

ALDWICK ESTATE

Aldwick Estate is owned and run by Sandy Luck. Sandy's family have farmed the estate land for five generations. The farmhouse was built in the 1600s and stands at the heart of an estate of mixed arable and pasture farmland covering 300 acres of the Yeo Valley, at the foot of the beautiful Mendip Hills. Sandy's mother Mary set up a successful B&B business soon after she moved to Aldwick in 1957, and her family has continued to diversify ever since.



The first major move was into corporate hospitality, when a fleet of tanks and armoured personnel carriers was brought to the estate for guests to drive up and down specially prepared hillside tracks during teambuilding sessions.

In 2008 the first vines were planted in the Homefield Vineyard in front of the farmhouse, and today Aldwick Estate is Somerset's largest working vineyard. In an average year



around 25 tonnes of grapes are sent from harvest to Mendip winemaker, Steve Brooksbank, who has been responsible for Aldwick Wine ever since the first vintage in 2013.

Today Aldwick sells a multi award-winning range of white, rosé, red and sparkling wines that reflects the unique nature of this special place. In 2013, work was completed on the 150-seater New Barn which joined the existing 60-seater Old Barn. Together the barns host a diverse range of weddings, conferences, and celebrations throughout the year. Aldwick Estate won South-West Barn Venue of the Year at the 2023 Wedding Industry Awards; a suitable accolade for a decade of hard work by the team



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INVITATION TO THE CLA SOMERSET BRANCH AGM 2023

WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM

Registration, Tea and Coffee from 2.15pm

ALDWICK ESTATE, BRISTOL, BS40 4AL

By kind permission of The Luck Family.
Followed by tour, drinks and canapés

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We are extremely fortunate to be able to hold the 2023 Somerset AGM at Aldwick Estate by kind permission of the Luck family. The AGM is generously supported by our partners Monahan's and ???.

PROGRAMME

- 2.15pm Registration, tea and coffee
- 2.30pm AGM
- 3.00pm Ann Maidment
- Director South West
- 3.05pm Gavin Lane
- CLA Vice President
- 3.30pm Introduction to Aldwick Estate followed by a tour of the vineyards
- 5.15pm Drinks and canapés
- 6.30pm Depart



BOOKING YOUR PLACE AT THE AGM

To book and pay online for the AGM please register or log in to MyCLA at <https://www.cla.org.uk/> Tickets cost £40.00pp inc VAT (AGM only free) Payment can also be made by cheque and sent to: CLA South West, Manor Farm Stables, Biddestone, Chippenham, SN14 7DH.

Please include names of all attendees, and state if you wish to attend AGM only or the AGM and Tour. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT CASH ON THE DAY.

Deadline for booking is Tuesday 6 September 2023 Please ensure that appropriate clothing and footwear is worn for the tour.



ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Aldwick is clearly signposted from the A38. The postcode is BS40 5AL. If using a car satellite navigation system and this code is not recognised the please enter BS40 5RF. This will bring you just short of the estate, carry on until you reach the T-junction, turn left and Aldwick Estate is on your left.

To Aldwick from Bristol

Leave Bristol on the A38 southbound past Bristol Airport to Redhill. Go down the hill, take the left turn signposted by the large brown sign marked "Aldwick Estate". This lane is called Cowslip Green Lane and is just past the "Alvis Bros" Lye Cross Farm Shop on the left. Travel approx. 1 mile down the country lane until you reach the end (a T-junction), turn left and Aldwick Estate is immediately on the right.

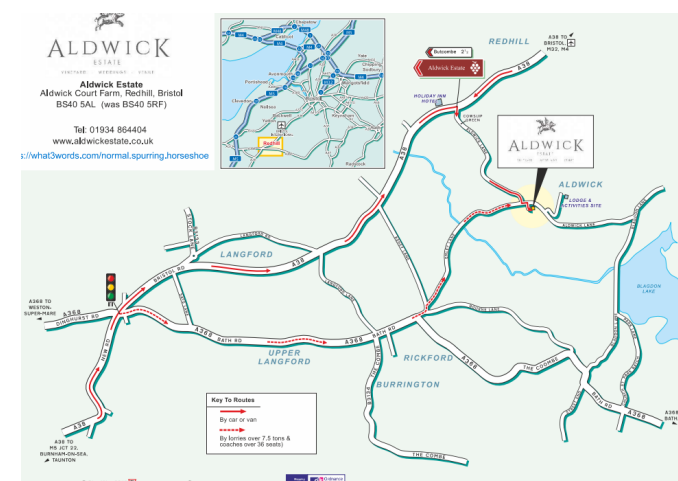
To Aldwick Estate from M5 southbound

Leave the M5 at Junction 18 "Avonmouth". Leave Bristol on the A38 southbound past Bristol Airport to Redhill. Go down the hill, take the left turn signposted by the large brown sign marked "Aldwick Estate". This lane is called Cowslip Green Lane and is just past the "Alvis Bros" Lye Cross Farm Shop on the left. Travel approx. 1 mile down the country lane until you reach the end (a T-junction), turn left and Aldwick Estate is immediately on the right.

To Aldwick Estate from M5 northbound

Leave the M5 at Junction 22. Follow signs to A38 & Bristol Airport. Continue through Churchill over main traffic lights and on for 4 miles. Just past the Holiday Inn take the right turning signposted by the large brown sign marked "Aldwick Estate". This lane is called Cowslip Green Lane and is just past the "Alvis Bros" Lye Cross Farm Shop on the left. Travel approx. 1 mile down the country lane until you reach the end (a T-junction), turn left and Aldwick Estate is immediately on the right.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - SOMERSET BRANCH



It has been another challenging year for land owning businesses. We continue to operate in a continually changing and difficult business environment. Financial results in 2023 for most businesses have been good. However, the 2023/24 financial year is likely to be more challenging with softening but continued high

energy and input prices and labour shortages squeezing margins, as some commodity prices fall, and interest rates rise.

There continues to be many opportunities with competing pressures on land use for housing and renewables as well as carbon sequestration and nutrient neutrality alongside food production.

The combination of the above brings complexity and, together with the election due over the next 12 months, it is more important than ever that CLA continues to work closely cross party with MPs and Ministers to press home the importance of a profitable and sustainable farming industry. Engaging with the CLA via your committee helps to ensure your views are heard and the CLA can positively lobby on behalf of its members.

The strength and depth of knowledge and skills in the CLA team and in its membership ensures CLA members are kept up to date and informed, whilst the CLA team can lobby on behalf of the sector. Over the last year we have discussed a wide range of areas including the planning system, the tax regime, public access, skills and innovation, rural crime and water management and resource. The lobbying has delivered results. Most recently a package of measures have been announced by government to support rural areas, as recommended in

the CLA's Rural Powerhouse campaign, including permitted development rights, affordable housing and a £7m fund to boost rural connectivity

Statistics, contributions and case studies from members all play a vital role in achieving these results so thank you for your support over the last year.

Thank you to all on the Somerset committee and the south west CLA team for their time and contributions to our meetings – the strength and depth of knowledge across the areas of discussion over the last year has led to interesting and worthy debate to feed back to Head Office and into future policy direction.

Tragically we lost our vice chair, Anthony Trollope-Bellew, very suddenly at the start of our year. Anthony was a true gentleman and provided tremendous support with his immense knowledge of our industry. He had a passion for our rural community and is sadly missed on the committee.

We are very fortunate to be holding our AGM at the Aldwick Estate and Vineyard and I thank Sandy Luck and her family for hosting us. I am sure it will be an interesting afternoon and I look forward to meeting you there and to the next year where I expect to see further impactful changes as a result of CLA's work.



The Annual General Meeting of the Somerset Branch will be held at Aldwick Estate, Bristol, BS40 4AL on Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 14.30pm

AGENDA

1. Opening by Branch President
2. To receive apologies for absence
3. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting, held on Monday 3 October 2022
4. Matters Arising from Minutes
5. To receive and adopt the Annual Report

6. To elect Branch Officers and Council Representative
7. To elect new committee members
8. Any other business

Nominations for the offices of President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Council Representatives and for membership of the Committee, or any motion that a member may wish to propose, must reach the Director South West in writing not less than seven days prior to the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE 2022 SOMERSET BRANCH AGM

HELD AT ORCHARDLEIGH HOUSE, ORCHARDLEIGH PARK, FROME, BA11 2PH ON MONDAY 3 OCTOBER 2022

The President welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received apologies from Patrick Rose, Tim Walford, Charles Hignett, Alistair Meade and four members of the association.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the AGM held on 14 October 2021 were signed as being a correct record, having been proposed by Hugh Warmington and seconded by David Kenyon.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman asked that his Annual Report be taken as read. The Chairman thanked his fellow officers, the committee, staff team and members for their support. He then proposed the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Anthony Trollope-Bellew and adopted unanimously.

5. ELECTIONS

The following officers were elected:

President	Hugh Warmington Proposed by – Sam Kirkham Seconded by – Jeff Speke
Chairman	Sam Kirkham Proposed by Hugh Warmington Seconded by Ewen Cameron
Vice Chairman	Anthony Trollope-Bellew Proposed by Hugh Warmington Seconded by Mark Thomasin-Foster
Council representatives:	Sam Kirkham and Anthony Trollope-Bellew Proposed by Hugh Warmington Seconded by James Bateman

President to explain that under Branch Rules, Committee members retire from the Committee after five years, accordingly the following retired at this AGM.

The President thanked them for their considerable support and contribution to the CLAs work during term on committee.

David Hebditch

Three nominations were received for elected committee members and they were:

Alistair Meade
Charles Crawford

Elections were made en bloc
Proposed by Hugh Warmington
Seconded by Anthony Trollope-Bellew

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

The meeting closed at 3.00pm.

SOMERSET BRANCH COMMITTEE 2023/24

PRESIDENT

W H G Warmington Esq (Hugh)

CHAIRMAN

S Kirkham (Sam)

VICE CHAIRMAN

The Hon. Ewen Cameron

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