



Dorset Wildlife Trust Notice of Annual General Meeting

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Dorset Wildlife Trust (the Company) will be held on Monday 1 December 2025 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

14 November 2025

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 14 November 2025.

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 26 November 2025. 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.

Akshay Sanghrajka

Akshay Sanghrajka and his wife are co-founders of The Ferals, a Dorset rewilding project restoring land formerly farmed intensively. He leads habitat creation—new ponds and wetlands, chalk-grassland meadows, young woodland and butterfly banks—and manages conservation grazing with Hereford cattle. Previously he taught Latin, Ancient Greek and football in a secondary school. He holds a Graduate Diploma in Law and studied Classics at Oxford.

Akshay lives in Tarrant Keyneston and homeschools his children. His interests include healthspan, macroeconomics and pickleball.

Lisa Upchurch

Lisa was inspired to join Dorset Wildlife Trust following an organised walk at Lyscombe in 2025. She grew up in rural Yorkshire, and following city life during university and her early career, she relocated with her family to Dorset in 2008.

She has a successful career in finance spanning more than 30 years after qualifying as a Chartered Tax Advisor (CTA) with one of the world's largest accountancy practices. Having spent the last 18 years working part time as Head of Tax for a well known UK high street retailer, she brings extensive finance knowledge as well as commercial experience in legal and corporate governance, business strategy and insight, and over 10 years voluntary and charity board experience. In her free time, Lisa enjoys spending time in nature - both coast and country with her family and dog.

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 Health & Safety Committee and is a member of the Personnel & Remuneration Committee and Conservation Committee.

Jim White

Jim is a keen naturalist and has been a Dorset Wildlife Trust member since moving to Dorset in 1979. He has always been passionate about nature and spent his entire professional career working in nature conservation, ending with 13 years as the Dorset team manager for English Nature. He retired in 2006 since when he has served on Dorset Wildlife Trust's Council. He currently chairs the Trust's Conservation Committee and the SNCI Panel. He was made an MBE in 2008, "For services to nature conservation in Dorset".

Addendum to Notice 24 November 2025: the following two trustees are also standing for re-election.

Simon Goldsack

Born and raised in Purbeck on a dairy farm, Simon has spent his entire life in Dorset. He and his wife Liz have developed a substantial rural retail business on a former fruit farm which now includes a garden centre, farm shop and café. Simon has always been fascinated by plants, fungi and the rural environment and more recently the fauna it supports. He is now turning the fruit farm into 24 acre public botanic garden and wildlife park.

John Stobart

John has worked in Dorset as a professional conservationist for over 20 years, initially with the Dorset Wildlife Trust and since 1999 with the Government's statutory conservation body Natural England and its predecessor English Nature. John sits on the Dorset Sites of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI) Selection Panel and is a member of Dorset Wildlife Trust's Conservation Committee.

He brings experience of the planning system and wildlife legislation and is a skilled naturalist with an extensive knowledge of Dorset's habitats.