

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Dorset Wildlife Trust (the Company) will be held on Monday 4 December 2023 at 11am.

The resolutions to be put to the meeting and voted upon are detailed below. Resolutions 1 and 2 will be proposed as special resolutions and resolutions 3 and 4 will be proposed as ordinary resolutions.

1. **THAT** the annual audited accounts and reports for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 be received.
2. **THAT** the auditors be appointed for the coming year.
3. **TO** authorise the remuneration of the auditors.
4. **THAT** those persons standing for election as trustees are duly elected and appointed, to take effect from the end of the AGM.

By order of the Board

SUSAN PATTERSON Company Secretary

6 November 2023

Registered Office: Brooklands Farm, Forston, Dorchester, DT2 7AA

Company Registration Number: 00688439; Charity Number: 200222

### Notes to the Notice of the Annual General Meeting

#### 1. AGM arrangements

Please check our website for the latest details and arrangements for the AGM. Copies of the resolutions and related documents will be available on the website at [www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/agm2020](http://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/agm2020) from 6 November 2023.

#### 2. Appointment of proxies

If you are a member who is normally entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, you are entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of your rights to vote at the virtual meeting. A proxy form will be available to download from our website and this should be completed and returned to the Company Secretary at [agm@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:agm@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk). Please note that proxy forms will not be accepted without a valid DWT membership number.

Alternatively, if you require a hard copy of the proxy form please contact the Company Secretary in writing at the registered office or by email as above. Please include your membership number on all communications.

### 3. Any other business

We invite members to notify the Company Secretary of any questions for any other business in writing at the Registered Office or via email to [agm@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:agm@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk) (no other methods of communication will be accepted) by 12.00pm 27 November 2023. Please ensure you include your membership number on any communication. Responses will be included within the minutes of the meeting which will be published on the website after the meeting.

### 4. Communication

Except as provided above, members who have general queries about the meeting should contact the Company Secretary in writing at the Registered Office or via email to [agm@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:agm@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk) (no other methods of communication will be accepted).

## Election of trustees

### Ian Alexander

I grew up around Poole Harbour where volunteering on DWT's Brownsea Island reserve was a formative experience in convincing me to pursue a career in conservation. Since graduating as an ecologist, I have been a professional conservationist with the bulk of my career spent in Dorset working for a variety of voluntary and public sector organisations. I'm presently employed by Natural England where the bulk of my time is spent plotting and working with partners to deliver nature's recovery.

### Jo Davies

Jo Davies has been engaged in the voluntary sector all her life, starting up charities involved in education and disability. She is still involved with Green Island Holiday Trust started in 1991 and for which she received an MBE in 2002.

She was recruited into Dorset Wildlife Trust by our late President Helen Brotherton to run the fundraising for the purchase of Brooklands Farm, our headquarters. She is currently a Vice Chair having served as Chair for 3 years and sits on various committees. She has a particular interest in the financial governance of the Trust and the development of our visitor centres.

Jo is passionate about the natural world with a special interest in birds. Her hobbies include cooking, gardening, walking and music. She is also kept busy with 10 grandchildren.

### Leo Henley-Lock

Leo graduated in Countryside Management BSc from Aberystwyth University and has worked as a professional conservationist for over 20 years. With a diverse background of farming, forestry, conservation and teaching experience, he brings with him a depth of operational experience and strategic planning, accompanied by a passion for Dorset's nature and wildlife.

Leo currently works as Countryside Manager for the National Trust, leading the Trust's Countryside teams and strategic planning for nature recovery on National Trust land in North and West Dorset. He

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has previously worked for Dorset Wildlife Trust, initially as Project Officer on the hugely successful Portland Living Landscapes project and more latterly as Reserves Manager for South & East Dorset until 2020.

Living in North Dorset, Leo spends much of his free time with his family exploring Dorset's nature rich coast and countryside.

### **Lisbet Sherlock**

Following a successful business career in corporate communications in the high-tech sector, I now dedicate my time to environmental, cultural and history projects. Until October 2023 I was a trustee at the Chiltern Society which campaigns, conserves and promotes the Chilterns area, a role which I gave up due to relocation. I chaired the fund-raising and awareness committee and contributed to heritage and strategy initiatives. Additionally, I am writing the history of two Lancashire-based suffragettes as well as working on a project for the Soil Association which involves researching and writing the history of a farm as it makes its journey back to sustainable practices. I am a lifelong lover of the countryside and of Dorset in particular.

### **Anne Wheatcroft**

Anne became a Trustee in 2003, when she retired to Dorset. She trained as a statistician and spent the first part of her career in the Government Statistical Service, finally as the Chief Statistician in the Department of Employment responsible for the unemployment figures. She then moved into finance and management roles in DE, was Director of Personnel at HSE between 1994-1998 and then, until her retirement, Director of Business Services on the Board of the Valuation Office Agency. Anne became interested in wildlife through visiting wild places, particularly the Arctic, climbing and sea kayaking. Her primary interest is birds, but she aspires to be a competent all-round naturalist. She travels widely in search of wildlife in this country and abroad. Anne currently chairs the Finance Committee and is a member of the Personnel & remuneration Committee and Conservation Committee.