MCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 12 OCTOBER 2026

The Annual General Meetings for the Menithwood Community Association (MCA) and the Menithwood Millennium Green Trust (MMGT) were held on Sunday 12 October 2025. Both charities were able to appoint Trustees to enable both charities to continue to operate. It was confirmed and agreed the two charities still intended to merge together in 2026. It had not been possible to implement the merger in 2025 because of governance issues with TSB Bank and other pressures on the key Trustee leading on this matter.

Kevin Gittins was appointed Chair of the MCA until the new Trust had been set up and the two charities had merged together. He emphasised there were a number of tasks that would need to be completed first before the merged Trust could be created. The most important tasks related to:

1. Resolving the governance issues relating to the TSB Bank, so the Chair had access to the online bank account. (Achieved in March 2026).
2. The two charities use two different insurance companies and two different banks.
1. The two charities have different year end accounting dates.
2. The Trustee details now fully comply with the details included in the Charity Commission records.

The new “Menithwood Village Trust” will be set up during 2026. However,

it is not possible to give a precise timescale. Most of our MCA Trustees have decided to remain on the MCA Committee. Many people in the village are extremely pleased the Old Chapel Hall remains open and used on a regular basis.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE HALL PLUS THE 100 CLUB

The MCA organised a Christmas Carol event, Social Games Evening, Plant Sale and monthly Coffee Mornings. The MCA has also focused on trying to put the charity on a more secure financial basis. The main source of funding for the MCA is “The 100 Club”, which was set up over twenty-five years ago by Janet Farmer. The annual cost of a ticket is now £15 a year. The first prize has increased to £30, with a second prize of £10 and the third prize is a bottle of wine.

DONATIONS AND GRANTS

The MCA is always looking for donations from different organisations towards the maintenance costs, particularly repairs to the roof, which is a continual problem. Following the cessation of the ‘Save the Bell’ charity the MCA has received £912.50. This generous donation will be used to provide a reserve fund for future roof repairs to the Old Chapel Hall. The roof is over 30 years old. The MCA has spent over £1,000.00 on repairs to the roof in the last two years, which appears now to have stopped the leaks. The MCA has also received £200 from the Malvern Hills District Council on 31 March 2026 towards the running costs of the Hall.

WI-FI CONNECTION

The Pensax Parish Councillors will be aware Openreach completed the required external work to instal the wi-fi into the Hall on Friday 27th March 2026. The MCA is immensely grateful to the Pensax Parish Council for agreeing to allocate £900.00 to finance the wi-fi facility in the Hall for a

two-year pilot period. It is hoped this facility will encourage more children and adults to use the Hall and it will lead to more events and activities being held in the Hall.