

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 2 December 2024 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 2024 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

15 November 2024

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 from 15 November 2024.

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. 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 (no other methods of communication will be accepted) by 12.00pm 27 November 2024. 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 (no other methods of communication will be accepted).

Election of trustees

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.

Phil Sterling

Dr Phil Sterling is a part-time ecological consultant and leading authority on Lepidoptera in Britain. His career spans ten years in ecological research, four years in wildlife protection in the water industry, and 25 years at Dorset County Council as an ecological advisor, specialising in habitat restoration including creation of the wildflower banks on the Weymouth Relief Road, and as service manager to the greenspace and professional advisory teams. He worked at Butterfly Conservation for five years on a national programme encouraging creation and management of grasslands for wildlife in the built environment. He is the co-author of two wildlife guides: Field Guide to the Caterpillars of Great Britain and Ireland (2020) and Field Guide to the Micro-moths of Great Britain and Ireland (2nd edition, 2023). He has gained two Lifetime Achievement awards for conservation / Lepidoptera, and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Ecology & Environmental Management.

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.

Richard Hulf

Richard currently works in the Investment sector as one of the founders of HydrogenOne Capital, a green investment fund specialising in companies and projects in the hydrogen sector. He has a lifelong commitment to environmental conservation, coupled with extensive professional experience in renewable Energy and environmental sciences and the asset management industry in general, including several Board seats with environmental companies.

Richard is a Chartered Engineer and has a MSc from Imperial College. He is based in London and Dorset and is married with three grown-up daughters.

Andy Littler

Andy is a former trustee of Somerset and Derbyshire Wildlife Trusts. He qualified as a Chartered Mineral Processing Engineer with the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and worked in the quarrying industry for 40 years. He is a promoter of excellence in restoration of quarries to increase biodiversity, wildlife enthusiast and habitat creation expert and provides conservation advice through his pro-bono consultancy Biodiversity after Quarrying.