



Company Number 06460936 Charity Number 1123473

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT GOLDWATER LODGE

15TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 19:00

Present: The Current Board of Trustees

Paul Downes (Chair), Andrew Halstead, Caroline Hughes, Margo Scott, Colin Kemp, Paul Robinson, Sebastian Purbick, Charlotte Brackley

Apologies for absence

In attendance:

Jeremy Dalton - Estates Manager

Janette Dalglish – Company Secretary

Number of members in attendance: 35

Minutes: Janette Dalglish

Ordinary Business

- 1) Minutes of the AGM held on 9th October 2024
Proposed by George Fawcett Seconded by Caroline Hughes
Unanimously approved as a true record.
- 2) Adoption of the examined accounts of the Society for the year ending 31st December 2024
Proposed by George Fawcett Seconded by Charlotte Brackley
Passed unanimously.
- 3) Re-election by rotation of existing Trustees: Caroline Hughes, Margo Scott Raul Robinson
Proposed by George Fawcett Seconded by Graeme Jordon
Passed unanimously.
- 4) Appointment of **Alliotts LLP** as Auditors and Examiners
Proposed by Charlotte Brackley Seconded by Graeme Jordon
Passed unanimously.

Paul Downes thanked the Trustees, Jeremy Dalton and Rupert Millican for all their hard work during the year. He also thanked David Robbins for his continued support of the Society

PD confirmed that the changes to the articles had been approved by the Charities Commission and work had started on the improvements to the barn at Raes' Field. This works was being supported and partially funded by SCC. The building has been renovated by 18 NEETS (Not in Education, Employment or Training) 14 of whom have gained a City and Guilds qualification for the work they completed.



Jeremy Dalton gave an update on work on the Common

Fire prevention work has been completed during the year which has meant opening up some areas of the Common

The small saplings at Wheatsheaf have survived the summer drought and are beginning to fill out. Work will be ongoing in 2026 to rejuvenate the area following the flooding works completed by SCC.

At Heather Farm there is a new section of boardwalk in an area prone to flooding and better passing places have been incorporated

The Hawthorn Avenue at Heather Farm suffered during a prolonged wet spell in the spring so a drainage channel has been dug.

All the Tuesday and Sunday volunteers were thanked for their essential involvement in improving the habitat on the Common

During the year various surveys of insects, butterflies and reptiles were completed and the results have been very positive and endorse the habitat management strategy.

The plans for consolidating and continual improvement of the Common will be continued into 2026

A question from the floor was whether benches could be installed around the ponds on wheatsheaf. It was agreed that this would be looked into.

With no further questions the meeting concluded.