

North West Midlands and North Wales Group (Group 12) of the Motor Caravanners' Club report on the Members' Meeting held at Brymbo Sports and Social club on Saturday 18th October 2025.

Mrs Linda Hastilow convened the meeting at 11.13am. She thanked Shirley and Darren for providing the teas and coffee during the interval.

Linda then asked if anybody had any objections to Charlie, Lyn, Eileen and herself carrying on and running the Christmas and New Year rallies. There were no objections. She also mentioned that there were just a couple of spaces left for the Christmas party and that entertainers had been booked for both parties.

Gail Blackshaw offered thanks on behalf of the members for all the work the committee had put into the club over the years.

Linda mentioned 2 other rallies which needed someone to book in and host. Shirley said she is happy to carry on with her arrangements for Wistanstow and then she offered to joint host and run Hough with Darren, Len and Glynis.

Lyn asked if anyone had suggestions for a suitable venue for the EGM. there were several suggestions but It was decided to approach Bickerton to see if it is available for the weekend of 16 -18 January 2026.

Linda then formally asked if there was any other business.

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A member then asked what would happen to the group's money. Linda said it would go to Head Office and would be shared around the other groups. Alistair Bartlam then explained briefly what had happened when the Avon group had folded.

In essence as we haven't formed a new committee the group is in suspension. As we have commitments with Christmas and New Year, Alistair has agreed that we should definitely go ahead with our plans. Especially as a significant amount of money is involved. If a new committee is not formed at the EGM then our assets will go to HQ and be distributed among the other groups across the UK and N Ireland. Members will be shared amongst the postcodes nearest to them.

Michael Mitchell then mentioned the rallies that had been booked with the Avon group before it folded. Alistair agreed the COM had decided that 3 of their big rallies had been taken over, 2 were run as casual campsites and one taken over by West Wessex. The casual campsites will probably continue ad infinitum as they are very popular.

Chris Allen then asked if the group could ever be reformed if it folded. Alistair said as far as he was aware yes it could and he would look into that more thoroughly for us. We would probably

need at least 20 people to reform and if the monies and assets had been distributed to other groups we would have to ask HQ for a grant to enable the group to get going again.

Mike Hastilow asked what would happen to all the equipment currently stored in his garage. Alistair said that it could be stored at Head Office for a short time if there was a chance of the group reforming, otherwise it would be shared amongst the other groups.

Linda thanked the members for coming to the meeting and for their support during the year and again asked if anyone had anything to say or ask. Jon Beck asked if interested members needed to wait until the EGM to come forward and both Linda and Eileen said no. Please speak to any one of us at any time. Alistair reminded everyone that the members vote the committee on and that a new committee couldn't be formed until the EGM but volunteers etc could be taken on.

Ron Maddox then offered his own thanks to the committee and said how sorry he was to see it go. He was very happy with the current committee and all the work they had put into the group. Linda again offered her thanks to the members for their support.

Michael and Margaret Mitchell then offered to book in and park up at Wistanstow and a short discussion then followed telling them what they would be doing etc. A rally pack is given to every host and includes everything they need e.g. directional signs, booking in forms etc. Lyn mentioned that the main things to do when parking up, every van must be able to drive out, not reverse and have a 6m space between vans.

Lyn also thanked Chris and Fred Allen for all their help during the past year. They helped with the booking in and parking up at 9 rallies.

Alistair then said that although the group is now suspended the committee is still the group committee until the EGM in January .

Linda again thanked everyone for attending the AGM and stressed that none of us want the group to fold.

The meeting closed at 11.27 am