



Malvern Hills Bill Evidence Slides of Susan Satchell





Malvern Hills Trust

Caring for Malvern's Hills and Commons
Charity no. 515804

INTRODUCTION

Total number of trustees (elected and appointed) by electoral area

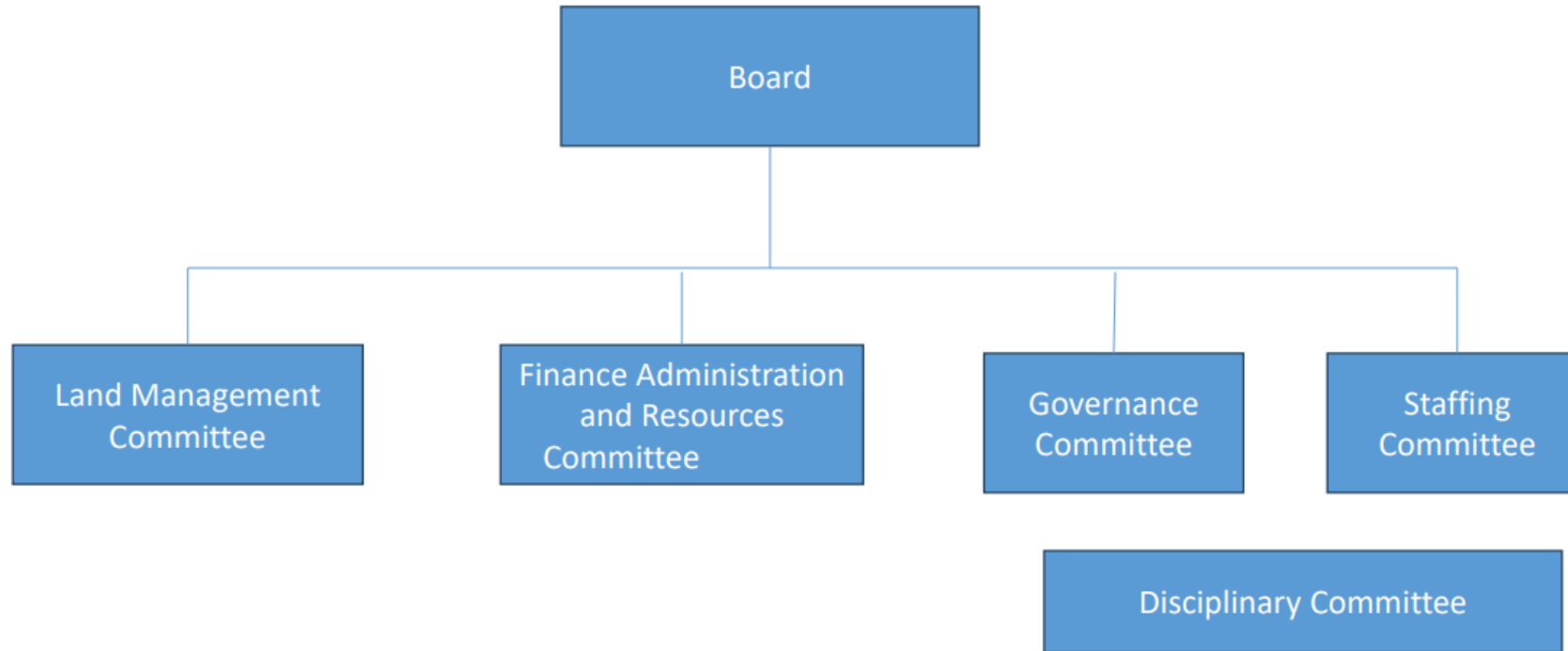
| Parish/Ward | Number trustees |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Guarlford | 1 |
| Mathon | 2 (one appointed one elected) |
| Colwall | 3 (two elected one appointed) |
| Wells Ward | 1 |
| Priory Ward | 1 |
| West Ward | 1 |
| Dyson Perrins Wars | 1 |
| Pickersleigh ward | 1 |
| Link Ward | 1 |
| Chase ward | 1 |

Appointed trustees by local government bodies (and Church Commissioners)

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Malvern Hills District Council | 8 (who must be councillors) |
| Worcestershire County Council | 2 |
| Worcestershire County Council under agreement dated 22.07.1968. These have always been trustees nominated by the parishes of Castlemorton, Newland and Powick | 3 |
| Herefordshire Council | 2 |
| Church Commissioners (no longer appoint) | 1 |



Committee Structure





BOARD

Secretary to the Board p/t
Alison Marlow

CEO
Deborah Fox

Land & Property Manager
Sarah Jordan

Finance and Admin Manager (p/t)
Nicky Gutteridge

Conservation Manager
Jonathan Bills

Governance Change Officer (p/t)
Susan Satchell

Operations Manager
Martin Barnett

Finance Officer
Lisa Curtis

Admin Assistants (p/t)
Cheryl Morris
Lea Gleeson

Community & Conservation Officer
Marie Dipple

Conservation Officer (p/t)
Andy Pearce

Rangers
Richard Vale
Simon Roberts
Angela Norton
Mike Price
Timothy Booker

Gate Monitor
Richard Vale

Estate Supervisor
VACANT

Field Staff
Neil Tilley
Katie McEvoy
Duncan Patterson
William Stevenson
Charlie Harland

Volunteer Surveyors

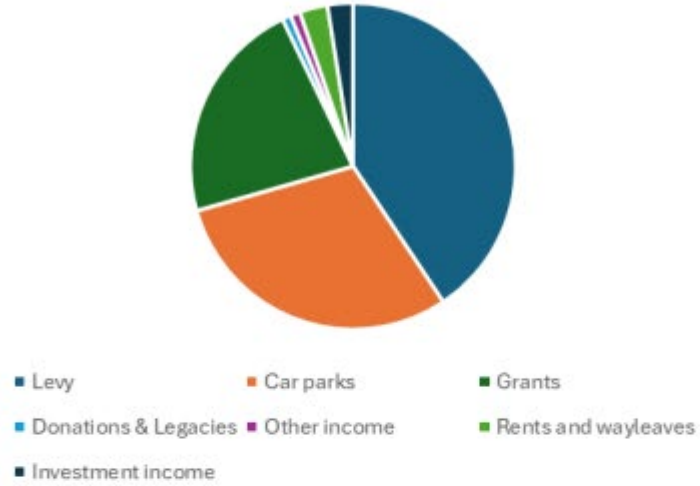
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Volunteer Rangers

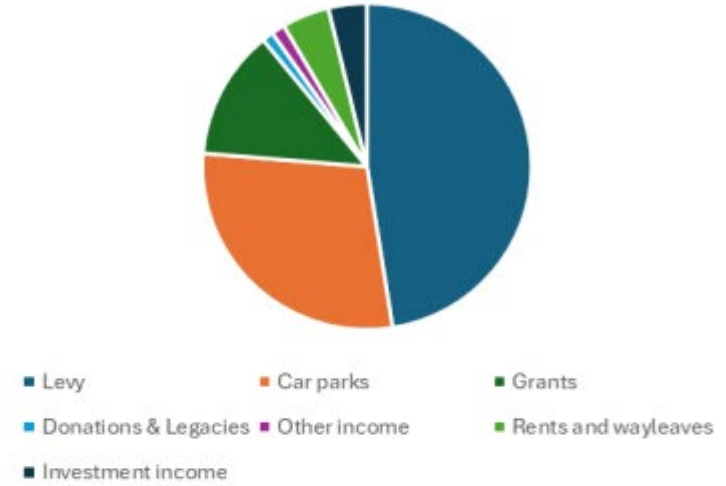


Sources of Income

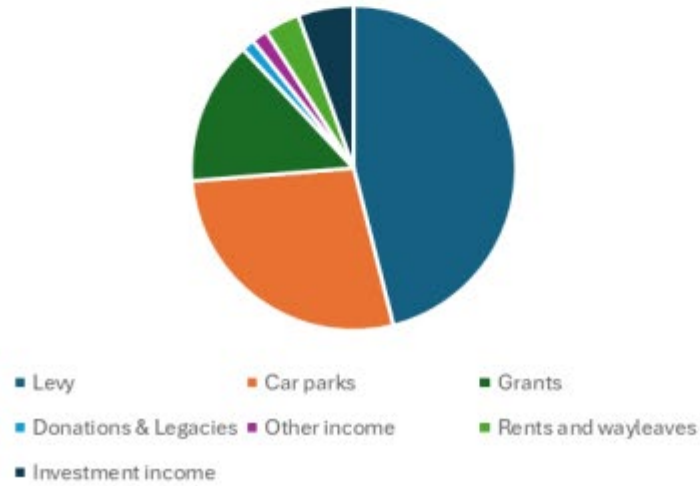
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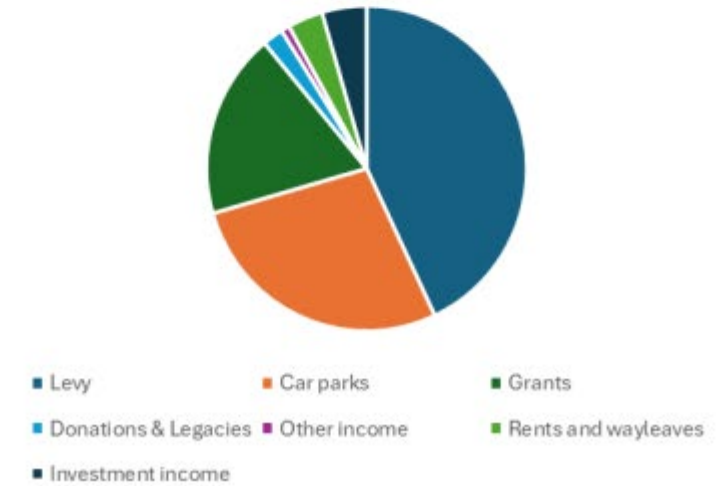
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y/e 31.3.24



y/e 31.3.25





Sources of income

| | y/e 31.3.22 | | y/e 31.3.23 | | y/e 31.3.24 | | y/e 31.3.25 | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Levy | £ 566,950.00 | 40.6 % | £ 595,300.00 | 46.8 % | £ 663,800.00 | 46.1 % | £ 697,070.00 | 42.6 % |
| Car parks | £ 418,059.00 | 30.0 % | £ 360,753.00 | 28.3 % | £ 398,720.00 | 27.7 % | £ 446,381.00 | 27.3 % |
| Grants | £ 310,627.00 | 22.3 % | £ 160,890.00 | 12.6 % | £ 206,763.00 | 14.3 % | £ 298,986.00 | 18.3 % |
| Donations & Legacies | £ 11,939.00 | 0.9 % | £ 13,879.00 | 1.1 % | £ 18,243.00 | 1.3 % | £ 33,926.00 | 2.1 % |
| Other income | £ 13,581.00 | 1.0 % | £ 16,529.00 | 1.3 % | £ 22,913.00 | 1.6 % | £ 13,895.00 | 0.8 % |
| Rents, easements** and wayleaves | £ 38,815.00 | 2.8 % | £ 78,407.00 | 6.2 % | £ 50,931.00 | 3.5 % | £ 73,688.00 | 4.5 % |
| Investment income | £ 35,346.00 | 2.5 % | £ 47,303.00 | 3.7 % | £ 79,832.00 | 5.5 % | £ 72,926.00 | 4.5 % |
| | £ 1,395,317.00 | 100.0 % | £ 1,273,061.00 | 100.0 % | £ 1,441,202.00 | 100.0 % | £ 1,636,872.00 | 100.0 % |



Management of Funds

General Fund

- is the primary operating fund from which all day to day expenses are paid.

Designated Funds

- These are part of the Trust's unrestricted funds (ie no restriction on how they can be spent)
- They are sums set aside for specific purposes – eg the Trust set up an ash dieback and tree disease fund in 2021 because the anticipated spend to make safe diseased trees was £350,000 over 5 years.
- These funds can be “undesigned” by Board resolution – there are no external limitations

Restricted Funds

- There is a legal restriction on what these funds can be spent on. The bulk of the funds is invested on a long term basis through the Trust's investment managers and pursuant to the Trust's investment policies.
- They include:
 - Restricted grants and donations -
 - Parliamentary Fund.
 - Land Purchase (1992) Fund.
 - Lands Maintenance Fund.



Maximum chargeable under Levying Body (General) Regulations 1992, levy set by MHT and split between Malvern Hills District and Herefordshire Councils

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Maximum levy</u> | <u>Levy set</u> | <u>Levy Herefordshire Council</u> | <u>Levy Malvern Hills DC</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| - | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| 2018/19 | 585,558 | 499,250 | 47,250 | 452,000 |
| 2019/20 | 604,715 | 519,250 | 49,250 | 470,000 |
| 2020/21 | 619,402 | 534,850 | 50,750 | 484,100 |
| 2021/22 | 626,426 | 566,950 | 53,800 | 513,150 |
| 2022/23 | 656,864 | 595,300 | 56,500 | 538,800 |
| 2023/24 | 739,877 | 663,800 | 63,050 | 600,750 |
| 2024/25 | 805,436 | 697,070 | 66,270 | 630,800 |
| 2025/26 | 827,147 | 739,100 | 70,400 | 668,700 |



Date Issued: 10/03/2025

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
Malvern
Worcs
[Redacted]

Property charge relates to:
[Redacted]
Malvern
Worcs

Property Valuation Band: D
Reason for Bill:
New Year Billing

Council Tax Bill 2025/2026

Account Reference: 220869675

| | | | |
|--|---------|------------------|---------|
| The amount you need to pay: | | £2,319.64 | |
| Thank you for paying by Direct Debit. Your payments will be collected as follows: | | | |
| 01/04/2025 | £240.64 | 01/08/2025 | £231.00 |
| 01/05/2025 | £231.00 | 01/09/2025 | £231.00 |
| 01/06/2025 | £231.00 | 01/10/2025 | £231.00 |
| 01/07/2025 | £231.00 | 01/11/2025 | £231.00 |
| | | 01/12/2025 | £231.00 |
| | | 01/01/2026 | £231.00 |

% Change

Council Tax for your property's valuation band.

| | | |
|---|-----------|------|
| Malvern Hills District Council | £182.60 | 0.0% |
| Worcestershire County Council | £1,615.71 | 5.0% |
| West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner | £291.50 | 5.0% |
| Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority | £102.22 | 5.1% |
| Malvern Town Council | £77.52 | 3.9% |
| Malvern Hills Trust | £50.09 | 5.5% |

From 2025/2026, the adult social care precept is included within Worcestershire County Council precept as a single figure and percentage change

Annual charge for property : **£2,319.64** **4.6%**

Council Tax for period 01/04/25 to 31/03/26

£2,319.64

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Charity Commission Website Governance Page

MALVERN HILLS CONSERVATORS

Charity number: 515804



Charity reporting is up to date (on time)

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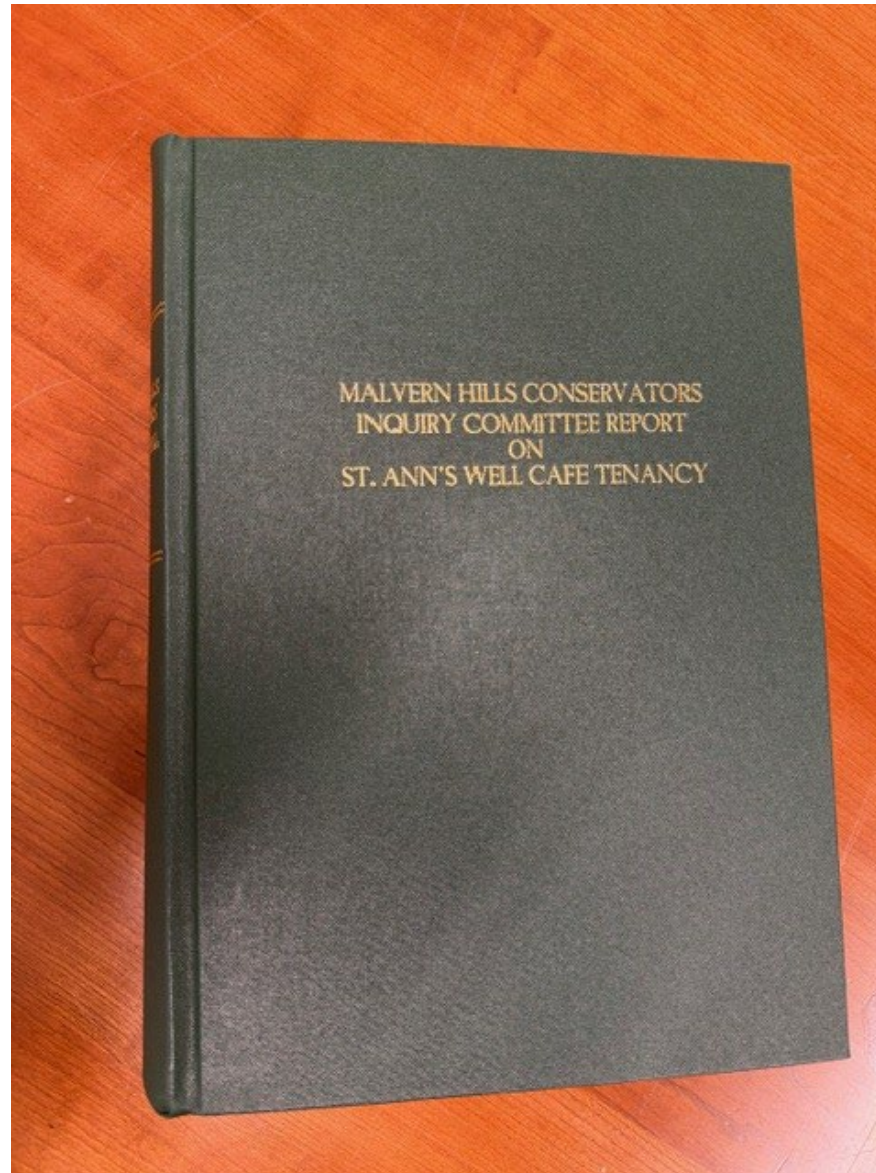
[Contact information](#)

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| Registration history: | 20 November 1984: Standard registration |
| Organisation type: | Other |
| Other names: | MALVERN HILLS TRUST (Working name) |
| Gift aid: | Recognised by HMRC for gift aid |
| Other regulators: | No information available |
| Policies: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bullying and harassment policy and procedures Complaints handling Complaints policy and procedures Conflicting interests Financial reserves policy and procedures Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures Internal risk management policy and procedures Investing charity funds policy and procedures Investment Paying staff Risk management Safeguarding policy and procedures Safeguarding vulnerable beneficiaries Social media policy and procedures Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures Volunteer management |
| Land and property: | This charity owns and/or leases land or property |



Malvern Hills Trust

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Effect of registration by Office for National Statistics

ONS wrote to the Trust on 5 June 2025:

“To clarify and allay your concerns, this formal classification has been undertaken purely for economic statistics purposes and should not impact on your organisation’s day to day activities.”

And their website says:

It is very important to note that decisions we take such as these are purely for the purpose of compiling economic statistics. Classification decisions do not affect the legal status or ownership of an entity.

MHT Charity Commission Scheme
2019 Public Consultation Document



Charity Commission Scheme
Public Consultation Document



Public statement provided by Charity Commission 11 March 2020

“The Commission met with Malvern Hills Conservators (MHC) in late 2016 in relation to changes the charity were considering making to improve their governance arrangements and modernise the charity. These changes related to the five acts of parliament that govern the charity, which have been in operation since 1884.

At the time, and with the agreement of the Department for Digital, Media, Culture and Sport (DCMS) the Commission advised the charity to apply for a parliamentary scheme, to become effective via an Order by the Secretary of State for DCMS. MHC complied with this advice, preparing all relevant material for the scheme and, as advised, undertaking a public consultation, which took place between 2 September 2019 and 13 October 2019.

The amount of public interest the consultation generated was significant, particularly from precept payers of the charity, many of whom expressed concern about the proposed changes. It's therefore been agreed by DCMS and the Commission, that these changes to the charity's governing documents would now be best handled via a private bill, allowing greater scope for public scrutiny and debate than under a parliamentary scheme procedure. The charity has only recently been informed about the change in advice.

We understand this delay may be frustrating for people at the charity and others invested in the process, who want to see this issue resolved as quickly and as efficiently as possible. However, the significant amount of work undertaken by the charity in preparing for a parliamentary scheme will be relevant for preparing a private bill.

This charity manages a hugely significant and well-loved open space for the UK so it's important to ensure that changes are made in the right way. The Commission and DCMS will therefore be supporting the charity as needed, as they pursue the next steps of this process.

Charity Commission for England and Wales

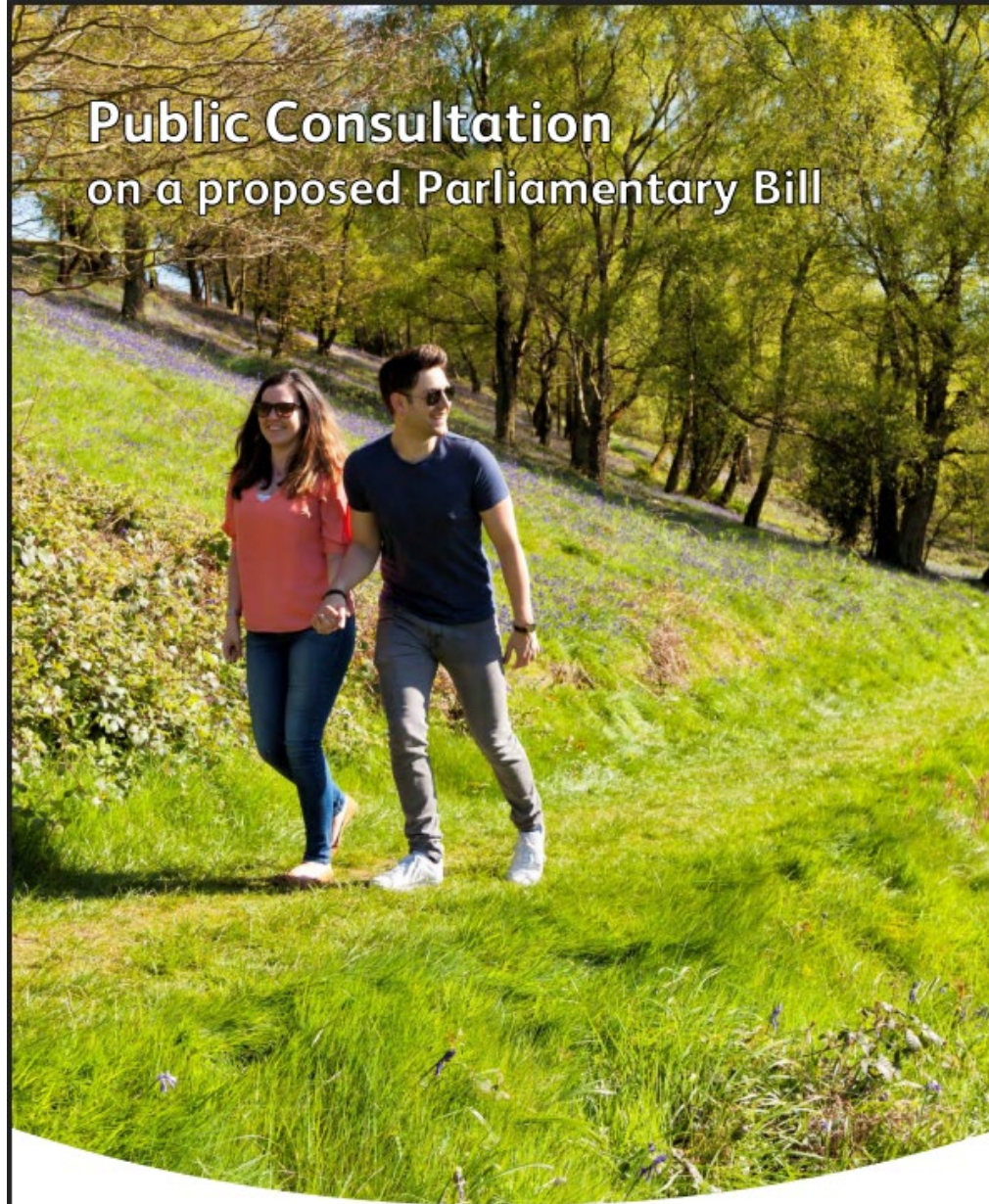
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Malvern Hills Trust

Public consultation on a proposed
Parliamentary Bill (2024)

**Public Consultation
on a proposed Parliamentary Bill**



Malvern Hills Trust

Registered charity no. 515804

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Trustees – Date of Appointment

Blue text indicates Petitioner

| | | |
|--|----------------|-----------|
| Chris Rouse | November 2003 | |
| David Baldwin | May 2010 | |
| John Raine | November 2013 | |
| Richard Bartholomew | March 2015 | |
| John Michael | November 2015 | |
| David Fellows | November 2019 | |
| Richard Fowler | November 2019 | |
| David Core | November 2019 | |
| Lucy Hodgson | July 2017 | |
| Mark Driscoll | November 2023 | Appointed |
| Felicity Robinson | November 2023 | Elected |
| Allan Cottam | November 2023 | Elected |
| Malcolm Victory | November 2023 | Appointed |
| John Stock | November 2023 | Appointed |
| Fran Victory | November 2023 | Appointed |
| Robert Berry | November 2023 | Elected |
| Paul Bennett | September 2024 | Appointed |
| Simon Baggaley | December 2024 | Appointed |
| Andrew Willmott | May 2025 | Appointed |
| (As member of MHDC Conservative Group) | | |
| Cynthia Palmer | May 2025 | Appointed |
| David Mead | May 2025 | Appointed |
| Chris McSweeny | June 2025 | Appointed |
| David Reynolds | July 2025 | Appointed |
| Jenny Burford | September 2025 | Elected |
| Andrew Myatt | September 2025 | Elected |
| 4 vacant | | |



Objects – Charity Commission Comment

MHT letter 25 October 2024

Objects

We have made a small clarification to a definition in the objects, in response to the consultation. Please note the new wording shown overleaf in red.

6. **The objects of the Trust¹**

- (1) The objects of the Trust are, for the benefit of the public—
 - (a) to protect, conserve and maintain the landscape, natural appearance, habitats, flora and fauna, geology and archaeology of the Malvern Hills, and
 - (b) to keep the Malvern Hills unbuilt on as open space for recreation and enjoyment of the public.
- (2) If in exercising their functions, it appears to the trustees that there is a conflict between the object specified in subsection (1)(a) and the object specified in subsection (1)(b), and the conflict cannot be resolved by the trustees, the trustees must attach greater weight to the object specified in subsection (1)(a).
- (3) Subsection (2) is subject to consideration by the trustees of the health and safety of persons.
- (4) In subsection (1), “unbuilt on” means unbuilt on except for—
 - (a) any buildings that existed at the date on which this Act was passed,
 - (b) any buildings which replace them [SS1](so long as they are on the site of, and are of a similar size and external character to, the existing building), and
 - (c) any building or structures which the Trust is empowered to construct, place or erect by virtue of this Act



Objects – Charity Commission Comment, Continued

Charity Commission letter 15 November 2024

A. Objects

The Commission's view is that the proposed amendments to the charity's objects set out in its letter dated 25 October 2024 do not alter the meaning of the objects or their charitable nature.

Appointment of trustees to the Board of Malvern Hills Trust

Total number of trustees (elected and appointed) by electoral area (showing voter numbers)

| Parish/Ward | Number electors (end of 2025) | Number trustees | Electors per trustee |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Guarlford | 207 | 1 | 207 |
| Mathon | 241 | 2 (one appointed one elected) | 121 |
| Colwall | 2036 | 3 (two elected one appointed) | 679 |
| Wells Ward | 2463 | 1 | 2463 |
| Priory Ward | 3243 | 1 | 3243 |
| West Ward | 3196 | 1 | 3196 |
| Dyson Perrins Ward | 3509 | 1 | 3509 |
| Pickersleigh ward | 4461 | 1 | 4461 |
| Link Ward | 4992 | 1 | 4992 |
| Chase ward | 5117 | 1 | 5117 |



Elections 2011 to present

2021 - 2022

| | | 2021 | | 2022 | | 2022 | |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| | | By election Priory | | By election Chase | | By election Chase | |
| | | 6 May 2021 | | 17 March 2022 | | 5 May 2022 | |
| Ward/parish | No. of elected trustees | No. candidates | Turn out | No. candidates | Turn out | No. candidates | Turn out |
| Chase | 1 | | | 0 | | 2 | 20.8% |
| Colwell | 2 | | | | | | |
| Dyson Perrins | 1 | | | | | | |
| Guarlford | 1 | | | | | | |
| Link | 1 | | | | | | |
| Mathon | 1 | | | | | | |
| Priory | 1 | 3 | 41.4% | | | | |
| Pickersleigh | 1 | | | | | | |
| West | 1 | | | | | 2 | |
| Wells | 1 | | | | | | |



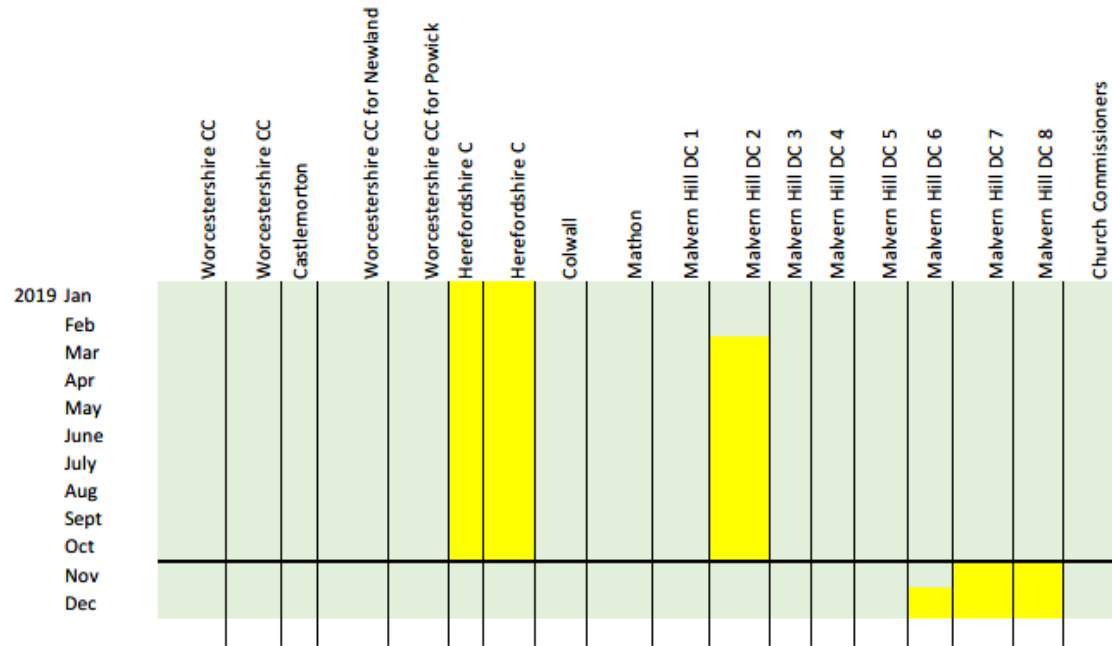
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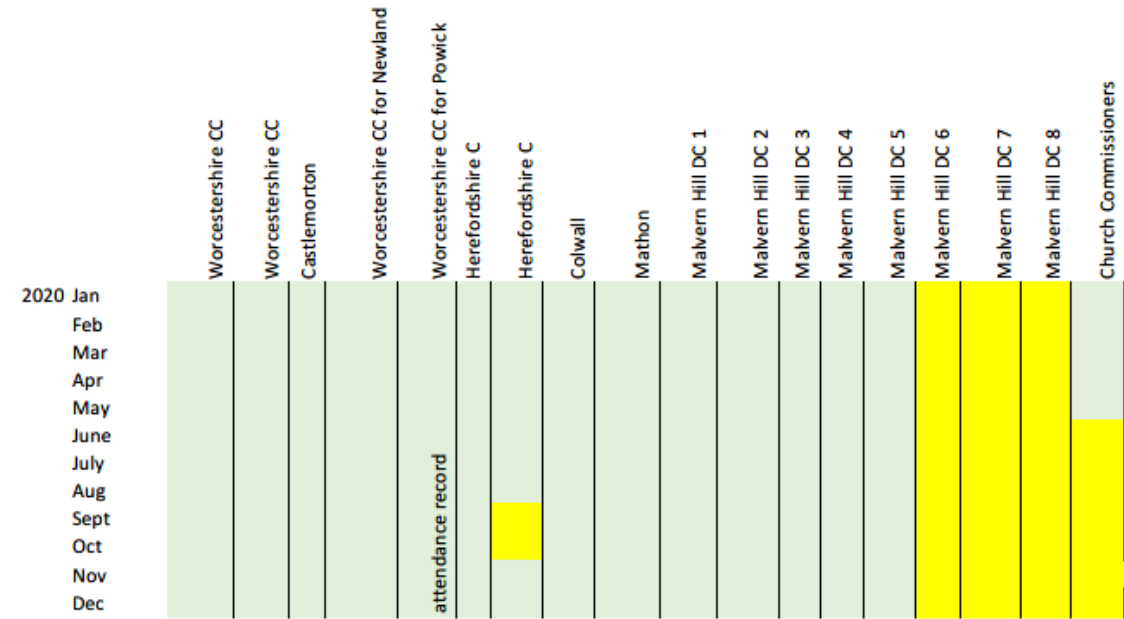
| | | 2023 | | 2023 | | 2025 | | |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|-----|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| | | Full Board | | By election Priory | | By election Priory and W Malvern | | |
| | | 1 November 2023 | | 7 December 2023 | | 18 September 2025 | | |
| Ward/parish | No. of elected trustees | No. candidates | Turn out | | | No. candidates | Turn out | |
| Chase | 1 | 2 | 21% | | | | | |
| Colwell | 2 | 2 | uncontested | | | | | |
| Dyson Perrins | 1 | 1 | uncontested | | | | | |
| Guarlford | 1 | 1 | uncontested | | | | | |
| Link | 1 | 1 | uncontested | | | | | |
| Mathon | 1 | 1 | uncontested | | | | | |
| Priory | 1 | 0 | | 2 | 12% | 2 | 21% | |
| Pickersleigh | 1 | 1 | uncontested | | | | | |
| West | 1 | 1 | uncontested | | | 2 | 21% | |
| Wells | 1 | 2 | 22% | | | | | |



Vacancies amongst appointed trustees 2019

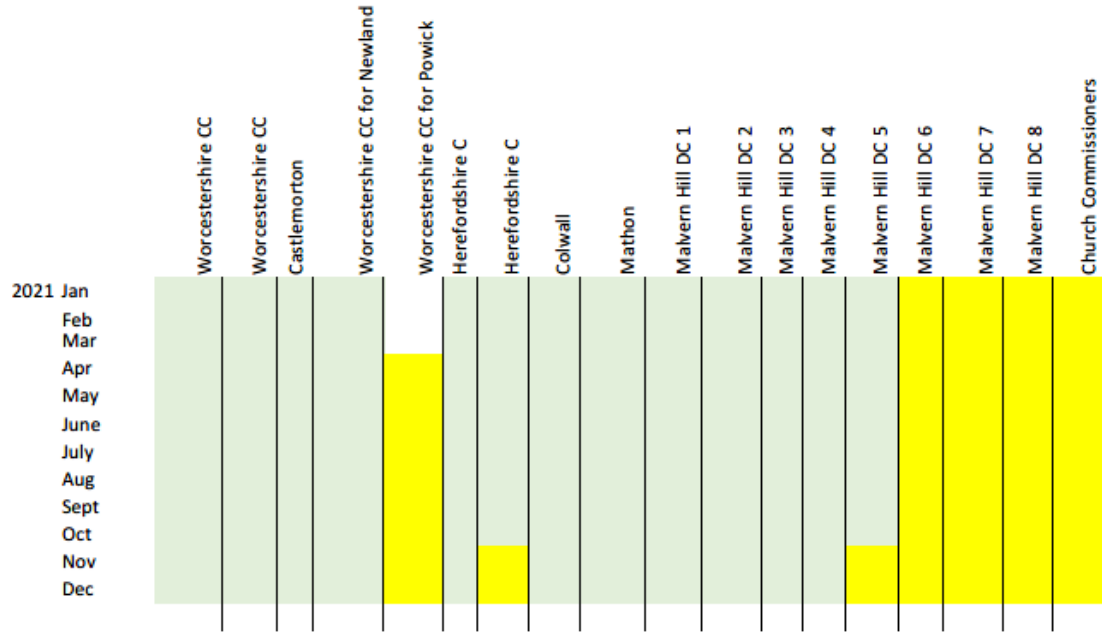


Vacancies amongst appointed trustees 2020

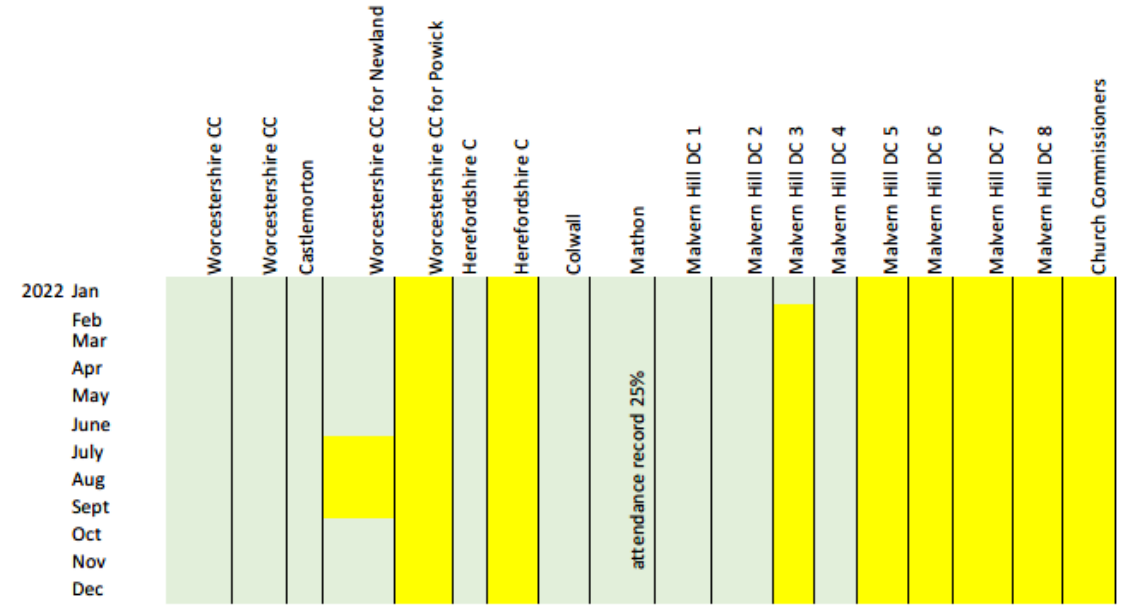




Vacancies amongst appointed trustees 2021



Vacancies amongst appointed trustees 2022





Clause 73 of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill

CHAPTER 4

NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITIES AND THE BROADS AUTHORITY

The general power of competence

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73 Extension of general power of competence to English National Park authorities and the Broads Authority

Schedule 30 amends the Localism Act 2011 to extend the general power of competence to English National Park authorities and the Broads Authority.