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The BMW Club Southern Section

Southern Section AGM 2026

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Southern Section AGM – A Day of Catch-Ups, Cake and Committee Business!

Sunday 4th October 2026 – Rake Village Hall, near Petersfield

Despite the weather doing its best to put a dampener on things, around 40 members joined us at Rake Village Hall on Sunday 4th October for the Southern Section AGM. Roger and Dawn Jackaman had even organised a walk before the meeting in honour of National Walk Day. The weather may not have been ideal, but hopefully the walkers returned suitably refreshed and ready for the more sedentary business of the day!



Members began arriving from around 10am, where the welcoming sight of tea, coffee and biscuits provided the perfect excuse to catch up with friends and put the world to rights before the meeting got underway at 11am.



Our Chairman, Dean “Chippy” Carpenter, opened proceedings by thanking Jim Bettley for all his hard work organising the National Rally back in August, along with the many months of planning that went into it. A huge thank you, Jim! All that effort was very much appreciated, and everyone had a fantastic time.

Mark was next up with the Treasurer’s Report, which confirmed that all was looking well on the financial front. Always good news, and a nice way to start the proceedings!

Then it was my turn to deliver my first report as Webmaster. There have been plenty of website updates and new ideas over the past year, with more to come, so watch this space!

Lesley followed with her Membership Report. Numbers remain fairly steady, but we would love to welcome some new faces to the club. Hopefully, our website, events and activities over the coming year will encourage more people to join in the fun.

Erica then gave her Social Secretary’s Report, reflecting on a fantastic year packed with events, camping trips and European adventures. She also took the opportunity to present Mike and Lesley with a gift in recognition of all the work they put into researching and planning our rideout routes and European trips. A very well-deserved thank you! The time and effort they put into finding interesting destinations and suitable routes are greatly appreciated by us all. Quite frankly, we would be lost without them.



Jim then reported on the National Rally and shared some good news about a new supplier for Southern Section merchandise. Embroidered polo shirts and other club goodies will soon be available at some very attractive prices. Keep an eye on the website for details – you might soon be able to add a little more Southern Section style to your wardrobe!

One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation of the Doug Dudley Award to Alison Bailey for services to the club through the website. This was a lovely and very unexpected honour, and I would like to say a sincere thank you. It was truly appreciated.

With the reports completed, it was time for the serious business of electing the committee for the coming year. The result? Everyone was re-elected! Clearly, nobody was prepared to take on the job, or perhaps everyone thought we were doing all right after all! Either way, the committee remains unchanged, ready for another year of keeping the Southern Section running smoothly.

After all that business, a well-earned buffet lunch was very welcome. Chippy and Lesley had organised the food, which was skilfully prepared by Anne Martin. It was delicious, and a big thank you goes to all three for making sure nobody went hungry.



With everyone suitably refreshed, attention turned to planning the calendar for 2027. There will be plenty to look forward to, including our ever-popular Soup Run and BBQ, breakfast meets, rideouts and both UK and European holidays. There should be something for everyone, whether you enjoy a leisurely ride to a good café or a longer adventure further afield. Keep an eye on the website calendar for all the dates and details as they become available.

We also raised £60 for the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance through donations on the day. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to this very worthwhile cause.

Finally, thank you to Lesley, Anne and Alison for keeping everyone supplied with refreshments throughout the day, and to all the committee for their tireless work, not just on the day itself but throughout the year. So much goes on behind the scenes to keep our club active, welcoming and fun, and it is very much appreciated.



All in all, it was a lovely opportunity to get together, celebrate the past year and start making plans for the next. Here's to another successful, sociable and fun-packed year for the Southern Section – with plenty of miles, smiles, good company and, fingers crossed, a little more sunshine!

