

INVITATION TO THE CLA SURREY BRANCH AGM

27 SEPTEMBER 2021
THE HAMPTON ESTATE



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PROGRAMME

- 16.30 Arrival at Hampton House for registration and refreshments in Front Hall
- 17.00 Welcome Speeches
- 17.15 Gardens & farm tour
- 18.00 Drinks Reception and talk in Front Hall
- 18.45 Surrey Branch AGM in Front Hall
- 19.00 Address by CLA Deputy President, Mark Tufnell
- 19.30 Two course dinner in the Drawing Room
- 21.00 Depart

This year's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Monday 27 September 2021 at Hampton Estate, Elstead Road, Seale, Farnham, GU10 1JE.

CLA South East would like to thank Moore Barlow and Strutt & Parker for their valued support.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting held on 12 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 13 September 2021.

HAMPTON ESTATE

Future proofing and change-making at Hampton

Hampton Estate is a diversified, family-run estate located on the southern slopes of the Hogs Back within the Surrey Hills AONB. The 2,250 acres of historic parkland, grazing meadows, arable fields, mixed woodlands, hop gardens and traditional farmyards form the backbone of the estate which is home to a myriad of businesses and opportunities.

Hampton Estate thrives on its rural diversity. The ambition is to enhance the environment and support the local community whilst also productively managing the natural asset that is the land. The estate wants to ensure that its businesses thrive, its environment flourishes and its natural beauty is enjoyed.

There will be a short amble through the garden, followed by time to see the regenerative, Pasture for Life herd of Sussex cows, and reflect on the biodiversity opportunities in the Parkland.

There will also be a chance for the enthusiasts to see the plant room of the newly installed water source heat pump. Family and advisers will then share their thoughts on the opportunities and challenges the Estate now faces in preparing itself for a future defined by the biodiversity, climate and health crises.



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 £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.

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

Bookings close 20 September 2021.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – SURREY 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.

Other areas the CLA has been working on include connectivity, which varies so wildly across Surrey 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 Surrey, 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. The first physical CLA event in 17 months was held in July, when members enjoyed a tour, tasting and lunch at Denbies.

The CLA has been working with the Surrey Hills AONB on its proposed boundary review, which is likely to affect members, and contributed to the Farming in Protected Landscapes scheme. Key advice topics raised by Surrey members have included planning and diversification, particularly around the 56-day option for pop-up campsites and events. Other areas have ranged from business rates to legal advice on property agreements and succession. The CLA has also been appearing in or on TV, radio, newspapers, magazines and websites across Surrey over the past 12 months raising awareness of rural issues such as fly-tipping, connectivity and promoting the Countryside Code, including BBC South East Today, Surrey Advertiser and BBC Radio Surrey.

I would like to thank the South East team, as well as the team in London, for their continued hard work on behalf of us all. I encourage you to get in touch with the regional office when in need of support.

And last but not least I would like to thank the Surrey Committee for their work over the past 18 months, and look forward to a less restricted year ahead and the scope to develop our businesses.

Lisa Creaye-Griffin



MINUTES OF THE 2020 SURREY BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD VIA ZOOM AT 4PM ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2020

Present:

Branch President, Bridget Biddell
Branch Chairman, Lisa Creaye-Griffin
CLA President, Mark Bridgeman
Director South East, Michael Valenzia
11 Members

The Branch President welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked Mark Bridgeman, CLA President, for attending. He thanked Moore Barlow and Smith & Williamson for their kind partnership of the AGM and welcomed their representatives, Charlotte Brackley and Edward Emblem respectively.

1. Apologies for Absence

Formal apologies had been received from 3 members.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held at Silent Pool Distillery on 27 June 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. Adoption of Standard Branch Rules

The President explained that the Committee had agreed to adopt the Standard Branch Rules of the Association and that the membership needed to agree to the proposal before being presented to Council. The Chairman proposed the adoption and it was seconded by Tamara Twynam and carried unanimously.

5. Election of Officers for 2020/21

a) Re-election of Branch President

The Chairman took over the meeting for the election of the Branch President. The re-election of the current Branch President, Bridget Biddell, was proposed by Lisa Creaye-Griffin, seconded by Tim Parker and carried unanimously.

b) One Representative to the CLA Council

The meeting passed back to the Branch President. Tamara Twynam proposed Lisa Creaye-Griffin for Representative to Council, which was seconded by James Lee-Steere and carried unanimously.

c) Branch Committee

The President was delighted to announce that Charlotte Brackley, Alex MacKinnon, Susanna Morgan-Williams, Rachel Patch, Tamara Twynam and Ben Whitaker had agreed to join the Committee.

The President also announced that Christopher Brockhurst and Iain MacLeod had resigned, and thanked them for their support.

The Branch President read out the following names for election:

Hugo Black	Alexander More-Molyneux
Charlotte Brackley	Susanna Morgan-Williams
Lisa Creaye-Griffin	Houston Morris
Tim Frith	Rachel Patch
Malcolm Glaister	Tim Parker
Stephen Godwin-Austen	Tamara Twynam
Joosje Hamilton	Luke West
James Lee-Steere	Ben Whitaker
Alex MacKinnon	

The election of the Committee for 2020/21 was proposed by Gordon Lee-Steere, seconded by Richard Bellamy and carried unanimously.

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

The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Charlotte Brackley, seconded by James Lee-Steere and carried unanimously.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Branch President concluded the Surrey AGM and introduced CLA President Mark Bridgeman.

SURREY BRANCH COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

Bridget Biddell

CHAIRMAN

Lisa Creaye-Griffin

VICE CHAIRMAN

Joosje Hamilton

COMMITTEE

Hugo Black
Charlotte Brackley
Tim Frith
Malcolm Glaister
Stephen Godwin-Austen
James Lee-Steere
Alex MacKinnon
Susanna Morgan-Williams
Houston Morris
Tim Parker
Rachel Patch
Tamara Twynam
Luke West
Benjamin Whitaker

Co-opted
Melissa Boyes
Tim Metson
Laurie Wates

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