Malvern Community Forest Chairmans report July 2025

Good evening and welcome to the Malvern Community Forest AGM.

We continue to tick over but we are struggling to recruit new members. Our Corporate ventures seem to bring interested parties to the events we run but this does not translate to new individual membership. Something we need to address if we are to function as a charity.

We are on the verge of being landowners with the Hornyold project in the process of clearing the final few hurdles. My thanks to Bob Tilley for keeping tabs on progress. We will need to produce a 5 year plan and strategy for dealing with overstood and straggly trees in this woodland as the whole site is subject to Tree Preservation Orders. (TPO's). I will contact the Tree Preservation officer directly for advice on how to proceed with the requests to work within the woodland.

We continue to wait for Platform Housing to come up with an agreement for Beauchamp Rd Green. It is my understanding that residents have taken it upon themselves to mow a circuit path within the green. (This is good news because it indicates a wish to "Take ownership" of the project which is what we aim for with our mission statement…

Link station continues to flourish, and my thanks go to Nigel and Brian for their efforts. It is my understanding that Nigel has had to step back due to health issues and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Memorial wood is responding well to understorey clearance and the dead hedging appears to be holding the Muntjac deer at bay. This woodland attracts corporate membership for additional working parties and I would like to try doing a summer Flora and Fauna survey with Corporate members in mind. Lorna Baggett (Malvern Town Council) has offered to assist us in setting this up and I would like to thank her for her help in providing Wildlife advice as and when required.

Prospect is still in limbo with the owners failing to respond to any communication from us regarding renewing the lease. We will continue to look after the woodland until they tell us our services are no longer required. I the meantime, I have started a monthly Greenwood Carving group at the site under the umbrella of the Association of Pole lathe Turners and Green Woodworkers (APT&GW) details of this organisation can be found at www.bodgers.org.uk

My thanks go to the trustees for their continued support. I hope in time we can increase our numbers and carry the MCF flag into the future…

Dave Munday,

Chair, Malvern Community Forest.