concern regarding the illegal use of quad bikes and other off-road vehicles. This is a matter for the police to deal with.

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#### **2025.45 - Treasurer's Report**

Jim Spencer reported that, other than the LARA fees, there were no other expenses incurred.

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#### **2025.46 – Championships**

Dave Thomas provided a written report. Clubs are not consistently informing Dave Thomas about upcoming events. Requests for timely communication have been ignored, leading to frustration.

There are 299 registered championship contenders, down by 6 from last year. Historic Rally Championship may have only three qualifying events. Nigel Fox is the first Champion for 2025 with a maximum score from class wins. Mark congratulated Nigel on his success. The Inter-Club Challenge is very competitive this year with a 5-way battle. Clubs are asked to promote this Championship within their club.

Due to our bank imposing charges of £9.99pm, plus other charges on our "free for life" bank account, we are looking for an alternative account provider.

Several event fee invoices are outstanding and will be chased at month-end. 2026 subscription invoices will be sent out next month after bank account details are confirmed. Club Treasurers will be made aware of any new account numbers.

The venue for the awards night has been lost; Dave Thomas is exploring alternative options. The event may be moved to late January.

Registration forms for the 2026 Championship events and contenders will be available by the end of October. No rule changes are proposed, but suggestions are welcome. Making Rallying Cheaper Club will take over the MINI Challenge 2026.

Marshals Monthly £30 Prize Draw-the winners were:

- May - Alec Harrison (Bala and DMC and Caernarvonshire and Anglesey MC)
- June - Colin Lester-Jones (North Wales CC)
- July - Rob O'Brien (Warrington and DMC)

Mark Wilkinson congratulated the winners of the prize draw. Mark Wilkinson asked clubs to promote the marshal championship at their events.

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#### **2025.47 - Press**

Post remains vacant.

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#### **2025.48 – Training**

Katy Mashiter reported that she had spoken with Sam Walker. A Deputy Stage Commander and Stage Safety course will be held in the north-west. Katy needs a copy of the course materials before this can be arranged.

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Ben Cross stated that the Spectator Safety and Event Safety course has been organised for 5th October in Ashton-Under-Lyne. Stage Rally Clerks of the Course have been asked to submit nominations. Katy asked that this be publicised more widely to ensure proper uptake. Club Development Team agreed to publicise this training more widely.

Gareth Roberts asked what training was available in North Wales. Katy stated that if clubs let her know what was needed, she would be able to organise this training. Katy added that the Stage Commander course can only be run by paid MSUK trainers.

Garstang and Preston Motor Club are running a timing marshal course on 26th August.

Clubs were reminded that any member who attends training events held by an ANWCC member club is eligible to score points for the ANWCC Marshals Championship.

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#### **2025.49 - Forestry Liaison Officer Report**

Nothing to report.

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#### **2025.50 - Route Liaison Officer Report**

Nothing to report.

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#### **2025.51 - MOD Liaison Officer Report**

Nothing to report.

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#### **2025.52 - Any Other Business**

John Harden presented Claire with a copy of the new competitor's signing-on sheet and highlighted that there was nowhere for competitors to sign. It was noted that even if a competitor has already signed on for an event using the old declaration form, they will need to sign on again from the 1st of September using the new declaration form.

Steve Johnson thanked the organising team and work party who recently arranged repairs to the Weeton venue to help secure the future of this venue.

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#### **2025.53 - Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 11th November 2025 from 7.30 pm via Zoom.

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#### **2025.54 - Meeting ended** at 21:21 hours.

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