

**The Ford and Fordson Association  
Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 at 4.30 p.m.  
The Pavilion, Malvern Show Ground  
The Minutes**

Just seven members attended the meeting, which took place in the Pavilion at The Three Counties Show Ground, Malvern during the weekend of Tractor World. This included Nick Bryne, representative for Somerset.

Committee members attending: Patrick Pawsey, John Maiden, John Vowell, Phil Gibson, Jane and Keith Broomhall

**Welcome by the Chairman** – Welcome to the FFA's 2025 AGM and thank you for coming. We do have Club business to transact before we get to the most important part of today's proceedings when the meeting is thrown open to for you to raise any suggestions or criticisms you may have to improve the Club. Tractor World has grown over the years to become a major event, and I hope you are enjoying this year's show, and I do not want to keep you too long from it. So, I shall sit down and hand the meeting over to Jane's safe hands.

**Apologies for absence:** Roy Cowgill, Lin and Ian Price, Gary Capp, Rodney Gibson, Robbie Ironside, Ken Bailey, Peter Mitchem and Stuart Bailey.

Minutes of the previous AGM held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were distributed ahead of the meeting and the Secretary provided a summary of the content. Acceptance of the Minutes as a true record of the meeting, proposed by John Vowell seconded by Nick Bryne and to be signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

Our representation throughout the UK has been extended during the year with the appointment of David Rawlinson in Cheshire, Jonathan Boaz in Worcestershire and Brian Nairn in the Borders.

Insurance cover for public liability was increased from £5M to £10M as agreed.

We feel the quality of the magazine has been maintained with the support of Jane Brooks, our new editor.

Membership has continued to increase – see full report.

## **Chairman's Report – Patrick Pawsey**

I would like to start this year by welcoming Phil Gibson to the committee he was co-opted during the year and is standing for election this afternoon as required by our constitution, he will certainly receive my vote. Phil is well known to you all and has done a splendid job organising events for us, including this one, over the last few years.

Nothing ever stands still for long, and it is my privilege to thank Peter Mitcham and Ken Bailey, both long serving committee members, for the care and support they have given the Club over many years. They have decided it is time to retire from the committee, but I'm sure they will continue to support us. I have had a lot of fun with Ken over that time, but we all grow older, and times change.

Speaking of change, it seems to be all around us at the moment, I'm afraid some of it we will not like but to prosper the Club must evolve with it and I have every confidence that it will. Finally, it is my pleasure to report that the Club has had another very successful year as you will shortly hear in our Treasurers report, and that we are in a sound financial position to face the future.

Thank you.

## **Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Jane Broomhall**

We are looking at accounts for the twelve months ending December 2024.

The accounts have been audited by a chartered accountant at no cost to the Association and as previously advised, any cheques require two signatories, though the majority of transactions are now via bank transfer.

Public Liability insurance is now in place for £10M and we continue as members of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Club. This body keeps Associations like the FFA in touch with all relevant regulations.

### **Income**

Our main income comes from subscriptions and merchandise sales.

Subscriptions totalled £39,979.83 during the year, versus £31,992.26 in 2023. An outstanding increase.

As at December 2024 we had 1891 members split between 1850 UK members who pay £20 per year and 41 overseas members who pay £30/£33, depending, if they are in Europe or further afield.

There was an increase of 316 members during the year. (Obviously we lose a number of members throughout the year due to ill health or often the fact they have sold their tractor, so an encouraging situation).

In addition, we have 140 member-only subscriptions at £8 per year. A substantial increase on 2023 as a result of many people seeking help with registration of their tractors. The £8 option is no longer available.

So overall membership now exceeds 2,000 in total.

We pay Kelsey £2 per magazine for UK members and £3 per magazine for overseas members. These sums are paid to Kelsey on a magazine, by magazine basis. Late requests for copies are charged at £2.50/£3.50 respectively.

Payment via our direct debit facility with GoCardless continues to be popular and some 385 members make payment this way. We really should encourage more to do so to reduce the administration involved.

Obviously card facilities enable members to pay for membership and merchandise.- we use Worldpay and Sum-Up.

**Merchandise** sales for the year totalled £17,125.80, an increase of £5K compared to £12,167.13 in 2023.

**Sponsorship** – whilst we receive no income for sponsorship now – a decision taken twelve months ago – our sponsoring companies provide discounts to members.

These include Old 20 Parts, Railswood, Silver Fox, KMP (Anglo Agri). Welham Diesel Injection, Perryman Tractor Spares and Emmark.

**Fundraising** of £1,703.50 relates to monies donated for the provision of teas, coffee etc. at shows.

## **Expenditure**

**Subscription** transfers totalled £22,390.65 (£18,814.58 in 2023) and relates to the monies paid to Kelsey for distribution of the Ford and Fordson Tractors magazine. The increase reflects the increase in membership throughout the year.

Merchandise costs for purchases of the range of FFA clothing and accessories, increased to £14,407.03 compared to £12,143.04 in 2023.

Exhibition/AGM costs totalled £9,336.51 compared to £8,502.12 in 2023. This includes the cost of hiring our own marquee for Newark. (£6292.32).

Trophies/Plaques/Giveaways at £1,583.39 compared to £1,733.39 in 2023.

Stationery and postage costs were £3,414.24 compared to £4,337.02 in 2023. This includes all postage for letters and parcels, computer cartridges, envelopes, paper and for the website administration.

I am hoping we can reduce this in 2025 by issuing the majority of renewal letters via email.

Insurance costs relate to our general insurance and membership of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Club. £496.84 and £805.16 respectively. Federation costs increase with membership levels.

## Summary

Our **income** exceeded our expenditure by £6,394.51 compared to an excess of expenditure over income in 2023.

The balance at the bank on 31<sup>st</sup> December totalled **£36,305.27 (£29,910.76 in 2023)** and the merchandise stock in hand totalled **£10,250**.

A very healthy situation for your Club.

## The Future

Our priorities for 2025 are:

To maintain the quality of our magazine – Jane Brooks is very supportive, allowing additional pages when needed.

To further expand our membership.

To continue to extend our number of Representatives to provide a better coverage both home and abroad and, hopefully, the ability to attend more events.

I am delighted that we have welcomed David Rawlinson – Cheshire, Jonathan Boaz – Worcestershire, and Brian Nairn - Scottish Borders– as new representatives.

We are investigating additional insurance cover for the officers of the Association which is comparable to becoming a limited company – something that is common amongst tractor clubs today.

Any Questions? Thank you.

## **Committee and Election of Officers**

Committee members whose office expired in 2025 were advised as Ian Prince. Ian has expressed his willingness to remain in office for a further three years.

Phil Gibson was welcomed to the committee after being co-opted during the year.

The appointments were proposed by Keith Broomhall and seconded by Phil Gibson and confirmed by all attendees of the AGM

Whilst their membership on the committee was not due to expire until 2026 both Ken Bailey and Peter Mitchem had elected to step down early. Thanks was expressed for their contribution over the years and Jane was asked to write to both and stating that we hope they will come along to shows whenever they can.

## **Any Other Business**

The question of our membership of the FBHVC was raised; the Chairman felt that their support over the years had proved to be very helpful and that our continuing membership was worthwhile.

Jane mentioned forthcoming legislation connected to terrorism; the Federation will be offering guidance on this during the year.

John Vowell mentioned that he hadn't seen Jane Brooks, the editor of the Ford and Fordson Tractors magazine, at the show; apparently she attended on Friday. It was agreed that with her background knowledge of tractors and involvement with other magazines, she better represented the tractor movement. Whilst Chris Graham was very capable and supportive of the club, his background was not in tractors.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.05 p.m.

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**FORD AND FORDSON ASSOCIATION  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**



**Income**

Sponsorship	19.20
Membership Subscriptions	39,979.83
Merchandise Sales, inc. postage	17,125.80
Fundraising	1,703.50

**Total** **58,828.33**

**Expenditure**

Subscription Transfer	22,390.65
Merchandise Purchases	14,407.03
Exhibitions/AGM	9,336.51
Trophies/Plaques/Giveaways	1,583.39
Stationery/Postage incl. merchandise postage	3,414.24
Insurance	1,302.00

**Total** **52,433.82**

**Excess of Income over Expenditure** **6,394.51**

**Balance Brought Forward from 31 December 2023** **29,910.76**

**Balance at Bank as at 31 December 2024** **36,305.27**

**Merchandise stock in hand** **10,250.00**

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