

Scottish Motorcycle Club
Annual General Meeting
The Willow Tree, Thursday 19th March 2026

Attendees: Kenny Anderson, Ken Eddie, Marc Elvin, John Hill, David Jerome, Mandy Johnson, Peter Johnson, Ian Jones, Steve Middleton, Norman Mitchell, Janet Moss, John Moss, Ian Ness, Gavin Paton, Martin Pennycook, Tom Sutherland, Antonios Tsikrikas, Dave Waddell, Alasdair Wood

Apologies: Grant Powrie, John Nicol, Arthur Shepherd, Alan Graham, Ali Lazizi, Ian McIntosh, David Thwaites, Martyn Wade, Iain Beedie, Ed Mackey, Ewan Ritchie, Duncan Calder

Chairperson, Peter Johnson

1. Approval of Minutes from 2025 AGM:

Proposed: Janet Moss

Seconded: Ian Ness

2. Reports from Office Bearers

(I) Treasurer: Ian Ness

Ian reminded everyone of his intention to stand down from the Treasurer Post this year. He then gave a summary of the year's financial activity. A detailed record of those financial transactions can be seen in below:

SCOTTISH MOTORCYCLE CLUB
2025 YEAR END ACCOUNTS

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Subscriptions	1,252.50	1,140.00
Merchandise Income	6.15	7.25
Calendars	0.00	0.00
Fees for events	0.00	0.00
Xmas Lunch Income	334.00	440.00
Total Income	1,592.65	1,587.25

EXPENDITURE

BMF	239.00	239.00
Merchandise	0.00	0.00
Venue Rental AGM	85.00	20.00
Vests/First Aid Supplies	0.00	0.00
Postage/Stationary	3.75	9.30
Web Hosting	65.21	272.11
Awards/Gifts	123.25	340.26
Misc.	135.97	46.77
Xmas Lunch	372.38	440.00
Bank Service Charges	42.50	0.00
Total Expenditure	1,067.06	1,367.44
Surplus/Deficit	525.59	219.81
Opening Balance	1,713.27	1,493.46
Add Surplus	525.59	219.81
Closing Balance	2,238.86	1,713.27
Balance as per bank statement	£2,238.86	

At 31/12/2025

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

INCOME:

£1,252.50 Subscription fees from 85 members received:

82 Members at £15.00

3 Members at £7.50

£334.00 8 members and 1 partner enjoyed Christmas Lunch at Indigo Yard, Edinburgh. This money was paid into the account to cover their meal.

EXPENDITURE:

BMF:

£239.00 This is the same as 2024.

AGM:

£85.00 To The Willow Tree, Linlithgow for the room hire, tea and coffee.

Webhosting:

£56.04 To Evanto Ltd for Wordpress Plugin
£9.17 To A2 Hosting for Webhosting

Awards and Gifts:

£108.50 To Bikerbuyz for Award glasses and alloy etched photograph
£5.25 To Tesco for gift bags for AGM awards
£9.50 To Rings and Things for shield engraving

Misc:

£47.97 To Zoom for committee meetings.
£56.00 For 25th Anniversary Cake for Strathpeffer Weekend
£32.00 To DFT Prints Scotland for 25th Anniversary Club Transfers

Christmas Lunch:

£372.38 To Indigo Yard, Edinburgh payment for Christmas Lunch.
£334.00 Was paid into the club account from those attending.
£38.38 Difference was paid by the club to cover the meal service charge in lieu of table wine.

Bank Service Charges:

£42.50 From 1st March 2025 a new bank service charge started. This was the first year this has happened due to the account being changed from Treasurers Account to a Community Account by the bank as the Treasures Account is no longer available. This is in line with most banks and is affecting similar clubs. Currently a monthly £4.25 charge is made.

SUMMARY:

The club incurred a surplus of £525.59 this year.
This was mainly due to the continued £15 member subscription. Also, the less than expected 25th Anniversary event expenditure.

Taking everything into account the clubs finances remain in a very health position moving into 2026.

Ian Ness SMC Treasurer

5th January 2026

After Ian's overview of the Club's financial activity for the year 1st January to 31st December 2025, he pointed out that the Bank Account Balance had changed since the year's end. This was due to an Income of £37.50 from subscriptions, as well as

Expenditure of £500.09, comprising £12.75 Bank service charges for three months, costs for items and prizes being distributed at tonight's AGM and £365.89 to cover web hosting for the next three years.

The Account Balance now stood at £1776.

Ian concluded that the Club's finances were still in a very healthy position.

No questions

(II) Proxy Web Administrator: Mandy Johnson

In general, the website has performed well this year and has been fairly stable.

There were a couple of issues relating to uploading photo's to the galleries and they were not displaying correctly – we worked with the developer to resolve this issue once it was identified and it related to an update that caused a coding conflict in the background – there was much head scratching going on by them as to why this happened but they resolved it for us (and it wasn't anything we did!).

In the interest of transparency, we had to give them access to the website with admin privileges to solve the issue and whilst this technically means they can access the membership information they assured us they would not. We also had to pay for an extra 6 months of support from them as the way paid for plugins work is you pay for 6 months or a year initially when you purchase the plugin and then once that expires you can either pay again and get all the updates and support or let this lapse, we were still getting updates but didn't have support so had to pay for another 6 months. Most of the plugins we use are free ones with the more in-depth areas like the photo album, membership software and calendar requiring licences to be purchased initially.

There have been a few other little niggles relating to the hosting and email side of the website but we have support in place via the hosting company to resolve those and they have dealt with anything quickly, and in language that I can understand as even though I built the website I'm not the most technical minded and when it gets into the coding side of things I'm clueless.

It's been great to see some volunteers step forward to take on this role going forward and especially volunteers with more experience than me in running websites and also with the new proposed committee members having a software / tech background to help out as well. I'm sure once the new web administrator gets up to speed with things there will be a few changes made here and there as everyone works in a different way but I will be on hand for a while in the background with admin privileges as well to help with the transition so please just bear with us while we slowly hand operations over and as always just email admin@ if you spot any issues and it will be picked up and dealt with by one or both of us.

Please do make sure you send any issues or queries to the admin@ email account and not to my personal email address as it's only fair on the new web admin that they have access to communications and are given the opportunity to deal with things.

No questions

(III) Runs & Events Co-ordinator (acting): Peter Johnson

Runs Report for the 2025 season

Looking back on the stats for the runs last season, the total number of runs where down by 5.

But the good news is, all the other stats are up. Total Run Attendees, Different Members Attending & Different Run Leaders.

I would just like to thank everyone who organised, lead, tec'd & contributed in any way to any of our runs. It all comes together to make all of our runs a very enjoyable experience for those who attend. Thank you.

SMC Run Summary

	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Number of Runs	0	27	32	27	36	39
Midweek Runs	0	15	19	18	23	28
Weekend Runs	0	12	13	9	13	11
Total Run Attendees	0	225	193	184	236	223
Average Members per Run		8	6	7	7	6
No. of Different Members Attending	0	53	46	48	47	45
No. of Different Run Leaders	0	11	10	6	11	9

Events Report for the 2025 season

The Club Nights in October and February continue to be popular, and last month a change in venue for Edinburgh to Brewdog on Lothian Road.

And of course, the 25th Anniversary event way back in May last year was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who had an input to make it happen.

Peter Johnson

(IV) Membership Secretary's Report 2025 Season: Ken Eddie

It was a baptism of fire for the Membership Secretary, having taken on the role last year whilst we transitioned for the first time to all renewals being processed on the website. Thankfully, it all seemed to go fairly smoothly, and don't think anyone got lost in the "cloud".

Club Membership increased by 2 during last year and is now at 89. Not everyone renewed last year, and we lost 11 members, but this is offset by the 13 new members that we welcomed throughout the year.

As for last year, the Renewal instructions will be sent out after this meeting and will follow the same process as last year. Full instructions will be in the email. Any members not renewing will have their account automatically deleted at the end of April, with maybe a couple of weeks grace.

We continue to see regular interest in the club, with users registering on the website, but converting this to full membership continues to be the challenge. Approximately 20 users registered throughout the year.

As the point of contact for the club, the Membership Secretary's inbox has been generally busy, once the spam is purged from more legitimate enquiries, and where appropriate, brought to the attention of the membership.

BMF affiliation has been renewed and the new BMF Code on your membership cards was updated back in January. It was noted that the BMF had omitted to include SMC in their website listing of affiliated clubs, but that has now been addressed, and we are included on that listing. We receive a monthly topical update email from the BMF, and the mission for 2026 is to lift this from the Secretary's inbox and then forward it to the membership through the club website membership email distribution. There is a degree of manual chop and paste required to do so, but, given that the affiliation is part of your club membership, it seems remiss not to do so. There are some interesting topics addressed by the BMF.

Ken Eddie

Congratulations were given to Ken for getting to grips with the Committee Post and taking it forward.

(V) Merchandise Report: Mandy Johnson (on behalf of Grant Powrie)

There were no sales made last year via the club shop. There were some transactions recorded in the Treasurers Report for Merchandise, and these were a carry forward from 2024 sales which did not update properly on Mandy's accounting software as mentioned at last year's AGM.

There is some surplus stock of old merchandise and coasters which we are giving away free to a good home so come and help yourself at the end of the evening.

Going forward there is no official merchandise as it is proposed I (Grant) take over as Treasurer. The merchandise@ email address will still function and will forward on

to Peter and he will deal with any queries or delegate these to another committee member to deal with.

Personal update from Mandy

As you know I've produced the merchandise for a few years now but I'm currently signed off work and ultimately will be closing my business down on health grounds, however, because of the low volume of items for SMC members and our connection to the club I am still able to do the merchandise as I will still have my smaller machine for personal use. The website will be changed to reflect a new reduced range of items based on what has previously sold and if you are looking for merchandise just contact the merchandise@ email address who will advise of next steps. This will also be communicated out to all members shortly.

Some of you may also be aware we have for many years purchased our AGM awards from the BikerBuyz company. They have now closed as Julie passed away a couple of years back and her husband has now retired so we have had to source new suppliers for this but I felt it important to pass this information along due to the history we have with them.

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(VI) Chairman's Report 2025 Season

Another year goes by, and it's been great we've not had a long cold winter, but the rain was relentless, I personally would have preferred to have snow. But it does appear that the poor weather conditions through the winter didn't stop a few of our dedicated, hardy, or maybe mad members to get out and brave a run or two already this year. And now the days are getting longer we'll all soon be out enjoying the open road again.

OK, so let's get back to my report of last season. The highlight for me was the 25th Anniversary event, I'm sure everyone would agree it was a great weekend in Strathpeffer, great company, great roads explored throughout the weekend, great weather, hopefully we don't have to wait till the 30th for another weekend like that, minus the visit from the local fire brigade.

But there were plenty more great events organised throughout the year, from our short chippy runs, to the longer day runs. Total runs may have been down in numbers, but as I mentioned earlier, a greater number of attendees. All showing the signs of a keen membership. I can only thank you all.

The 25th Anniversary Tour was last year's challenge title, with lots of different interesting places to visit, and thanks again to Ian Ness for coming up with the idea and locations.

Thank you to Steve Middleton for administering the annual challenge again last year, another bumper participation year Steve? I think we keep saying that every year.

This year's challenge will be.....unveiled a little later tonight via another Ian Ness production.

This coming year, we'll be using the same blue print of pre-defined proposed monthly run dates (just add a run leader and route) and coffee mornings (for those available during the week) to fill the calendar (entries are already in the calendar), and with the addition of more runs from our members I'm sure we'll make the most of this seasons riding. So just reply to any of the emails from the runs coordinator to host your run or event. And through the next winter months a few socials again. So that's the plan for 2026.

I would like to say thank you to our current committee for their contribution to the club over the last year (including those working away in the background), and looking forward to continue to work alongside those who are hoping to be voted back in. A special thanks to Ian Ness who will be stepping down this year. There may be some new faces on the committee by the end of the night, but some committee positions will remain unfilled. And as I mentioned in an email back in August last year, this will be my last year on Committee too. But until then, I'll be working alongside the rest of the new committee, continue to take onboard every member suggestion and comment to build an even stronger club for the future. With the member count continually climbing year on year, all of our runs and events will continue to be great motorcycling social events, with maybe some cake a coffee in there too.

Thank you

Peter

Consideration of any motions: No motions had been submitted by any Club Members, However, the Committee had agreed to submit a motion at the AGM to keep the Membership Fee at £15 for 2026. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

3. Election of new Office Bearers / Committee Members

No proxy votes had been submitted.

(I) Treasurer

Grant Powrie

Agreed unanimously

(II) Web Administrator

Dave Waddell

Agreed unanimously

(III) Runs & Events Co-ordinator

As no nominations had been received, **Peter Johnson** proposed to continue as Runs & Events Co-ordinator for 2026

Agreed unanimously

(IV) Membership Secretary

Ken Eddie

Agreed unanimously

(V) Merchandise Officer

As no nominations had been received, **Norman** volunteered to take on the role of Merchandise Officer for 2026.

Agreed unanimously

(VI) Meetings Secretary

Kenny Anderson

Agreed unanimously

General Committee Members

To encourage Club Members to become more familiar with background activity undertaken by the Committee and promote further involvement at an informal level, the position of General Committee Members was introduced last year. None of the posts were taken up. However, Ewan Ritchie and Antonios Tsikrikas, have now stepped forward for nomination, with the bonus that they also have valuable IT skills!

(VII) General Committee Members

Ewan Ritchie and Antonios Tsikrikas

Agreed unanimously

(VIII) Chairperson

Peter Johnson

Agreed unanimously

4. Awards

An engraved glass and a coaster with the Club's 25 Year Anniversary logo was presented to:

- **Most active new member: Tim Jenkins** with an impressive record of attending, as well as leading, Club Runs.
- **First person to complete the Challenge: Norman Mitchell**
Completed by 5th April, a little over 3 weeks from 12th March - the Challenge details reveal date!
- **Merit Shield: Steve Middleton** in recognition of his efforts for the Club this year, and longer!

5. Challenge 2023

Steve gave a review of the 2025 Challenge, underlining how successful the event had been.

Of 30 Members who registered, 25 gained a reward; 3 Bronze, 4 Silver, 1 Gold and 17 Platinum.

The total number of visits over the year by the 30 participants who registered, was a record breaking 574. Most popular location was Stobo Village Hall, with 29 visits, the least popular being Caerlaverock Castle, Dundrennan Abbey, Clan Chisholm Plaque and Tweedmouth Fountain, each with 19 visits. April was the most popular month for Members, with more than 1/3 of all visits taking place then.

Norman was first to complete all sites, achieving the mission by 5th April. `

A total number of 286 Challenge sites have been set since the event started in 2010. Janet & John Moss have visited every site!

Certificates and Club Coasters were presented to 25 Challenge participants.

★ **Bronze Awards (10 sites completed):** Al Wood, David Jerome, John Nicol

★ **Silver Awards: (15 sites completed):** Ali Lazizi, Alan Graham, Peter Speirs, Marcus Sharp

★ **Gold Awards: (20 sites completed):** Ian Jones

★ **Platinum Awards: (25 sites completed):** Steve Middleton, Antonius Tsikrikas, Peter Johnson, Ewan Ritchie, Ken Eddie, John Moss, Janet Moss, Iain Beedie, Tom Sutherland, Grant Anderson, Alex Muir, Ian Ness, Alex Muir, John Hill, Ian McIntosh, Ed Mackey, Allan Jones

Another successful, well attended, Club challenge in 2025 was the Treasure Hunt, organised by Ken Eddie. Peter asked for a vote of thanks to Ken for his efforts.

Ken indicated that he would be willing to repeat the event this year.

6. AOCB

- 1) Peter informed the group that he'd heard from Ed Mackey, who had had his knee replaced recently. Ed sent Peter an email a few days ago letting him know that he was on the mend and wished everyone well. Sadly, Peter also said that Ed had sold his bike and thought he would be giving up biking.

He sent the following message:

I'm grateful to the Scottish Motorcycle Club for giving me the incentive, friendship and support to explore so much of Scotland and beyond – including Wales, the Lake District and Northern Ireland – through amazing Group events, wonderful annual Challenges, puzzling Treasure Hunts and brilliant Chippie Runs! A highlight of my 2025 was the SMC Anniversary weekend at action Strathpeffer.

With thanks and gratitude, fond memories and best wishes for 2026 and beyond,
Ed Mackey

Peter said he would pass on the group's best wishes when he hands in Ed's Challenge Certificate.

- 2) Mandy raised the issue of updating the Constitution to allow minor tweaks to be made with regards to the Committee roles to reflect that some roles are combined and then split (i.e Runs Co-ordinator and separate Events Co-ordinator which may be made into Runs & Events Co-ordinator the following year then split back again) so to have the Constitution worded so that these minor tweaks do not need to be voted on every year but it would also be made clear this did NOT include the creation of new roles. Ken suggested adding the word "typically" in (i.e. the Committee would typically be made up of the following roles) would allow for this however MarcE raised concern that adding "typically" in meant that adding other roles in would be possible as the roles themselves are not defined. It was agreed the Committee would look into this. Ken also enquired whether the changes to the Constitution were tracked and Mandy was sure they were in the past and would look into this as well and revert back to the Committee.

3) Ian Ness Video

Ian finished off the meeting by showing an excellent video he'd prepared to promote the 2026 Club Challenge: "**Discover Hidden Scotland**"

The video is available to see on the Club Website in the Annual Challenge section of the forum.

No other business, the meeting was closed.