

THE MAWNAN ANVIL TRUST

Company Registration No. 4505128 Charity Registration No. 1099398

VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2025

The year began much as usual with only minor items of repair and maintenance arising.

Trustees - In January 2025 the long-standing Chairman, Allan Evans, resigned as both a Trustee and Chairman due to an impending house move to Hampshire and continuing ill-health.

It was with great sadness that the Trustees learned that he passed away on 1st July.

In June 2025, another founder Trustee, Martin Tremayne, tendered his resignation as a Trustee but happily for the Trust, continues to act in a volunteer capacity.

A new Trustee, Rob Ashburn, was voted on board in July, bringing a depth of experience in engineering that is particularly useful in respect of the Smithy.

An additional Trustee is being sought, ideally a person with company administrative skills.

Tenants – the four Tenants remained stable until the Summer, when the Blacksmith and the Wood Carver encountered difficulties. The Blacksmith suffered an infection that prevented him from working and with no quick return to good health and the ability to undertake demanding physical work in prospect, it was agreed that he would terminate his tenancy at the end of August. Traditional blacksmiths are hard to find and the Trust may have an empty Smithy for a while...and also contemplate an alternative to a blacksmith, such as a metal worker.

The Wood Carver (Unit 1) had been forced to take other employment to supplement his income thus reducing the hours spent at his workshop to a level below that agreed. After discussion with the Trustees, he decided to relinquish his tenancy and also left at the end of August.

Fortunately a new Tenant for Unit 1 has already been found and will take over from 1st October.

Fund Raising - the traditional annual event, Penwame Garden Open Day, was blessed by fine weather and resulted in record net takings of £1,261.73. As always, our thanks go to our President, Mrs Ruth Sawyer, owner of Penwame Manor for enabling the event to happen.

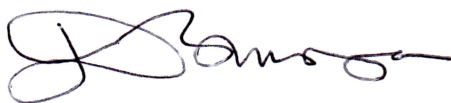
Works – compared to the previous financial year, there was little expenditure on maintenance / repairs. £1,586.62 was the total, of which £729 was for the refurbishment of the Courtyard floor. *(Its first proper cleaning since it was completed in 2007).* Fortunately, the Trust received a grant of £250 towards the cost from the Parish Council.

Finances - our closing bank balance of £10,067.74 is some £2,000 greater than the previous year, reflecting good management.

Thanks to all Trustees for their commitment to the smooth running of The Old Smithy Workshops.

David Morgan

Vice Chairman



13 October 2025

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