

INVITATION TO THE CLA CORNWALL BRANCH AGM

TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2024 11.30am
Registration, tea and coffee from 11am

Bolitho Estates, Trewidden, Penzance, TR20 8TT

By kind permission of the Bolitho family.
Followed by a two-course buffet lunch and tours of Trewidden Gardens and
Art Studios.



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We are extremely fortunate to be able to hold the 2024 Cornwall Branch AGM at Bolitho Estates, by kind permission of the Bolitho family, on Tuesday 26 March. CLA South West would like to thank Coodes Solicitors and Cornish Lithium for their generous support.



The AGM will be held in a marquee. Seasonally appropriate clothing and footwear is advisable.



PROGRAMME

- 11.00am Registration, tea and coffee
- 11.30am AGM
- 11.50am CLA President Victoria Vyvan and Vice President Joe Evans
- 12.45pm Welcome to Bolitho Estates by Edward Bolitho
- 1.00pm Two-course buffet lunch
- 2.15pm Tours of Trewidden Gardens and Art Studios.
- 3.20pm Refreshments
- 3.45pm Depart

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Opening by Branch President
2. To receive apologies for absence
3. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday 26 April 2023.
4. Matters Arising from Minutes
5. To receive and adopt the Annual Report
6. To elect Branch Officers and Council Representative
7. To elect new committee members
8. Any other business

Nominations for office or for membership of the Committee as given in Item 6, or any resolution a member may wish to propose, must reach Ann Maidment, Regional Director South West, in writing no less than seven days prior to the meeting.

BOLITHO ESTATES

The Bolitho family moved down from near Penryn to West Penwith in the late eighteenth century, to pursue their trading and entrepreneurial businesses. They based themselves at Chyandour on the edge of Penzance, from where the Estates are still run.

The Bolitho Estates now consist of land and property, principally around Penzance. The land rises from sea level to around 600 feet and varies from high quality agricultural land on the 'Golden Mile' east of Penzance, growing bulbs and vegetables, through good grassland used mainly for dairy and beef farming to areas of wild moorland rich in wildlife. Residential properties are rented to local people on long term leases, while many old farm buildings have been converted into small workshops, studios and offices for local businesses.

The two principal houses on the Estates are at Trewidden and Trewainton. Trewidden is now owned by Alverne Bolitho and is currently a holiday let when the family are not living there, while the Gardens are open to the public. Lt Col Sir Edward Bolitho gave Trewainton Gardens and House to the National Trust in 1961. His grandson Edward now lives there with his family and is involved with the Trust in running the gardens.



DIRECTIONS: Signposted from the A30 Lands End Road, two miles West of Penzance at Buryas Bridge. [Sat Nav. TR19 6AU](#)

Disabled parking is available. The garden entrance is gravel with a slope, before levelling out. About half of the pathways in the garden are accessible to electric wheelchairs. Manual wheelchairs are not advisable due to the pathways being topped with gravel.

BOOKING YOUR PLACE AT THE AGM

To book your place at the AGM please login to your 'My CLA' account on www.cla.org.uk and click on Events. Tickets cost £45pp incl VAT. Attendance at the AGM only is free.

You can pay by card online or bank transfer following your booking. If you are having difficulties, please call the South West Office on 01249 700200 or email southwest@cla.org.uk

Bookings close Monday 18 March 2024.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - CORNWALL BRANCH



Welcome to the CLA Cornwall Branch AGM.

The CLA was founded because of the need to represent rural interests at a time of political and financial uncertainty.

With a general election this year, many families relying on foodbanks whilst supermarkets report record sales, 2023 setting highest recorded average temperatures, and a national housing shortage – the CLA is just as relevant today as it was at its foundation in 1907.

A 2022 CLA publication 'Rural as a Region' concluded that were the rural community treated as a distinct region then it would be in more need of levelling up than any other part of the country and whilst there are 573 political constituencies across England and Wales only the CLA represents the rural community as if it were a constituency.

It is positive to have clarity on farming and environmental subsidies and offering land for Biodiversity Net Gain and Carbon Credits goes some way to meet some challenges and will provide income, but these markets are long term, still maturing and some options could have unintended consequences, including public access.

On our doorstep, the Cornish coastline should be pristine but only 30% of our beaches meet the water quality standard for bathing. A combination of catchment sensitive areas, diffuse pollution, and the actions of water companies, undermine the trust needed to co-operate in tackling the issue.

However, we as land managers and farmers must not shy away from our responsibilities – we are accountable both legally and to future generations for our reaction to environmental challenges, and we must ensure that we are not part of the problem.



The CLA lobbied last year on many issues including the significant prescription of SSSI designations, the cost-of-living crisis, achieving net zero, connectivity, infrastructure, and the distinct lack of appropriate rural housing, and will continue to do so.

As well as lobbying the CLA is an advisory organisation, and in my experience, the advice is excellent and easy to access so please do get in touch with the team if you need advice on anything from the risk of right to roam to the issues created by new SSSI's.

Cornwall has its first National CLA President, Victoria Vyvyan, in whom we have an advocate who is as knowledgeable as she is passionate about issues that affect our rural community and businesses.

It has been a privilege for me to serve as the Cornwall Branch Chair this year and I would like to thank the CLA's national and regional team for their hard work, particularly the delivery of another exceptional topical debate at the Royal Cornwall Show.

Thank you to every committee member for the breadth of knowledge and expertise that you bring to the debate as well as your good company, particularly our President, Jan Trefusis and Vice Chair, Ed Coode for their support.

We are very fortunate to be holding our Annual General Meeting at Trewidden House on the Bolitho Estate and are indebted to His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant Colonel Edward Bolitho for his kind invitation.

Darran Goldby FRICS
Chairman, Cornwall Branch



MINUTES OF THE 2023 CORNWALL BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Held on Wednesday 12 April 2023 at 11.30am at
Spaceport Cornwall.**

Opening by the Branch President, Trish Stone. Trish welcomed CLA Deputy President Victoria Vyvyan and attendees, and thanked partners Savills and Coodes Solicitors and our hosts at Spaceport.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Jimmy Scobie, Jenny Olds, Brian Harvey, Sally Pentreath and two members of the association.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the AGM of the AGM held on Tuesday 26 April 2022 were signed as a true and correct record. Proposed by Trish Stone and seconded by John Kitson.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4. ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman, Jan Trefusis, thanked fellow officers, the Committee and the regional staff for their work and support and proposed the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Ed Coode and agreed unanimously.

5. ELECTIONS

President: Jan Trefusis. Proposed by Trish Stone. Seconded by Phil Reed.

Chairman: Darran Goldby. Proposed by Trish Stone. Seconded by Sammie Coryton.

Vice Chairman: Ed Coode. Proposed by Trish Stone. Seconded by Andrew Ranson.

Council Representatives: Rupert Hanbury-Tenison. Proposed by Trish Stone. Seconded by Jonathan Batchelor.

Branch Committee: President explained that in accordance with the Branch Rules there were no retirements from committee. Resignation was received from Chris Gregory. The President thanked him for his huge contribution and support during his term on the Committee.

There had been three nominations for new Committee Members received:

- Sammie Coryton
- Chris Anderson
- Matthew Rowe

New members were elected en-bloc as proposed by Trish Stone and seconded by Andrew Ranson.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

President informed members of benefits of the Women's Network within the county and wider region and asked them to contact the regional office for further information.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

CORNWALL BRANCH COMMITTEE

President: Jan Trefusis

Chairman: Darran Goldby MRICS FAAV

Vice Chairman: Ed Coode

Ex Officio Committee members: Trish Stone, Peter Edwards DL JP, Rupert Hanbury-Tenison, Tony Harris FRICS, Iain Mackie, Jimmy Scobie FRICS, Robert Sloman, Victoria Vyvyan, Andrew Williams, John Willis MRICS

Committee members: Chris Anderson, Emily Borton, Sammie Coryton, Jenny Olds, Brian Harvey, Luke Humphries, John Kitson, Sally Pentreath, Paul Rice, Phil Reed, Matthew Rowe, Patricia Thomas, Tom Williams

Co-opted members: Nick Lawrence MRICS, Geraint Richards MICFor, Dr Robin Jackson

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