

# INVITATION TO THE CLA HAMPSHIRE BRANCH AGM AND SOCIAL EVENT

28 SEPTEMBER 2022  
BEAULIEU ESTATE



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## PROGRAMME

- 09.45 Arrival at Beaulieu for registration and refreshments
- 10.15 Hampshire Branch AGM in the Marquee
- 10.30 Welcome talk by Lord Montagu
- 11.00 Tour of Palace House
- 12.00 Drinks reception in the Monastic Life Exhibition
- 13.30 Two course lunch in the Domus
- 14.30 Address by CLA President, Mark Tufnell
- 15.00 Guided tour of the Maritime Museum and boat tour with talk from The Hon Mary Montagu-Scott
- 16.30 Finish and depart

This year's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 28 September at the Beaulieu Estate, Brockenhurst, New Forest, Hampshire, SO42 7ZN.

CLA South East would like to thank Thrings and Saffery Champness 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 24 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 Regional Director, Tim Bamford, in writing by 14 September 2022.

## BEAULIEU ESTATE

The CLA is delighted to be holding its Hampshire Branch social event and AGM 2022 at the Beaulieu Estate, which has been in the ownership of the Montagu family for four centuries.

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, 28 September for a tour, drinks reception and two-course lunch.

In an idyllic New Forest setting over-looking the picturesque mill pond, Palace House was once the gatehouse of Beaulieu Abbey. When Thomas Wriothesley, a direct descendent of the current owner Lord Montagu, bought the estate in 1538, he converted the gatehouse into a modest manor house. A significant remodelling and extension process in the 1800s transformed it into the country house it is today.

Next to the House is the 800-year-old Abbey founded by King John, before being destroyed on the orders of Henry VIII in 1538. Owing to the efforts of the Montagu family ancestors, it is a conserved ruin where generations of visitors have enjoyed its peaceful setting.

A few minutes down the road is the Beaulieu River, one of the few privately owned rivers in the world. Today it is a tranquil spot, well-loved by yachtsmen and nature enthusiasts.

We will hold our AGM in the Abbey, before enjoying a guided tour of the House. Take in the Domus & Monastic Life Exhibition, followed by a drinks reception and lunch in the Domus, for the exclusive use of CLA members. We will conclude with a boat ride down the river and a talk from The Hon Mary Montagu-Scott and a guided tour of the maritime museum.



### 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 £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](mailto:southeast@cla.org.uk).

**Bookings close 21 September 2022.**



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – HAMPSHIRE BRANCH

Welcome to the CLA Hampshire branch 2022 AGM. It's been another busy year, with the pace of post-Brexit agricultural transition quickening 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. 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.

Earlier this year the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Rural Business and the Rural Powerhouse's published a report, 'Levelling up the rural economy: an inquiry into rural productivity'. It was one of the most comprehensive inquiries into the rural economy by a parliamentary group in many years, and called for the Government to show some ambition for the countryside, highlighting areas such as planning and skills.

One key area of this is housing. The CLA recently published a report, entitled 'Sustainable Communities: The role of housing in strengthening the rural economy', which highlighted the transformative economic and social benefits small-scale developments can bring to rural communities. They can help support local employment and strengthen the social fabric of these areas by ensuring pubs, shops and schools stay open. However, this style of organic, incremental growth will only be possible if supported by a more accommodating planning framework.

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 CLA stands ready to work with Ministers and MPs across Hampshire and beyond to create prosperity for the countryside.

Closer to home, it was a pleasure to return to the New Forest and Hampshire County Show this summer, for our rural awards and drinks reception run in partnership with the New Forest National Park Authority. From sustainability champions to supporters of local produce, the Forest is full of dynamic and innovative businesses and individuals, and it was a delight to celebrate their achievements.

I would 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. This is my final AGM as your Chairman, and so I would also like to thank the Hampshire Committee and the team at the South East office for all their support over the last three years. During my time in the hotseat Boris Johnson won an 80-seat majority and has since departed No10, the UK exited the EU and Covid-19 affected every country in the world. A lot has happened, and the role of the CLA has never been more important in standing up for members and their interests.

**David Pardoe**



# MINUTES OF THE 2021 HAMPSHIRE BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT STANSTED PARK, ROWLANDS CASTLE, PO9 6DX  
AT 11AM ON FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2021

## Present:

Branch President, Hallam Mills  
Branch Vice President, Major-General Jamie Balfour  
Branch Chair, David Pardoe  
Branch Vice Chair, Robert Sutcliffe  
CLA President, Mark Bridgeman  
CLA SE Regional Director, Tim Bamford  
21 Members and their guests

The Branch President welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked CLA President, Mark Bridgeman for attending. He also welcomed Flick Drummond, MP for Meon Valley for attending and thanked Stansted Park for hosting, thanked Thrings for partnering the AGM programme and welcomed their representatives Matt Gilks, Karen Perugini and Jonathan Thompson.

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Formal apologies had been received from 2 members.

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

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held via Zoom on 28 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, Hallam Mills, who was proposed by Jamie Balfour, seconded by Matt Gilks and carried unanimously.

### b) One Representative to the CLA Council

The meeting passed back to the Branch President. Becca Corbett proposed David Pardoe for Representative to Council, which was seconded by Simon Barker and carried unanimously.

### c) Branch Committee

The President was delighted to announce that John Durnell had agreed to join the Committee.

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

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

The election of the Committee for 201/22 was proposed by Chris Smith seconded by Hal Spooner and carried unanimously.

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

The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Robert Sutcliffe, seconded by Josie Palmer and carried unanimously.

## 6. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Branch President concluded the Hampshire AGM and introduced CLA President, Mark Bridgeman

## HAMPSHIRE BRANCH COMMITTEE

### PRESIDENT

Hallam Mills

### CHAIRMAN

David Pardoe

### VICE-PRESIDENT

Maj Gen Jamie Balfour

### VICE-CHAIRMAN

Robert Sutcliffe

### COMMITTEE

Simon Barker  
David Butler  
Mark Charter  
Becca Corbett  
Iain Curry  
Alister Cutts  
John Durnell  
Matt Gilks  
Rodney Morgan-Giles  
Alun Oliver  
Josie Palmer  
Victoria Read  
Penny Stokes  
Mark Thistlethwayte

Co-opted:  
John Durnell

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