

Secretary's AGM report November 2023
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I've only been secretary for a few months, but so far it hasn't been a particularly arduous task. Certainly it's made much easier with modern communication methods, such as email, as I've always been terrible at dealing with written correspondence; I'm much better at emailing as I can fit it in whenever I have a few spare minutes.

Most of the messages that I've received have related to vehicle registrations. These have been easy to deal with as I simply have to forward them to Andrew Pattle.

Most of the remainder have been from the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC), of which the EACC is a member. The FBHVC looks after the interests of the classic and vintage vehicle movement in the UK, particularly lobbying government and the DVLA to ensure that we are able to use "yesterday's vehicles on tomorrow's roads". I attended their recent AGM, where there were some interesting insights into government thinking and challenges that the classic vehicle movement faces at the moment. I'll write a separate report for the MAC covering that topic, and also I'll start writing a regular slot on FBHVC News.

There's not much else to report at the moment, although I'm sure I'll have more to write next year, when I've been in the post for a whole year.

Unfortunately, I've not been able to attend any of the past year's runs on a club eligible machine but I promise I'll do better next year! I've certainly got enough of the things to choose from...

Andrew

TREASURERS REPORT

2022/2023

As you will see from this year's figures, our Income and Expenditure are very similar to last year.

We implemented increases in both membership fees and dating service fees which should have started in January, but due to the AGM not taking place, did not come into force until May, so we still have a shortfall with regard to the cost of the printed magazine for each postal member. My updated costs per member is printed at the end of this report.

By far, our highest expense is the cost of postage. This year we have spent over £1100 on general posting of membership and dating documents alone, which, if we include the £1500+ spent on sending out the magazine totals some £2600. With another recent increase we have to be realistic about future fees which cover the frequent postage rises. Therefore another membership fee increase may be necessary next year to redress the shortfall.

Although payments made by cheque are reducing in favour of bank transfers, we are still receiving those that are made out to the wrong payee, or are unsigned, and we still have a few payments being made via PayPal that haven't included the fees that the club then loses. All methods of payment and amounts due are printed in the magazine and are available on the website.

This concludes my report.

ESTIMATED COSTS PER MEMBER - 2023

FBHVC membership costs £431.46

Club Public liability Insurance £144.70

= £ 576.16 divided by 918 members = £0.62, plus min of 1 stamp at £0.75

= £1.37 per member

COST OF MAC magazine is £4495.03 for six issues, divided by 433 postal members =£1.73 per issue x 6 issues per member = £10.38

Plus membership cost above £1.37

= £11.75 total - Current fees are £10, so a shortfall of £1.75

Email magazine members pay £4.00, so a £2.63 profit each.

Editor – Andy Sparks.

When it comes to my part (Editor) at the AGM, I'd just like to say that I'm enjoying putting the MAC together and I hope the membership likes what I'm doing.

I'm always keen to receive material for the magazine, six magazines per year take some filling. Please always put word out that I need all sorts of moped related words and/or photographs. They can be emailed, WhatsApped or posted to me.

Membership

Period ending	30 Sep 2023	31 Oct 2022
Membership at start of year	918	964
Members not renewing	166	160
Members renewing	752	804
New members	90	114
Membership at end of year	842	918
UK postal	404	433
UK e-mail	428	466
Overseas postal	0	1
Overseas e-mail	3	6
Associate	7	12

Please note that this year's figures only cover 11 months because now that Andrew Roddham has become Secretary I have to do my report on time!

Club membership has decreased this year. This could be due to a number of causes but I think that an ageing membership and the current economic climate are the main causes. I don't think it is down to anything the club is doing wrongly as I have had a number of messages from members who have chosen not to renew, all wishing the club well.

Dating

The number of dating requests has gone down a little: 286 this year and 305 last year. The number of V765 applications has also fallen: 29 this year and 33 last year. These figures are up to the end of September but I have taken a full 12 months' figures to give a fair comparison.

One problem that has cropped up this year concerns NOVA. HMRC will not deal with NOVA applications on Imported machines but are insisting that they are done by an import agent. However, it does appear that this only applies when you have actually imported the vehicle. Those cases where someone has bought an imported vehicle within the UK but no NOVA has come with it are still handled by HMRC, as are those cases where DVLA is asking for NOVA even when it's a UK-made vehicle. If you do buy an imported machine in this country, get a receipt or keep a copy of the eBay listing—that'll help with the NOVA.