

Valley Conservation Society



Annual General Meeting

18th April, 2026

at

The King George V Pavilion

Starting at 2pm

doing nothing is not an option

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2025 AGM for approval as a true record
4. Matters arising from those minutes
5. Chairman's address – Jane Holman
6. Grants and funding report – Dennis Usmar
7. Development Control – Alan Smith
8. Treasurer's Report – Jane Holman
9. Social media – John Robertson
10. Land Management – Dennis Usmar
11. Hayle Park Nature Reserve – Jane Holman
12. Membership – Jonathan Leeson
13. Social events – Alan Smith
14. Traffic-calming group – Tom Bartlett
15. Carbon Action Tovil and Repair Café – Eileen Lewis
16. Election of Executive Committee
17. Open Forum

A tea break will be held at an appropriate moment in the agenda

Close of meeting

Item 3

Minutes of the 2025 AGM - held on 12th April

Present

Retiring Committee members: Jane Holman, Alan Smith, Terry Moore, Fred Cornwell, Jill Lee, Jonathan Leeson, Eileen Lewis, John Robertson, Bryan Stovell, Dennis Usmar, David Hill and Brian Shingleton

And 31 members.

Apologies

Rosemary Snelgrove, Sandra Moroney

The meeting began with a minute's silence in memory of our late chairman, Bryn Cornwell

Minutes of the 2024 AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 6th April 2024 were agreed as a true record

Matters Arising - *There were none.*

Acting Chairman's address

Jane reported on the activities in the past year, including the production of our 25th anniversary calendar.

She reminded members of the difficulties the Society had experienced the previous year when the MBC-owned weir by the Woodbridge Drive play area had failed, emptying our own ponds of water. The weir had still not been repaired, but the work party's get-around of creating a new dam by the footbridge at the foot of Mount Ararat had restored pond levels and seemed to have been accepted by the EA.

Our chalk stream also attracted the attention of the South East River Trust (SERT), which wanted to explore a two-way movement of trout and eels past the weirs.

The suggestion had come to nothing after the Society pointed out that the Loose Stream's outflow into the River Medway was via a pipe that, for the most part, was significantly higher than the river level.

Jane reminded the meeting that VCS owned a third share in the Hayle Park Nature reserve and said the Society would look to work more closely with the Trust in future.

Officers' Reports

- **Grants and Funding** report by Dennis Usmar.
*The Society had received a £750 grant for new tools from Redrow
There had been multiple donations throughout the year via Localgiving.com.
Tesco has supported the annual BBQ with a food voucher*
- **Development Control** report by Alan Smith.
Work was underway on the 272 homes project off Farleigh Hill, previously known as the Burke's site, but now being developed by Vistry, and Legal and General Affordable Housing.

The Society was still waiting to hear the outcome of an appeal against MBC's rejection of a plan for nine homes on the old cricket field at Hayle Place, which VCS had also opposed.

An application from the new owner of the Smiths Field site off Postley Road (Aile Homes) was expected shortly, but it was going to be for 36 homes instead of 62

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There had been no application yet for the Abbeygate Farm site off Stockett Lane, which had been allocated in the Local Plan for 250 homes

- **Treasurer's Report** by Terry Moore

The end of the year showed a surplus of income over expenditure of £2,337.68

The end-of-year balances were: current account £8,447.36; savings account £20,605.50, giving a total of £29,052.86.

Terry reported he had stepped down as treasurer after 10 years in the post.

He expressed thanks to Brian Hunt for auditing the accounts.

- **Social Media** report by John Robertson.

Our social media presence continued to grow. We ended the year with 812 Facebook followers.

The top post had attracted 990 viewings. The website had also provided a useful tool for members.

- **Land Management** report by Dennis Usmar.

During the year, the work party had replaced the stone in the cabin car park, repaired the conservation area gateway sign, laid Siltex in the ponds, repaired metal railings damaged by falling trees from KCC land, mowed Crisbrook Meadow five times, installed a new drainage system in the meadow, repaired the wall by Crisbrook Pond, cleared overgrowth from Hayle Mill Road, and managed trees in treacle Wood.

- **Hayle Park Nature Reserve** report by Jane Holman.

There had been a large loss of the bigger trees to pests, diseases and wind, but thousands of new whips and some standard trees had been planted. Trees in the newly created Elm Avenue were beginning to make a showing. A start had been made on clearing the bramble that had come to dominate the reserve. Two fields were to be used for grazing. Bat, birdsong and fungi walks had taken place, and the annual BBQ had been a big success. Members were encouraged to take a look at Walnut Tree Meadows, at the top of Farleigh Hill, where there were some wonderful views.

- **Social Events** report by Alan Smith

Events planned for the coming year included:

Spring Walk and VE Day celebration – Saturday, May 3

25th Anniversary Opera Celebration – Sunday, June 29

Summer Picnic – Saturday, July 12

Quiz Night – Saturday, October 11

- **Election of Executive Committee**

Two retiring members were not seeking re-election. Flowers and thanks were presented to Fred Cornwell, and wine to Terry Moore

The following nominations were taken individually and agreed unanimously:

Chairman and Treasurer: [Jane Holman](#)

Vice Chairman and Secretary: [Alan Smith](#)

Executive committee: [Nathan Faulkner](#), [Eileen Lewis](#), [Claire Faulkner](#), [John Robertson](#), [David Hill](#), [Brian Shingleton](#), [Jill Lee](#), [Bryan Stovell](#), [Jonathan Leeson](#) and [Dennis Usmar](#)

Open Forum

There was a lively debate about dog poo, with the work party stressing how unpleasant it was to accidentally strim a poo-bag. The conclusion was that more signage might help.

Maidstone Lions offered a willingness to support with grants.

The meeting closed at 11.55am.

Item 5

Chairman's address

2025 was our Silver Anniversary. We celebrated with a special calendar and revisited our original aim of traffic calming in the Lower Valley.

Being unable to walk down your own road for weeks on end due to irate drivers at a complete standstill certainly concentrates the mind.

The size and sheer volume of traffic meant that vehicles were scraping their sides against the heritage buildings and demolishing gates, walls, even roofs and eroding the roadway itself so that utility pipes, natural springs and the road surface became unsafe.

There is no clear way to take the volume of traffic from the closed or grid-locked main roads, but the topography of the Valley cannot give that escape with a through route.

Nothing gets through on a single lane at the extended peak times.

Our work party has enjoyed long, quieter periods of working in the area.

This unexpected joy has been forced by the damage to the road and services which suffered during this madness and are now having to be repaired throughout the Valley.

The wildlife has started to reappear and tends to escape the fate of the previous flattened pioneers.

I would like to thank our volunteers who make up the work party. They are the greatest asset we have and the reason we have such a lovely facility to enjoy in our own ways.

I also give my thanks to the executive members, all of whom turn up regularly to further our aims and who join in all the hard work that goes into running the Society.

There is the social side of the Society that we have tried to reinstate to a greater degree this past year, and just planning and setting these in motion takes a great deal of time, often with a financial element.

The reports will cover the changes and achievements later, so I won't tread on their toes.

I would just like to say that we must be doing something right, as we have been nominated for awards and our wonderful Funding and Grants Officer (Dennis) impresses a large number of benefactors to part with their money for our schemes.

To our members, who make it all worthwhile, your support comes in so many ways that it is very humbling to be chair of the committee - Thank you!

Jane Holman, chairman

Item 6

Grants and Funding Report

VCS has not applied for so many grants over this past year due to our being in the fortunate position of not having any outstanding large projects to fund at present.

The VCS land is a very lovely, peaceful area attracting many people who come to enjoy the green open space. In the event of a person having a heart attack, it was suggested that we could site a defibrillator in the area for easy access.

Maidstone Lions had supplied other organisations with defibrillators, so I made an application and was very pleased that they accepted. We now have a defibrillator sited by the VCS Cabin. This is easily accessible for both the public and the VCS work party. Hopefully, we will never have to use it, but it may save someone's life.

Many thanks to Peter Hooper at Maidstone Lions for his help with the supply and set-up.

We have had a steady flow of donations throughout the year through [Localgiving.com](https://www.localgiving.com).

This is the best way to donate to VCS, because if you are a taxpayer and you tick the box for Gift Aid, your gift is topped up with an additional donation from the government.

We are hopeful that such donations will continue over the next year and possibly increase in number.

I applied to Tovil Parish Council for a grant to purchase a new air compressor to replace the old one we use in the cabin. A big thanks to TPC for approving the grant.

The new air compressor has been purchased and is much appreciated by the work party.

Again, this year we had a batch of calendars printed, making a profit of £150. Thanks to those who contributed the photos.

In addition, I would like to thank all the people who topped up their annual subscription with a donation. It all helps with the funding.

Dennis Usmar, Funding Secretary

Item 7

Development Control Report

In May, we heard the result of an appeal against MBC's refusal of planning permission to allow the construction of nine homes on the former cricket pitch, adjacent to Hayle Place, with an access off Teasaucer Hill.

The appeal was dismissed because of the adverse effects on heritage assets and on the Loose Valley Conservation Area, and on the character of the area, and because of a lack of affordable homes provision.

Good news, except that traffic access onto Teasaucer Hill at this already dangerous bend was not one of the matters given any weight by the inspector, other than that he noted that a lack of footpath at this point would discourage "permeability."

Planning reference 23/505511.

On land adjacent to the above, but with an access from Postley Road, a new application for 36 homes from the developer Aile Homes has been approved. No one would want to see development on this site below Richmond Way, and known locally as the Horse Field, but seeing as how a previous developer, Chailey Homes, had already secured planning permission for 62 homes there, and how the land had been allocated in Maidstone's Local Plan for that number, we have to consider the current application a success.

Both in quantity and design, it is far better than the previous scheme. There will be 14 affordable housing units for rent on the site, and these will be managed directly by MBC.

Planning application: 25/502491

The scheme does involve some alterations to the ragstone wall at the gateway entrance off Postley Road by The Lodge. The wall is considered to be curtilage listed, so there is an associated listed building consent application: 25/502492.

The only other issue that concerns us at present is the allocation in the Local Plan for 250 homes at Abbeygate Farm, off Stockett Lane, and stretching across to the Walnut Tree Meadows Nature Reserve.

No planning application has yet been submitted, but preparatory work has been going on. Our latest intelligence is that the developer is actually looking at a reduced number of around 230 homes. This will probably be our big headache later this year.

There is no reference number as yet.

Alan Smith, Secretary

Item 8

Treasurer's report - year to 31st December 2025

2025 was a good year financially for the Society.

At the end of the year, we were showing a surplus of income over expenditure of £3,661.26.

This is a combination of subscriptions and donations, LocalGiving gifts and grants from Tovil Parish Council of £250 within this year.

There was also £434.12 interest earned from our linked savings account.

The interest rate has, however, dropped from 2.3% to 1.85%.

Our annual insurance was £1,014.28.

Printing and stationery were £352; new and replacement tools - £798; land and ponds expenditure - £140.

Our current account as at 31st December had a balance of £11,674.50, and our savings account had a balance of £21,039.62.

So the total end-of-year balance was £32,714.12.

Thanks again to Brian Hunt for undertaking the auditing of the accounts.

Jane Holman, Treasurer

Item 9

Facebook

Our Facebook page and website remain vital for raising awareness of our work, celebrating the valley's beauty, and staying in touch with members and the local community. Facebook continues to be our primary tool for storytelling and real-time updates. This year saw positive growth in engagement on Facebook.

- Audience Growth: We welcomed 27 new followers this year, bringing our total community to 839.
- Volunteer Visibility: We made regular updates on our Tuesday work parties, with several posts surpassing 1,000 views.
- Popular Content: Highlights included practical conservation at Crisbrook Meadow and seasonal woodland updates. Images of volunteers trimming summer growth proved particularly engaging.

Top Performing Posts:

- Defibrillator Donation: Our standout post (6,471 views) featured the donation of a defibrillator by Maidstone Lions, which was installed at the Conservation Cabin on Hayle Mill Road. We are grateful to the Lions for their support.
- Wildflower Preparation: A post showing the marking out of Crisbrook Meadow for future wildflower planting reached 3,564 views.

Fundraising and interaction: We successfully promoted our VCS calendar in late summer and the autumn, raising funds for the society in the process. We are now seeking landscape photograph submissions for next year's edition. We continue to encourage members to share our posts to help grow our reach.

Website: Our Information Hub

The VCS website complements our social media by serving as a permanent archive and resource centre. Key features include:

- News & Gallery: News about VCS and photos of our conservation work.
- Member Resources: Access to our newsletter archive and downloadable membership forms.
- Reliability: It remains a good source of information for those looking to join the Society or learn about our long-term conservation objectives.

Looking Ahead

In the coming year, we aim to build our Facebook following by sharing more compelling stories from the Valley and developing regular interaction with our members. We thank everyone who has contributed photos and stories to help bring our work to life online.

John Robertson

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Land Management Report

The following tasks were completed last year:

VCS Cabin

Re-organised the VCS cabin as we are limited to space to store our equipment. The hedge surrounding the cabin was cut back twice during the year. A supply cable was laid under the cabin car park to power the defibrillator cabinet positioned on the gate post, accessible from the road.

Reeds Pond

Kept the waterways cleared of debris.
The ongoing problems with MBC's damaged weir in Woodbridge Drive with the Environment Agency are still to be resolved.
Repairs to the dry-stone wall by the pond
A willow tree on the island was felled by a tree surgeon due to large boughs breaking off.

Crisbrook Meadow

The meadow was mowed five times using the Hayle Park tractor.
An autumn clear-up round the meadow.
Trim up the hedge rows, cutting back some overhanging branches.

Crisbrook Pond

Half the regrowth on the pond island was trimmed to make room to fell the willow tree. A large willow tree that was becoming dangerous was felled on the island.
A spring and autumn clean-up in the pond and around the surrounding banks.
Repairs to the wall beside the footpath.
Pennies Nursery has provided VCS with a grant to purchase a selection of wildflower seeds and plugs to plant in Crisbrook Meadow
The VCS volunteers have been working with Pennies Nursery preparing controlled areas to sow wildflower seeds and plugs, to find out which are the best methods to cultivate the wildflowers.
This year we had two breeding pairs of Canadian geese on the pond.

Treacle Wood

Brush cut the regrowth around the young trees and areas that are accessible.
A silver birch tree was planted in memory of Bryn Cornwell, our past chairman.

Hayle Road

Twice, we cut back the overhanging regrowth along the top of the wall.
Cleared the regrowth around the pond opposite Hayle Cottages.

A section of the Scenic Green Trail walk passes through VCS and Hayle Park Nature Reserve land. The work party placed way-marker signs to guide people along the route.

I would like to thank the work party for all their hard work and dedication.

Dennis Usmar, Work Party Leader

Item 11

Hayle Park Nature Reserve

The threatened change to Local and County Councils has failed to materialise thus far, so we are still performing our aims together with the Maidstone Borough Council and Tovil Parish Council.

The clearances of the dense bramble patches are now very obvious, as are the new tree plantings in their place.

There are still some areas of bramble to encourage biodiversity for those who rely on them for food or cover.

The woodland behind Mount Ararat is now more accessible, and a planned clearance on quite a large scale is needed to open the area up for plants and replace the existing tree stock, which has not been maintained for so many years.

The stone walling is now easier to determine. The main fenced field was split into two areas to allow a longer period of heritage grazing, which in turn should assist our plan to get meadow plants established throughout the area.

This allowed the Open Day celebrations in September to be held in a natural amphitheatre, which seemed to help our exhibitors and stalls and the enjoyment of the puppet theatre by children and their parents. This year's open day will be on 13th September.

The organised bat and birdsong walks continued, and the programme for this year is available on Facebook.

This is also the forum to help us by becoming a "Friend of Hayle Park Nature Reserve".

The fields on Walnut Meadow (the old tip site at Dean Street) are also heritage-grazed and, once the council and developers have completed the negotiations on the road-way to Abbey Gate, which will cut across the area, we can re-fence and start work on improvements to the stone walls and ground.

The work party on Friday will always welcome volunteers and is a great opportunity to get out in the open, make a difference to the local area, and learn about our aims for biodiversity and the history of the area.

Jane Holman, trustee

Item 12

Membership

Membership for 2025 stood at **346**, reflecting a committed and supportive community. Across the year, members contributed a total of **£1,639**, and we extend our sincere thanks to everyone who donated. These contributions directly support the Society's work and remain vital to our ongoing conservation efforts.

Payment Modernisation and Reduced Banking Costs

A major focus for 2025 was encouraging members to move from cheque payments to **Direct Debit (DD)** or **Standing Orders (SO)**. With banks now applying fees to cheque deposits, this shift helps ensure that more of each contribution goes directly to the Society rather than to administrative charges.

This initiative has been highly successful. By year-end, **75% of members were paying via DD or SO**, significantly reducing banking costs and simplifying administration. We will continue to support members in making this transition where possible, while we still accept cash.

Membership Development Plans for 2026

Looking ahead, we will place greater emphasis on **membership growth and community engagement** as we've seen a decline in overall membership, but an increase in new housing in the area. Two key initiatives will shape this work:

Newsletter Drop and Local Membership Campaign

We will be running a targeted **newsletter drop and membership campaign** to raise awareness of the Society's work and encourage new members to join. This will help strengthen our presence across the wider community and ensure that more residents understand the value of the Valley Conservation Society.

Focus on Under-represented Areas

Analysis of our membership distribution has highlighted areas where numbers remain low, with a focus **in and around the Valley Conservation Area** itself and the **Hayle Park Nature Reserve**. These locations will form the core of our outreach efforts in 2026. By engaging residents who live closest to the landscapes we protect, we hope to build a stronger, more locally rooted membership base.

Closing Remarks

The Society's strength lies in its members, and I remain grateful for the continued support, generosity, and enthusiasm shown throughout 2025. With renewed focus on outreach and engagement in 2026, we are well-placed to grow our community and further our conservation mission.

2026 has got off to go start with over **260 members** renewing already and a total contribution of £1,379. Ninety per cent of the renewals are DD/SO payments.

Jonathan Leeson

Item 13 Social events

Opera Night – June 21

Once again, we will be hosting an evening of opera with Italian tenor **Yuri Sabatini**, here in the KGV pavilion.

The ticket price of £15 includes free Prosecco and nibbles, and we hope you might dress up and make it a bit of an occasion.

Unfortunately, we have had to change the date from that previously advertised, as we discovered there was a funfair booked to be on the field that same evening.

The Spring Walk will now take place in the summer!

We have decided to replace this year's Spring Walk with a bigger event to coincide with Maidstone Council's Big Day Out. This will be on **Saturday, June 13**.

Parking will be available in a corner of the Hayle Park Nature Reserve (entry via Teasaucer Hill and Hayle Place). The walk will be a longer affair than normal, covering a different area, and taking in some of the Loose Amenities Association land, Bockingford, our own land at Crisbrook and Hayle Park Nature Reserve.

We will, however, end up as usual in the garden of the Manor House at Hayle Place, for tea and cakes. This is a free event. Meet at 10am.

Summer barn dance – Saturday, July 18

This year, we will be holding an open-air barn dance with live music from the **Abby's ceilidh band**.

The jollity will take place as normal in the beautiful grounds of Hayle Place Manor House. No refreshments will be provided, but you are invited to bring your own picnic, booze, and chairs. Gates open at 3pm. Dancing from 4pm to 7pm. Tickets are **£10**, with children under 14 free.

Quiz Night – Friday, October 23

We will be holding a quiz night in conjunction with the Tovil Repair Café group at the Tovil Workingmen's Club, with Peaj Jarvis as the quiz master. We will be looking for teams of six, with members invited to bring their own snacks. Entry £5 per person.

There is a subsidised bar at the club, so on this occasion, please do **not** bring your own booze.

Alan Smith

Item 14

Traffic Calming Report

Following a survey of VCS members in Autumn 2025, Alan Smith convened a group to look at the problem of traffic in the Lower Loose Valley. I was elected chairman on 24th November 2025. The group has had input from around 15 people, with about 12 people continuing to play a regular part.

Department for Transport traffic data shows that traffic throughput has generally reduced on surrounding main roads, while almost doubling on the Valley route. The implications of this are: whatever KCC has done to the main roads in the last 20 years has reduced their capacity, and the Valley is suffering collateral damage.

The terms of reference of the group are:

*To investigate and promote change(s) that:
Reduce the volume of traffic that uses the Valley, and
Reduce the peak speeds of traffic, while bearing in mind
that we are in the Loose Valley Conservation Area.*

The group has looked at a number of potential mitigations. These, and their current statuses, are:

Mitigation	Status
Introduction of 20mph zone	Under consideration
A barrier that restricts through-traffic	Under consideration
Pinch points	Under consideration
ANPR-controlled residents zone	Ruled out due to complexity and KCC lack the legal basis to implement
Speed Humps	Ruled out due to opposition from group members
Hedge/vegetation trimming	Sonya Walsh has had a number of successes in getting vegetation reduced. It does not reduce traffic volumes or speeds, but it makes it safer for pedestrians

There is no perfect solution; any mitigation will have advantages and disadvantages.

Implementation of anything will require support from local people, KCC and the relevant politicians. This, as many will know, is a significant challenge.

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So far, the main stakeholders which the group has engaged with include:

Stakeholder	Status
Helen Grant MP	Supportive
Emily Rodgers – KCC Highways West Kent Community Engagement Officer	Opposes any changes except a review of signage
Miranda Palmer - KCC Head of Active Travel	Defers to local Community Liaison Officer
Paul Thomas – KCC Local Cllr	Believed to oppose a barrier and 20mph restriction
Peter Osborne – KCC Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport	Defers to local Community Liaison Officer
Stuart Jeffrey – MBC leader	Supportive
Local residents	A survey is in preparation to gather residents' views

Ways that members can support the efforts of the group, if they wish, include:

1. The group is gathering photographic evidence of traffic-related problems, such as traffic queues, gridlock, pedestrians in an unsafe environment, collisions between vehicles, damage to buildings/walls/verges, dangerous driving, aggressive behaviour, roadkill etc. Please send anything of relevance (not potholes, please) to loosevalleytrafficcalming@gmail.com. General comments can also be sent to this address.
2. The group has a Facebook page where road problems can be highlighted: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61584257411740>. If you have a story or photograph which could feature, please contact Alan Smith on a128smith@btinternet.com
3. Engage your neighbours and visitors directly with conversations about traffic calming, with a belief that something should be done.
4. Respond to the survey that will be conducted in due course.
5. The group has appeared in two press articles so far, and if you are supportive of the group, you may like to leave positive comments online about the idea of traffic calming, to illustrate that there is support in the area.
6. Anyone with (or who knows someone with) expertise in Highways Engineering, the legal duties of County Councils, lobbying or marketing/influencing and who would like to assist, is encouraged to get in touch.

Tom Bartlett

Item 15

report by Eileen Lewis



Carbon Action Tovil and Tovil Repair Café



Carbon Action Tovil was formed in Autumn 2024 after Parish Councillors Tony Hemsted and Eileen Lewis attended a Carbon Literacy course. This inspired them to think about ways in which Tovil could reduce carbon emissions in the parish.

Carbon Action Tovil (CAT) liaises with other groups, such as Valley Conservation through representation on the recently formed Tovil Traffic Calming group, and on the Tovil Neighbourhood Plan committee. Last year the group organised regular litter picks in Tovil.



But its main efforts have been in the setting up and running of a series of highly successful **Repair Cafés**: four cafés were held in 2025, with five planned for 2026.

The ethos of Repair Cafés (an international movement) is to reduce our carbon footprint by offering free repairs for everyday household items. Alongside repairs, the café provides delicious sandwiches, cakes and drinks. Alan Smith and Eileen Lewis head up a great team of volunteers who oversee the smooth running of the event.



Our most recent event on Saturday, March 14th, drew 58 visitors, who brought along broken clocks, jammed cassette players, garden tools that needed sharpening and a huge juke box that wouldn't play – until it was fixed! Our team of brilliant repairers fixed 33 items on the day, and took 5 others away to fix at home.

CAT also offers free skills-based workshops, such as on bicycle maintenance and sewing skills, so that our local repairers can pass on their skills to the community.

Tovil Repair Café operates entirely on donations. This has made our first year tricky at times, as we have to pay for hall hire, insurance and printing costs. We are grateful for support from Pennies Nursery, the Medway Volunteer Workshop and the Linton Walkers.

If you can lend a hand at the next event, please call Eileen on 07709 031365 or email eileenmlewis@sky.com. The next café is on **Saturday, May 9**.

Item 16

Election of Executive Committee

Under the terms of the Society's constitution, all existing members of the executive committee must step down at the AGM, although they may seek re-election.

On this occasion, all the existing committee members are willing to seek re-election.

Nominations have to be submitted in Writing to the secretary at least 14 days before the date of the AGM.

The following proposals were received:

Chairman and Treasurer: [Jane Holman](#)

Vice Chairman: [Brian Shingleton](#)

Secretary: [Alan Smith](#)

Executive committee (nine vacancies)

[Nathan Faulkner](#)

[Eileen Lewis](#)

[Claire Faulkner](#)

[John Robertson](#)

[David Hill](#)

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