

INVITATION TO THE CLA SURREY BRANCH SUMMER EVENT AND AGM

7 JUNE 2023
COVERWOOD



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PROGRAMME

- 15:30 Registration, with tea, coffee & cake
- 16:00 Surrey Branch AGM
- 16:15 Address by CLA's Director General, Sarah Hendry
- 16:30 Welcome by Tim Metson
- 17:00 Tour of estate
- 18:00 Drinks reception beside the lake
- 18:30 Two course dinner
- 20.00 Finish and depart

This year's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 7 June 2023 at

Coverwood, Coverwood Farm, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 7NT.

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



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th July 2022
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Election of Officers for 2023/24
 - a. President
 - b. One representative to Council
 - c. Committee
5. To receive and adopt the Chairman's Annual Report for 2022/23
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 24 May 2023.

COVERWOOD

Coverwood is a family-owned diversified farm located in the heart of the Surrey Hills.

It is home to a herd of pedigree Hereford Cattle producing premium pasture-fed meat, 14 acres of landscaped gardens and luxury holiday cottages.

Come and have a look around the farm, butchery and picturesque gardens. Hear about the journey owner Tim Metson has gone on to create a successful butchery, supplying local businesses. Take a stroll through the fields and see the beautiful cattle, and learn about the solar energy project they have recently completed. Gather ideas for reaching other markets and expanding out into the world of holiday cottages.

And as the sun goes down over the Surrey Hills, enjoy a glass of bubbles and canapes, before a delicious meal provided by Tim's own Air Stream 'The Fillet and Bean' and produce from the farm. A relaxing, fun and informative evening for all.



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 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.

Bookings close Thursday 31st May 2023



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - SURREY BRANCH

Succession planning is one of the most important tasks facing any landowner, and the CLA has been working with members over the last 12 months to help guide them through the various practical, tax and legal considerations. An event on succession planning was held at Albury Vineyard, but if you missed it and need advice, please do get in touch with the CLA South East team.

Welcome to the CLA Surrey branch AGM 2023.

With the summer months topping 40C and field fires breaking out with alarming regularity, the heat was certainly on farming in 2022. From rising energy prices, higher input and raw costs, through to labour shortages, rural businesses are being squeezed.

This is a crucial time for the agricultural transition process. At the CLA's Rural Business Conference in December, President Mark Tufnell made clear how rural communities are running out of patience with the Government. Uncertainty over the future of Environmental Land Management (ELM) schemes is eroding confidence within the industry. While some information about payment rates was released earlier this year, 2023 must provide more concrete answers to the farming industry's questions and the CLA will continue to hold the Government's feet to the fire.

In stressing the importance of a profitable and sustainable farming industry to Ministers and MPs, the CLA has also raised issues with the current planning system which are holding rural businesses back, has been calling for a simpler tax regime, as well as urging more investment in skills and innovation.

The CLA's work on tackling rural crime continued this year, with some notable developments. Tougher sentencing and improved powers for the courts to tackle hare coursing were added to the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. The CLA also joined 150 local authorities and 10 professional bodies in a joint letter calling on the Sentencing Council to provide tougher guidance on fines and sentences for culprits of fly-tipping. The Government has since committed to reform the waste industry with increased background checks for firms who move or trade waste, and the introduction of mandatory digital waste tracking.

Finally, on a specific issue relating to Surrey, I would encourage members to make their views on the proposed Surrey Hills AONB expansion known. A consultation opened in the spring and (at the time of writing) is due to close next week; please do take part if you haven't already done so. Please also share your comments with the CLA South East team, so that the organisation can best represent its membership.

There will undoubtedly be more challenges to overcome over the next 12 months, and the CLA's role in championing the rural economy and supporting members has never been so important. Please do make the most of your membership by using the CLA's brilliant advice service and attending events, and spread the word of the benefits of being part of the organisation.

I would like to thank the Surrey branch committee for their dedication and support, as well as the CLA teams in the South East and nationally for their continued hard work on behalf of us all.

Joosje Hamilton



MINUTES OF THE 2022 SURREY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT BETCHWORTH HOUSE, SURREY, RH3 7AE AT 6.50PM ON WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2022

Present:

Branch President, Bridget Biddell
CLA President, Mark Tufnell
CLA SE Regional Director, Tim Bamford
34 Members and their guests

The Branch President welcomed everyone to the AGM at Betchworth and thanked Mark Tufnell, CLA President, for attending. She also welcomed Michael More-Molyneux, HM Lord Lieutenant of Surrey and his wife Sarah. She thanked Strutt and Parker and Moore Barlow for partnering the AGM programme and welcomed their respective representatives.

1. Apologies for Absence

Formal apologies had been received from 5 members.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held at Hampton Estate on 27 September 2021 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 2022/23

a) Re-election of Branch President

The Regional Director took over the meeting for the election of the Branch President. The re-election of the current Branch President, Bridget Biddell, was proposed by Stephen Godwin-Austen, seconded by Hugo Black and carried unanimously.

b) One Representative to the CLA Council

The meeting passed back to the Branch President. Rachel Patch proposed Joose Hamilton for Representative to Council, which was seconded by Tim Metson and carried unanimously.

c) Branch Committee

The President announced that Tim Parker was retiring from Committee and thanked him for his support over the years.

The Branch President read out the following names for re-election to the committee:

Lisa Creaye-Griffin	Joose Hamilton
Hugo Black	Melissa Boyes
Charlotte Brackley	Tim Frith
Malcolm Glaister	Stephen Godwin-Austen
James Lee-Steere	Alex MacKinnon
Tim Metson	Susanna Morgan-Williams
Houston Morris	Rachel Patch
Tamara Twynham	Laurie Wates
Luke West	Benjamin Whitaker

The election of the Committee for 2022/23 was proposed by Tim Parker, seconded by Michael Heighes and carried unanimously.

5. To Adopt the Chair's Annual Report for 2021/22

The president acknowledged the amazing contribution by Lisa Creaye-Griffin during her time as Chairman and the adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Charlotte Brackley, seconded by Joose Hamilton and carried unanimously.

6. Any Other Business.

There was no other business.

The Branch President concluded the Surrey AGM and introduced CLA President Mark Tufnell

SURREY BRANCH COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT
Bridget Biddell

CHAIRMAN
Joose Hamilton

COMMITTEE
Hugo Black
Melissa Boyes
Charlotte Brackley
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