

DRAFT MINUTES – for confirmation at the 2026 AGM

**Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Hills Society
Saturday 18th October 2025 at 11.00am
at The Hampton Estate**

Welcome – Chairman, Gordon Jackson, welcomed members to the 16th Annual General Meeting and thanked them for their continuing support. The meeting was attended by approximately 35 members. He also introduced Emma Adler, the Society's new Chief Executive taking up her appointment in November and James Herd of the Surrey Wildlife Trust who the Trustees recommend for appointment as a new Trustee.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were made for Chris Howard, President, as she is away in Australia and other Trustees, namely Shauna Robinson, Karen Clark, Sat Luthra and Peter Salisbury. Seven other members also sent apologies.
2. **Minutes of the AGM held on 9th November 2024**
The Minutes were approved unanimously. Gordon Jackson proposed and Stella Cantor seconded.
3. **Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025** –The Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements had been published in the accounts on the website.
Martin Cantor, Finance Trustee, spoke to the meeting about the need for the Society account carefully between its own funds and those restricted funds held for specific purposes. At the time, the Society was engaged in the Care Farm project and Growing Together both of which were grant funded projects requiring separate detailed accounting records to be maintained.
Thanks were given to Bullimores for their pro bono support in examining the accounts. The Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements were approved unanimously
4. **To confirm the appointment of the independent financial examiner for 2025/26** - The appointment of Nick Boot of Bullimores LLP was proposed by Martin Cantor and given general approval.
5. **To set the annual membership subscription for 2025/26** – The Trustees recommended that the subscription remains the same as last year, £20 for single membership and £30 for family membership. This was approved unanimously.
6. **Resolution**
Gordon Jackson thanked Claire Harris, a former Trustee, who had resigned during the year.
Shauna Robinson and Catherine McCusker both retired by rotation as Trustees and offered themselves for re-appointment for a further term. The Trustees recommended their re-appointment which was agreed unanimously by the meeting.
The Trustees recommended that James Herd be appointed Trustee which was unanimously approved by the meeting.
9. **Any other business**
The meeting closed at 12.15pm.
It was followed by a presentation by Katie Dawe, manager of the Care Farm project and then by Mollie Biddell about the Hampton Estate.