

Committee Meeting 26-Mar-2026 Technology Report

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A summary of the progress made since the [26th February 2026 report](#), along with plans for the next steps.

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Achievements

- A new project has been started, with Vanessa's help, for improving the membership data and the way we manage it. There's a [discussion document](#) about this. So far we've...
 - Removed an unnecessary duplicate "type" column from the main sheet.
 - All columns in the main sheet that require dates, now have proper dates in them, rather than assorted text attempting to represent dates.
 - Various minor corrections. Full details are in the changes log in the Dropbox folder.
- The new website is now in a sub-domain [test.nawg.co.uk](#). The old links, e.g. [172.236.15.121:9751](#), should still work for the time being, but the use of port 9751 will eventually be retired.

Next Steps

- Continue with the *membership data improvements* project. Potential changes include:
 - Restructure the way the data are organised, in order to reduce duplication and reduce the need for manual copying.
 - Reorganise the data to better model reality, e.g. people can be more than one "type" such as *individual*, *patron*, *group contact*...
 - Improve the way we track the "status" of people and groups, without the need for copying/moving across sheets.
- Continue work on the new website, moving towards MVP, at which point we can switch over.

The next significant task for this will be to implement secure (HTTPS) connections.