

# INVITATION TO THE CLA HAMPSHIRE BRANCH AGM

24 SEPTEMBER 2021  
STANSTED PARK



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## PROGRAMME

- 10.30 Arrival at Stansted Park for registration and refreshments in Music Room
- 11.00 Hampshire Branch AGM
- 11.15 Address by CLA President, Mark Bridgeman
- 11.45 Welcome by Estate
- 12.15 Drinks Reception in Music Room
- 12.45 Two course Lunch
- 14.00 Tours of the Estate
- 16.00 Finish with Tea/Coffee and depart

This year's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Friday 24 September at Stansted Park, Rowlands Castle, Hampshire, PO9 6DX.

The tours will visit the main house and include a walk in the Estate grounds.

CLA South East would like to thank Thrings for their valued support.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting held on 28 October 2020
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Election of Officers for 2021/2022
  - a) President
  - b) One representative to Council
  - c) Committee
5. To receive and adopt the Chairman's Annual Report for 2020/2021
6. Any other business.

Nominations for office or for membership of the Committee as given in item 4, or any resolution a member may wish to propose, must reach the Regional Director, in writing by 10 September 2021.

## STANSTED PARK

Stansted Park first existed as a hunting lodge in the ancient forest of Arundel, built here about 800 years ago for Roger, first Earl of Arundel. In 1181 the first recorded dwelling on the site of the present chapel was built for Henry II. The buildings were restored in 1480 by the 12th Earl of Arundel but these buildings were largely destroyed during the Civil War in 1644.

Richard, Lord Lumley, built the house on the present site in 1688. The estate then passed through descent to Lord Halifax who improved the park. In 1781 the estate was sold to Richard Barwell, who summoned Capability Brown to redesign the park and James Wyatt to improve the house. A calamitous fire destroyed the house in 1900. After the fire, the mansion was demolished, rebuilt and modernised in 1901-3, on the exact footprint of the 1688 house.

In 1983 the 10th Earl of Bessborough gave Stansted Park, his family home, its beautiful contents and the Arboretum to the public. Visitors can explore the state rooms that are furnished as though the 10th Earl was still at home, giving you a real sense of a bygone era, including the extensive Servants' Quarters below stairs.



## 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](http://www.cla.org.uk) and click on Events. Tickets cost £45 inc VAT. You can pay by card online, or by bank transfer or cheque following your booking. Please note, if paying by cheque, your booking will not be confirmed until the cheque is processed by Finance, and you may receive payment reminders in the interim between booking and confirmation. If you are having difficulties, please call the South East office on 01264 313434 or [southeast@cla.org.uk](mailto:southeast@cla.org.uk).

This event will only run if Covid guidelines permit. If the event is cancelled, we will offer you a full refund.

**Bookings close 17 September 2021.**



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – HANTS BRANCH

After a very strange 18 months, and far too many Zoom meetings, I am delighted that our AGM is once again face-to-face. The Covid-19 pandemic's impact on work, family life and well-being has been far-reaching, but with the majority of adults now vaccinated it is a pleasure to finally welcome you to a physical CLA event.

The rural sector, not for the first time, has had to adapt and change to the challenges and opportunities posed. Farmers were designated key workers, while those employed in hospitality have spent much of the last year furloughed, though the 2021 summer season has brought high levels of bookings and business for many. Many CLA members will have used this time of enforced lockdown to assess their businesses, and to consider how best to play the cards they have been dealt.

It is perhaps easy to forget that so much has happened since our virtual AGM of 2020. At the turn of the year, and after months of winding negotiations, many farmers and rural businesses breathed a sigh of relief as the UK and European Union finally agreed a deal that will define our future relationship. The EU is a key market for many CLA members, and will remain so, and it is important trade is kept as simple and low-friction as possible. And as we transition away from CAP towards ELM, the CLA has been lobbying Government for as much clarity as possible to help members plan for the future. The CLA can help you understand the changes in agriculture policy, how they will affect your business, and give you advice on how to move forward into the new world. If you would like support, please contact the South East team.

In November the CLA held its first Rural Powerhouse Week, a week-long programme of digital events that brought together senior Ministers, government officials, rural economics experts, land managers and entrepreneurs to identify how we can create good new jobs in the countryside, supporting businesses and communities alike. It was good to see it grow from a single-day event to sustain energy and interest across the week, with hundreds of CLA members getting involved.

Other areas the CLA has been working on include connectivity, which varies so wildly across Hampshire depending on where you live or work, and managing public access rights, especially in light of the pandemic. Fresh policies are needed to simplify the tax and planning systems for businesses wishing to diversify, while investment in skills and training is required to support job creation in local areas. With the UK due to host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow in November, the focus for our industry will be on how to grow the economy, mitigate climate change and reverse biodiversity decline at the same time. The eyes of the world will be on us.

Turning to activities in Hampshire, while most physical events and shows were cancelled, the CLA has run a busy programme of online seminars and workshops, covering a range of issues from water to succession. It has been pleasing to see so many members embrace technology and get involved. While the New Forest and Hampshire County Show did not go ahead last year, the CLA still ran its rural awards in the Forest, and presented them virtually in the autumn. A hearty congratulations to the winners – hopefully normal service will resume with the show, drinks reception and awards presentation next summer.

I would like to thank the South East team, under the leadership of Michael Valenzia, as well as the team in London, for their continued hard work on behalf of us all. Over the past year the CLA team has given advice to members across Hampshire on a range of issues, and I encourage you to get in touch with the regional office when in need of support.

David Pardoe



Image by Stansted Park Foundation

# MINUTES OF THE 2020 HANTS BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD VIA ZOOM AT 2PM ON WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2020

## Present:

Branch President, Major General Jamie Balfour  
Branch Chairman, David Pardoe  
CLA Vice President, Victoria Vyvyan  
Director South East, Michael Valenzia  
16 Members

The Branch President welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked Victoria Vyvyan, CLA Vice President, for attending. He thanked Lloyds Bank for their kind partnership of the AGM and welcomed their representatives Ian Webb

## 1. Apologies for Absence

2 formal apologies had been received.

## 2. To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held at Exbury Gardens on 10 May 2019 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Branch President.

## 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

## 4. Election of Officers for 2020/21

### a) Election of Branch President

There was one nomination, Hallam Mills, who was proposed by David Butler, seconded by John Jervoise and carried unanimously.

### b) Election of Branch Vice-Presidents

The Chairman took over the meeting for the election of the Vice President. There was one nomination for Vice-President, Major-General Jamie Balfour, who was proposed by Rodney Morgan-Giles, seconded by Penny Stokes and carried unanimously.

### c) One Representative to the CLA Council

The President was delighted to announce that Rebecca Corbett, Alastair Cutts, Josie Palmer and Mark Thistlethwayte had agreed to join the Committee. He also announced that Bill Welling had retired from the Committee and thanked him for his contributions to the committee over many years of service.

### d) Branch Committee

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The Branch President read out the following names for election:

Simon Barker	Rodney Morgan-Giles
David Butler	Alun Oliver
Mark Charter	Josie Palmer
Rebecca Corbett	David Pardoe
Iain Curry	Victoria Read
Alister Cutts	Robert Sutcliffe
Matt Gilks	Penny Stokes
John Jervoise	Mark Thistlethwayte

The election of the Committee for 2020/21 was proposed by Rosie Salt, seconded by James McDonald-Smith and carried unanimously.

## 5. To Adopt the Chairman's Annual Report for 2019/20

The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Robert Sutcliffe, seconded by James MacDonald-Smith and carried unanimously.

## 6. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Branch President concluded the Hampshire AGM and introduced CLA Vice President Victoria Vyvyan.

## HANTS BRANCH COMMITTEE

### PRESIDENT

Hallam Mills

### VICE-CHAIRMAN

Robert Sutcliffe

### CHAIRMAN

David Pardoe

### COMMITTEE

Major General Jamie Balfour

Co-opted

Simon Barker

John Durnell

David Butler

Mark Charter

Becca Corbett

Iain Curry

Alister Cutts

Matt Gilks

John Jervoise

Rodney Morgan-Giles

Alun Oliver

Josie Palmer

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Penny Stokes

Mark Thistlethwayte

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