Menithwood Millenium Green for the FY 2025/26

MMGT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 12 OCTOBER 2025

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.

Neil Withey was appointed as Chair of the MMGT with Kevin Gittins retaining Chair of the MCA until the new Trust had been set up and the two charities had merged together, at which point Neil Withey will take on the role of Chair for the new Charity.

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

it is not possible to give a precise timescale. Reassuringly most trustees for both MMGT and MCA have decided to remain. However, the MMGT has lost a trustee recently with Tim Wood leaving the area and we are actively seeking new trustees.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ON THE GREEN

The MMGT trustees organised working parties for late October/early November to undertake essential works before the arrival of Winter these included:

- Clearing Bracken from around the fruit trees in both orchards.
- Mulching those trees with chippings left by National Grid following power line tree clearing on the green.
- Planting of Oak saplings amongst the top hedge.
- Checks and maintenance of the gates providing access and egress to the green.
- Clearing of brush and bracken along bottom hedge
- Replacement of two trees which succumbed to ash die back.
- All tree labels checked and where required replaced or new ones bought and attached (17 in total.
- Trustee Mike Mocket made 7 bird and bat boxes which we installed in the early spring, including Robin box, blue and great tit, bat roosting boxes plus a tawny owl box.

DONATIONS AND GRANTS

The MMGT is always looking for donations from different organisations towards the maintenance of boundary fences and gate, tree replacement, making new bird and bat boxes, etc. following the cessation of the ‘Save the Bell’ charity the MMGT has received £912.50. We have also received £200 from the Malvern Hills District Council to support the green and ensuring continued access for users.