

Minutes of the AGM

18th October 2025, Bodenham Parish Hall 13.30

Attendees

In the Chair: Alison Mclean

Trustees: Michael Dawson, Debbie Beaton, Jake Bharier, Jake Dowling

CEO : Jamie Audsley

i) Welcome and apologies for non-attendance

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that a quorum was present, so the meeting could proceed to business. The Chair noted Becca Hadaway and Jane Seabrook had given apologies

ii) Minutes of the 61st Annual General Meeting held and adjourned on 8th October 2024 and reconvened on the 19th December 2024

The draft minutes were produced to the Meeting and there being no comments on their content from members the minutes were unanimously approved as drafted and signed by the Chair.

iii) Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising

iii) Presentation by the Chair of the Board of Trustees' Report for 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

Presentation by Alison Mclean Chair of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust. The chair expressed thanks to staff and volunteers for all their contributions over the year who are at the heart of the Trusts work.

v) Presentation by the Hon. Treasurer of the Accounts for 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

Richard Cryer had resigned in March 2024. Jake Bharier has been the interim Treasurer and presented the accounts. The Group accounts are made up of the parent charity and the trading subsidiary.

Headlines are we have grown significantly, and final outcome was creditable with a much better performance than the previous two years.

Auditors have approved the accounts and confirmed the view of the Trustees that we are a going concern.

v) Presentation by the Hon. Treasurer of the Accounts for 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

There were no objections or abstentions, and members formally adopted the Report and the Accounts 2024/2025.

vi) Report of the Auditors, Messrs Thorne Widgery.

vii) Appointment of Auditors for 2025/6

The members confirmed the appointment of the auditors Thorne Widgery for 2025/2026

viii) Election of Trustees

In last year 3 Trustees have resigned Jim Hardy, Matt Williams and Richard Cryer. The chair expressed thanks for all their hard work as Trustees

4 New Trustees Elected :

Hugh Boyes – all members agreed and Hugh Boyes was formally elected

Rob Cannings all members agreed and Rob Cannings was formally elected

Vivien Holland - all members agreed and Vivien Holland was formally elected

Ben McCarthy Co-opted to Board - all members agreed and Ben McCarthy was formally elected

3 Trustees standing for re-elected after 3 years

Jake Dowling - all members agreed and re-elected

Jane Seabrook - all members agreed and re-elected

Mike Dawson - all members agreed and re-elected

The Chair expressed thanks and gratitude to Jamie Audsley CEO for his work over last 3 years. Jamie will be leaving the Trust in December 2025.

x) Closing remarks from the Chief Executive

Thanks to Staff here today – for walks and talks

Thanks to Toby for his presentation on Country file

Looking ahead the future is strong, we are in good partnership with our neighbouring wildlife trust. It's an exciting time for the Trust with the focus on Wool hope dome.

xi) Any other business

There was no additional business, and the Chair accordingly declared the Meeting closed at 14.00 hours.