

INVITATION TO THE CLA BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BRANCH SUMMER EVENT AND AGM

17 MAY 2022
LUTON HOO ESTATE



Luton Hoo Walled Garden

PROGRAMME

- 10.30 Arrival at Luton Hoo Estate for registration and refreshments
- 11.00 Buckinghamshire Branch AGM in the Walled Garden Conservatory
- 11.15 Address by CLA Director General, Sarah Hendry
- 11.45 Welcome by estate owner, Edward Phillips
- 12.15 Drinks reception
- 12.45 Two course lunch
- 14.00 Tours of the estate
- 16.00 Finish and depart

This year's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 17 May 2022 at Luton Hoo Estate, West Hyde Road, Luton. The postcode for the Walled Garden is LU1 4LF.

CLA South East would like to thank Mercer & Hole and Briggs & Stone 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 20 September 2021
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Election of Officers for 2022/2023
 - a) President
 - b) One representative to Council
 - c) Committee
5. To receive and adopt the Chairman's Annual Report for 2021/2022
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 Director South East, Tim Bamford, in writing by 3 May 2022.

LUTON HOO ESTATE

Luton Hoo Estate is a traditional privately owned country estate that continues to trust in its history and values, while embracing modern concepts and demands, and has been in the hands of the same family since 1903.

Today, the estate boasts an arable farm (with environmentally-friendly systems incorporated within its techniques), parkland, residential properties, commercial units, an historic model farm (regularly used for filming) and a local food hub. Additionally, the famous walled garden, developed by Lord Bute, is being lovingly restored by a large number of volunteers. It is a wedding and party venue and still contains the structures that were put in place in the 1830s.

During the tour of the estate, you will be taken through the beautiful wall garden and up to where they have utilised farm buildings for office space. You will also get to see the traditional brick buildings of the historic Home Farm complex and the stately Lime Tree Avenue that stretches for nearly a mile – two features that make the Luton Hoo Estate a successful filming venue.

In recent years the estate has hosted a number of productions for both TV and the big screen including Empire of the Sun, Gosford Park, Oliver, Four Weddings and a Funeral, Bleak House, Little Dorrit, War Horse, Call the Midwife, Wonder Woman and Justice League.



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 £48 inc VAT. You can pay by card online, or by bank transfer or cheque following your booking. Please note, if paying by bank transfer or cheque, your booking will not be confirmed until the payment 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 29 April 2022.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – BUCKS BRANCH

Our last AGM was only held in the autumn, delayed by Covid, so it's a pleasure to have this year's in spring, with lighter and longer days ahead. And while it's not been a full 12 months since our last meeting, there has still been much going on both locally in Buckinghamshire and nationally.

The pace of post-Brexit agricultural transition has quickened over the past 12 months. The CLA has been working hard to ensure members are supported and involved as Defra rolls out its environmental land management (ELM) programme, with environment secretary George Eustice revealing more details about the Sustainable Farming Incentive at the CLA's Rural Business Conference in December. Shifting from a system based around direct payments to one that pays for public goods is a good ambition, but must be done carefully. New schemes must successfully sit alongside existing ones as they remain the main sources of funding for now, and offer crucial support in helping farmers and landowners to continue feeding the nation, mitigate climate change and reverse biodiversity decline.

The CLA can help you understand the changes, how they will affect your business, and give you advice on how to move forward into the new world. So I encourage you to contact the team and take advantage of the brilliant advice service which is included as part of your membership – and they can assist with an array of other issues too, from planning to tax and beyond.

As part of our Rural Powerhouse initiative, the CLA estimates that if rural productivity per worker was raised to the national average, an additional £43 billion could be added to national

income every year. The creation of the new Ministry for Levelling Up under the leadership of former Defra Secretary Michael Gove, therefore, represents a big opportunity for change in 2022 and one the Government must grasp. The CLA stands ready to work with Ministers to create prosperity across the countryside.

Locally, the CLA has set up a member-led OxCam Arc Working Group, chaired by Nicholas Verney of the Claydon Estate. The aim of this group is to inform and direct CLA involvement with the OxCam Arc project at each stage, oversee responses to government consultations and support CLA participation in third-party working groups. It is made up of various landowners, farmers and rural businesses throughout the Arc region; if you would like more information please get in touch with the CLA regional office.

Rural crime continues to blight many rural communities. Defra released its latest fly-tipping statistics in December which sadly revealed that the number of incidents in Buckinghamshire rose by 22% in 2020/21 compared to the previous 12 months, to nearly 10,000 cases – a bigger increase than the national figure. The true total is likely to be even higher as the data does not include private land. But the CLA and others did achieve a win on hare coursing legislation earlier this year when the Government announced it is to give greater powers to the police and courts; a good example of successful lobbying and the importance of being a member.

On another positive note, I am very much looking forward to more in-person events this year, including the return of the Bucks County Show on Thursday, 1 September after a Covid-enforced absence. I welcome the chance to see members once again, whether that be for the first time or to catch up after what has been a strange couple of years.

I would also like to thank the CLA South East team, as well as the team in London, for their continued hard work on behalf of us all.

Robert Ruck-Keene



MINUTES OF THE 2021 BUCKS BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT CRANFIELD UNIVERSITY, BEDFORDSHIRE, MK43 0AL
AT 11AM ON MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2021

Present:

Branch President, Henry Shaw
Branch Vice President, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher
Branch Vice President, Lord Rupert Carrington
Branch Chair, Robert Ruck-Keene
CLA Deputy President, Mark Tufnell
CLA SE Regional Director, Tim Bamford
16 Members and their guests

The Branch President welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked Mark Tufnell, CLA Deputy President, for attending. He also thanked Rupert Ashby, CLA Director of Membership and Regions for attending, plus Robinson & Hall for their kind partnership of the AGM and welcomed their representatives, Andrew Capel, Andrew Jenkinson and Polly Sewell.

1. Apologies for Absence

5 formal apologies had been received.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held via Zoom on 20 October 2020 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 2021/22

a) Election of Branch President

The Chair took over the meeting for the election of the Branch President. There was one nomination, Henry Shaw, who was proposed by Henry Aubrey-Fletcher seconded by Nicholas Verney and carried unanimously.

b) One Representative to the CLA Council

The meeting passed back to the Branch President. Ted Howard-Jones proposed Robert Ruck-Keene for Representative to Council, which was seconded by Miff Chichester and carried unanimously.

c) Branch Committee

The President noted that John Abernethy was retiring from the committee and thanked him for his support over the years.

The President was delighted to announce that David Foster and Debbie Obied had agreed to join the Committee.

The Branch President then read out the following names for election to the branch committee:

Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher	David Foster
Lord Rupert Carrington	Will Finn-Kelcey
Sir Edmund Verney	Ted Howard-Jones
Robert Ruck-Keene	Sir David Lidington
Alexander Boswell	Tom Morrison
David Briggs	Debbie Obied
Robert Carington	Sarah Plumridge
Miff Chichester	Christopher Prideaux
Garth Clark	Charlie Van Exter
Tudor Cowley	Nicholas Verney
Charlie Edgley	

The election of the Committee for 2021/22 was proposed by Andrew Jenkinson, seconded by Polly Sewell and carried unanimously.

5. To Adopt the Chair's Annual Report for 2020/21

The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Charlie Van Exter, seconded by Christopher Prideaux and carried unanimously.

6. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Branch President concluded the Buckinghamshire AGM and introduced CLA Deputy President Mark Tufnell.

BUCKS BRANCH COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

Henry Shaw

CHAIRMAN

Robert Ruck-Keene

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Charlie Van Exter

COMMITTEE

Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher

Lord Rupert Carrington

Sir Edmund Verney

Alexander Boswell

David Briggs

Robert Carington

Miff Chichester

Garth Clark

Tudor Cowley

Charlie Edgley

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Will Finn-Kelcey

Ted Howard-Jones

Sir David Lidington

Tom Morrison

Debbie Obied

Sarah Plumridge

Christopher Prideaux

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