**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 7 December 2026 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 2026 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 re-election as trustees are duly elected and appointed, to take effect from the end of the AGM.
   And **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

CRYSTAL JOHNSON Company Secretary
14 November 2026
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 12pm 26 November 2026. 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).

**Re-election of trustees**

**Ian Alexander**
Ian grew up around Poole Harbour where volunteering on Dorset Wildlife Trust's area of Brownsea Island was a formative experience in convincing him to pursue a career in conservation. Since graduating as an ecologist, he has been a professional conservationist with the bulk of his career spent in Dorset working for a variety of voluntary and public sector organisations. Ian is presently employed by Natural England where the bulk of his time is spent plotting and working with partners to deliver nature's recovery.

**Leo Henley-Lock**
Leo has worked in conservation for over 20 years, bringing experience across farming, forestry, conservation and education. A Countryside Management graduate of Aberystwyth University and Chartered Manager with the Chartered Management Institute, he combines practical understanding of land management with strategic leadership and a strong commitment to Dorset's nature and wildlife.
As Restore Nature Delivery Manager for the National Trust, Leo leads nature recovery across West Dorset and Cranborne Chase, working with teams, tenants and partners to restore habitats and build resilient landscapes. He previously served as Director of Conservation and Land Management at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, leading its reserves and conservation work.
Leo also worked for Dorset Wildlife Trust on the Portland Living Landscapes project and as Reserves Manager for South and East Dorset until 2020. As a Trustee, he brings this breadth of experience to supporting the Trust's strategic direction and long-term impact.

**Lisbet Sherlock**
Following a successful business career in corporate communications in the high-tech sector, Lisbet now dedicates her time to environmental, cultural and history projects. Until October 2023, she was a trustee at the Chiltern Society which campaigns, conserves and promotes the Chilterns area, a role which she gave up due to relocation. Lisbet chaired the fundraising and awareness committee and contributed to heritage and strategy initiatives. Additionally,

she is 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. Lisbet is a lifelong lover of the countryside, and of Dorset in particular.

**Jim White**
Jim graduated in Botany from London University after which he worked in nature conservation for his entire career, including as Conservation Officer for Hampshire Wildlife Trust, and for nearly 30 years with Nature Conservancy Council and English Nature, the latter as Dorset Team Manager. On retiring from EN in 2006 he was elected a Trustee of DWT and is Chair of DWT's Conservation Committee. He is a regular volunteer botanical surveyor with National Trust and DWT. Jim is passionate about nature and enjoys sharing this enthusiasm. He was made an MBE in 2008, for services to nature conservation in Dorset.

**Giles Pugh**
Giles qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Price Waterhouse in 1992 and has over 25 years' experience of working at Finance Director level in the charitable, education and health sectors. He has, within these roles, been the Chair of a number of specialist finance member bodies and also a trustee at a number of Multi Academy Trusts including Chair of a number of Audit and Risk Committees. He is currently the Deputy CEO/ Finance Director of the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education. He has a keen interest in nature and conservation and has been a member of DWT since moving to Dorset with his wife and 2 daughters over 20 years ago. He was appointed as a trustee of DWT in 2017 and Chairs the Finance and Risk Committee.

**Election of Trustees**

**Rebecca Drury**
Dr Rebecca Drury has over 20 years' experience in international conservation, spanning NGOs, government advisory work and tackling the corporate drivers of nature loss. Rebecca spent over a decade at Fauna & Flora International, where she built and led their global programme tackling illegal wildlife trade and supported the organisational development of conservation partners worldwide. She is now Principal Consultant for Nature at a sustainability consultancy, leading its work on nature with investors, companies and NGOs. Since 2020, she has been a member of the UK Government's Illegal Wildlife Trade Advisory Group, a public appointment overseeing funding proposals to its Biodiversity Challenge Funds. With a PhD and MSc in Anthropology from UCL and a BSc (Hons) in Zoology, she brings a people-centred approach to conservation and expertise in fundraising, partnerships and stakeholder engagement. Raised in Purbeck, she returned to Dorset in 2015 and lives in Dorchester.

## Quentin Zentner
As General Counsel, overseeing the legal and governance teams and a member of Standard Life's Executive Committee since 2015, Quentin has been part of an impactful team that has steered Standard Life from a FTSE 250 company to a purpose-driven FTSE 100 business, with 16 million customers and over £300 billion of assets under administration. He is a proud sponsor of Standard Life's mental health network, Mind Matters, striving to destigmatise mental health and facilitate a supportive working culture.

Prior to Standard Life, Quentin was General Counsel at a UK private equity firm and prior to that, a partner at Pinsents solicitors. Quentin has a passion for horticulture, rewilding and the arts.