

Annual GENERAL MEETING 2020



**Worcestershire
Wildlife Trust**

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Lower Smite Farm
and online by video conference on Wednesday 14 October 2020 at 7:30pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th October 2019 (www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/about-us/how-were-run).
3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
4. To receive and adopt the Report of Council.
5. To receive and adopt the Report of the Honorary Treasurer.
6. To elect Members of Council. The following members have retired by rotation and are standing for re-election; John Blakiston, Richard Cory, David Mortiboys and Roger Pannell. All nominations are proposed by the Council.
7. To appoint Auditors.
8. Any other business

Richard Cory (Honorary Secretary)

ATTENDANCE

The Trust is required to hold an AGM so a provisional decision has been made that the AGM will go ahead as normal subject to the Government Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. Social distancing measures will be in place and only one voting member from each household will be able to attend unless accompanied by a carer. Members will also be able to join the AGM remotely by video conference.

As the number of places at the venue will be limited attendance will be by application.

Any member wishing to attend should apply to the Director using the enquiries email address enquiries@worcestershirowildlifetrust.org, quoting their name and membership number before 30 September 2020.

As Government Covid-19 pandemic restrictions

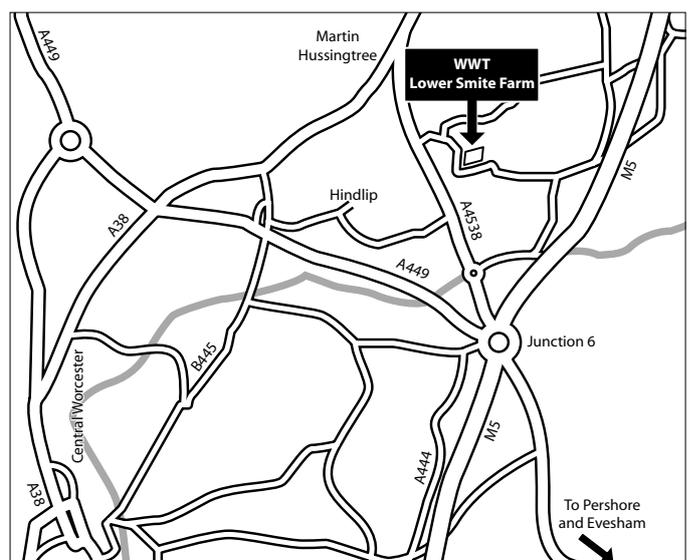
are subject to review any member attending should regularly check the Trust's website (www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk) in case the meeting has to be postponed or arrangements altered. This may include cancellation, re-scheduling, or alternative forms of meeting (eg via a virtual meeting).

VOTING

Members only are allowed to vote at the AGM. Each standard membership is issued with one special green membership card which should be used for voting at the AGM.

PROXY VOTING

If you cannot attend the AGM but would like to vote, you can obtain a form to appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf. These forms are available on request from the Director at Lower Smite Farm.



Map showing the location of WWT, where the Annual General Meeting of Worcestershire Wildlife Trust will be held. Lower Smite Farm, Smite Hill, Hindlip, Worcestershire, WR3 8SZ



DETAILS SUPPLIED BY MEMBERS STANDING FOR ELECTION TO COUNCIL AT 2020 AGM

JOHN BLAKISTON

I have been a member of the Trust for over 25 years and am passionate about wildlife in my local area. At the start of 2017 I was co-opted to Council and elected to the role of Honorary Treasurer. While I had little experience of working with charities before the Trust, I have gained over 15 years' experience working in senior management teams in industry, mainly in the Packaging and Automotive sectors. I have now been working for four years as a self-employed Finance Director working for a number of smaller businesses and the experience I have gained is giving me very relevant experience to bring to the Trust. I am a qualified Chartered accountant and trained with Coopers and Lybrand in Birmingham.

RICHARD CORY

Born, bred and still living in Wilden to the north of our county, I have been a member of the Trust for over 40 years, stepping down some time ago after 22 years as chairman of the Wyre Forest Local Group but with whom I am still actively engaged. Like many, I was first introduced to wildlife through bird watching as a child but developed a love and wider interest of the living world, particularly the natural history of woodland and its management. Now retired, I enjoy offering my 42 years' experience in property management and administration in the West Midlands for the benefit of the Trust, having been Honorary Secretary for the past five years which has given me an interesting and wide ranging view of the membership, operation and running of the Trust.

DAVID MORTIBOYS

A career in the automotive industry gave me the opportunity to travel extensively and live abroad, which enabled me to experience many different cultures, all whilst holding senior positions in the industry. I took early retirement in 2012 and this gave me more time to volunteer with the Trust and pursue my general interest in wildlife and general conservation. I was lucky enough to be elected to Council in 2013 and enjoyed being involved in the workings of Council and later to sit on the Enterprises Board where I eventually became Chair. I have been able to use my business experience for the benefit of the Trust and complemented the skills set of other

members of Council. I have been Chair of Council for the last three years and have enjoyed working more closely not just with Council but also with the management team in maintaining a strong financial position for the Trust and working to ensure a sustainable future for the county's wildlife. As Chair I have also been involved with the national movement of Wildlife Trusts in our overall aim to push Government towards supporting and legislating for a greener, sustainable future.

ROGER PANNELL

I have been a Trust member since the mid-1980s, becoming involved in many aspects of the Trust's work as for example: committee member and chair of the local group, running the local 'Watch' group in Stourbridge and serving for some time as County 'Watch' organiser, volunteering on a number of Trust reserves and being Hon. Reserve Manager for Chance Wood. On my retirement from 35 years teaching science, principally biology in the Black Country I was honoured to be elected to WWT Council in 2010. I have been Hon. Officer for Resources for much of my time on Council and have thoroughly enjoyed being able to contribute to the on-going development of the Trust particularly with respect to education in all its aspects, I hope to be able to continue to bring my professional expertise to this important area of the Trust's work. I believe that in order to safeguard Worcestershire's wildlife against all the threats and challenges which it faces we need a strong voice in the county and that can be achieved through a large and knowledgeable membership.