

September 2024

Dear Trust Members

Thank you for your support for Suffolk Wildlife Trust over the past year.

Your magazine package includes our impact report for the Trust's activities in 2023-24. Our ambition to turn around the fortunes of nature in Suffolk is stronger than ever, and your support makes this possible. Thank you.

In your Spring/Summer *Suffolk Wildlife* magazine, we gave Members notice of this year's Annual General Meeting. I am pleased now to provide further details:

Suffolk Wildlife Trust's 63rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday 21st November 2024, at 4pm, at Lackford Lakes nature reserve, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP28 6HX. To make the AGM accessible to as many Members as possible, there is also the option to attend the meeting live on Zoom.

Prior to the AGM there will be an opportunity for an afternoon guided walk around Lackford Lakes and we will conclude with a talk by Dr Dan Wade about the Waveney and Little Ouse landscape recovery project.

You may recall that we have previously included the AGM as part of an annual conservation day. This year we are trying a new approach of an autumn AGM followed by a spring Members Day in 2025. We hope having two events will create more opportunities for Members to get involved.

Our AGM includes the elections to the Charity's Board of Trustees. Biographies of the candidates for election and Trustees offering themselves for re-election are included on page 3.

As a Member you can vote on the day at the AGM or on Zoom. If you are unable to attend the AGM, you can vote in advance using the attached proxy form(s):

- Please ensure we receive your completed proxy form no later than 48 hours before the AGM.
- All adult Members of the Trust are entitled to vote and so two forms are included.
- The form is also available on our website at: suffolkwildlifetrust.org/AGM-2024.
- As an alternative to posting back the paper proxy form, you can scan or photograph your completed form and send it as an email attachment to AGM@suffolkwildlifetrust.org quoting your membership number and postcode to authenticate your request.

Booking details to attend in person or on Zoom are on our website at: suffolkwildlifetrust.org/AGM-2024.

You can also book by calling Sarah McLoughlin, our Operations Manager on 07917 050619.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to James Alexander, Chair of our Board of Trustees for his commitment and leadership during his tenure as Chair. This will be James's last AGM as Chair and, on behalf of Members, I would like to acknowledge the significant contribution he has made to the Trust. Thank you, James.

With my best wishes



Christine Luxton
Chief Executive

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

63rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 21st November 2024 at 4pm

Lackford Lakes, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP28 6HX and live streamed on Zoom

To attend in person or on Zoom, please book via suffolkwildlifetrust.org/AGM-2024

Before the AGM there is an opportunity for a guided walk around the nature reserve

Arrival for tea and coffee from 2pm

Guided walk departs at 2.20pm

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST'S 63rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4pm-4.45pm

Arrival for tea and coffee from 3.30pm

The AGM will be chaired by James Alexander, Chair of Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Board of Trustees

All papers for the AGM are published on our website: suffolkwildlifetrust.org/AGM-2024

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting**
- 3. Annual Report of the Board of Trustees by the Chair, James Alexander**
- 4. Ordinary resolutions:**
 - i. To approve the annual accounts of the Charity
 - ii. To approve the re-appointment of Peters Elworthy & Moore as auditors to the Charity.
 - iii. To re-elect Calum Thomson as a Trustee
 - iv. To re-elect Joan Hardingham as a Trustee
 - v. To re-elect Tim Woodward as a Trustee
 - vi. To elect Roxanne Escobales as a Trustee
 - vii. To elect Patrick Goymer as a Trustee
- 5. Any other business (Please ensure we receive this no later than 48 hours before the Meeting).**
Email AGM@suffolkwildlifetrust.org
- 6. Meeting close.**

Following the AGM, there will be a talk about our pioneering Waveney and Little Ouse landscape recovery project.

Talk by Dr Dan Wade, Project Manager of the Waveney and Little Ouse landscape recovery project.

4.45pm-5.15pm

BIOGRAPHIES OF CANDIDATES AND TRUSTEES

In accordance with Article 19 and Article 20 the Board of Trustees recommends the following four Trustees for re-election to the Board:

CALUM THOMSON



Calum is a chartered accountant and a former partner of Deloitte LLP. He is currently non-executive director and audit committee chair of a number of public companies in the financial services sector and is the Chair of Trustees of the Tarbat Historic Trust, a museum situated in the North of Scotland. He has been a member of Suffolk Wildlife Trust for over thirty years and assists his wife who runs a small farm dedicated to nature situated in Dunwich Forest near RSPB Minsmere and Dingle Marshes. The farm includes a range of habitats including acid grassland, alder carr, riverbanks and woodland supporting a wide range of wildlife and has benefitted over many years from advice provided by Suffolk Wildlife Trust and the RSPB. Calum joined the Board in 2020 and has been Hon Treasurer since 2021.

JOAN HARDINGHAM



Since 1981 Joan has run a diverse farming business at Alder Carr Farm, in partnership with her husband and family. Joan has a keen interest in wildlife and conservation and how farming can co-exist with the natural world. She has long been involved as a Council Member of the Suffolk Naturalists' Society and is currently Chair. Joan has taught Rural Science and Biology at Secondary level and understands the need to engage children with wildlife at the earliest age to build a lifelong appreciation. Joan has served as a Trustee for three years.

TIM WOODWARD



Tim has served as a Trustee for three years. He is a regional surveyor for the Country Land & Business Association (CLA) providing advice to CLA members across nine counties on a wide range of rural land management matters. A RICS-qualified rural surveyor with an MSc in Advanced Farm Management, Tim has practised as a land agent in various parts of the UK for over 35 years. He has a keen interest in the countryside and in environmental matters and, having lived near Bradfield Woods and Bull's Wood for thirteen years, knows both reserves well.

Following a recruitment process led by the Nominations Committee, the Board of Trustees recommends the following two candidates for election to the Board:

ROXANNE ESCOBALES



Roxanne is a strategic communications professional with over 20 years experience in journalism, international affairs, policy and advocacy, and media relations gained at global news brands, agencies and within the third sector. From the BBC World Service to Oxfam to Chatham House, she has built her career communicating with the audiences who matter most to an organisation's mission. Roxanne has an MA in Journalism, Goldsmiths College, University of London. She moved to Woodbridge in January 2023, and the beauty and diversity of the area's natural environment was a primary draw. She spent the summer learning how to sail - and avoid the mud - on the River Deben.

PATRICK GOYMER



Patrick has recently started as Life Sciences Division Editor at the Public Library of Science. Prior to that, he was the Chief Editor of Nature Ecology & Evolution (since 2016) and a senior editor at Nature (since 2005), working with academics and conservation professionals globally to publish high impact research and opinion, as well as writing editorials and other journal content. He has lectured in the Nature Masterclass programme to train researchers in publishing and was a member of Springer Nature's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion strategy committee. Patrick has a DPhil, University of Oxford (2002) for research on the genetic basis of evolutionary diversification in bacteria and an MA in Natural Sciences, University of Cambridge (1998). He lives in Earl Soham and is Chair of Governors of Earl Soham Community Primary School.

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST (the Charity)

63rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FORM OF PROXY FOR MEMBER 1 (where appropriate)

BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, PLEASE READ THE EXPLANATORY NOTES (page 6)

I _____ [insert your full name or the name of your company

or organisation in block capitals] being a Member of the Charity appoint the Chair of the Meeting or (see

note 3) _____ [insert full name of proxy in block capitals]

as my proxy to attend, speak and vote on my behalf at the Meeting of the Charity to be held at Lackford

Lakes, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP28 6HX from 1600 to 1645 and at any adjournment of the Meeting.

I direct my proxy to vote on the following resolution(s) as I have indicated by marking the appropriate box with an 'X':

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS	FOR	AGAINST
i. To approve the annual accounts of the Charity		
ii. To approve the re-appointment of Peters Elworthy & Moore as auditors to the Charity		
iii. To re-elect Calum Thomson as a Trustee		
iv. To re-elect Joan Hardingham as a Trustee		
v. To re-elect Tim Woodward as a Trustee		
vi. To elect Patrick Goymer as a Trustee		
vii. To elect Roxanne Escobales as a Trustee		

Signature:

Date:

Name:

If on behalf of an organisation, name of the organisation:

Post to: Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Brooke House, The Green, Ashbocking, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 9JY.

or

Email a scan or photograph your completed form to **AGM@suffolkwildlifetrust.org**

Please include your membership number and postcode to authenticate your request.

SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST (the Charity)

63rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FORM OF PROXY FOR MEMBER 2 (where appropriate)

BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM, PLEASE READ THE EXPLANATORY NOTES (page 6)

I _____ [insert your full name or the name of your company or organisation in block capitals] being a Member of the Charity appoint the Chair of the Meeting or (see note 3) _____ [insert full name of proxy in block capitals] as my proxy to attend, speak and vote on my behalf at the Meeting of the Charity to be held at Lackford Lakes, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP28 6HX from 1600 to 1645 and at any adjournment of the Meeting.

I direct my proxy to vote on the following resolution(s) as I have indicated by marking the appropriate box with an 'X':

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS	FOR	AGAINST
i. To approve the annual accounts of the Charity		
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NOTES

FORM OF PROXY

1. As a Member of the Charity you are entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of your rights to attend, speak and vote at a general meeting of the Charity. You can only appoint a proxy using the procedures set out in these notes. This form of proxy confers authority to demand or join in demanding a poll.
2. Appointment of a proxy does not preclude you from attending the Meeting and voting in person. If you have appointed a proxy and attend the Meeting in person or by teleconference, and vote, your proxy appointment will automatically be terminated.

APPOINTMENT

3. A proxy does not need to be a Member of the Charity but must attend the Meeting to represent you. If you wish to appoint a proxy other than the Chair of the Meeting, insert their full name on the dotted line. If you leave this space blank, the Chair of the Meeting will be appointed your proxy. Where you appoint as your proxy someone other than the Chair, you are responsible for ensuring that they attend the meeting and are aware of your voting intentions. If you wish your proxy to make any comments on your behalf, you will need to appoint someone other than the Chair and give them the relevant instructions directly.

VOTING DIRECTIONS

4. To direct your proxy how to vote on the resolutions, mark the appropriate box with an "X". If no voting indication is given, your proxy will vote or abstain from voting at his or her discretion. Your proxy will vote (or abstain from voting) as they think fit in relation to any other matter which is put before the Meeting, including a motion to adjourn.

RETURNING YOUR PROXY FORM

5. To appoint a proxy using this form, the form must be:
 - Completed and signed;
 - Sent to the Charity at: Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Brooke House, The Green, Ashbocking, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 9JY. As an alternative to posting back the paper proxy form, you can scan or photograph your completed form and send it as an email attachment to **AGM@suffolkwildlifetrust.org** quoting your membership number and postcode to authenticate your request;
 - Received by the Charity no later than 48 hours before the Meeting.
6. In the case of a Member which is an incorporated organisation (e.g. a company), the proxy form must be executed under its common seal or signed on its behalf by an officer of the incorporated organisation or an attorney for the incorporated organisation.
7. Any power of attorney or any other authority under which this proxy form is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the proxy form.
8. As an alternative to completing this hard-copy proxy form, you can appoint a proxy electronically by emailing Suffolk Wildlife Trust at **AGM@suffolkwildlifetrust.org** quoting your membership number and postcode to authenticate your request. The simplest way to appoint a proxy electronically is to scan or photograph your completed form and send it as an attachment. For an electronic proxy appointment to be valid, your appointment must be received by the Charity no later than 48 hours before the Meeting.
9. If you submit more than one valid proxy appointment, the appointment received last before the latest time for the receipt of proxies will take precedence.