

BSBI AGM Thursday 21st November 2024

Agenda

1. **Chair's welcome, apologies for absence and opening remarks.**

The Chair will introduce those presenting at the online meeting, describe the content and conduct of the meeting and the members' participation in it.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM.**

There will be an opportunity to comment on the minutes.

Members will be asked to approve the minutes of the tenth AGM of the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland, held online on Thursday 16th November 2023.

3. **Annual Review.**

The Chair will report on the activities and outcomes during the year under review and of more recent achievements and future plans. ([View the Annual Review April 2023 - March 2024 here](#)).

4. **Annual Report and Accounts.**

A presentation will be made on the Annual Report and Accounts and other financial matters for the year ended 31st March 2024. ([View Annual Report and Accounts 31 March 2024 here](#)).

Members will be invited to adopt the Annual Report and Accounts of the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland for the year ended 31st March 2024.

5. **Auditors.**

The appointment of an Auditor will be proposed to report on the year ended 31st March 2025. Trustees also seek approval to fix the remuneration of the Auditor.

Members will be invited to approve the appointment of Moore Kingston Smith (previously WMT) as Auditor and to allow Trustees to fix their remuneration.

6. **Election of Trustees.**

Chris Miles will retire as a Trustee after seven years of outstanding service. Anthony Thomas had to resign during 2024. This leaves 2 vacancies for Trustees on the Board plus 3 standing for reelection and 2 co-opted Trustees standing for election.

Dr Helena Crouch is eligible and willing to be re-elected after serving as a Trustee for 3 years (nominated by Mary Dean & Barry O'Kane).

Kylie Jones is eligible and willing to be re-elected after serving as a Trustee for 3 years (nominated by Helena Crouch & Trevor Dines).

Dr Sandra Knapp is eligible and willing to be re-elected after serving as a Trustee for 6 years (nominated by Pete Hollingsworth & Maria Long).

Richard Allanach and Nicola Tainton were co-opted to the Board in Jan 2024 and are willing to be elected as Trustees (nominated by Kylie Jones and Chris Miles).

Susan Edwards is willing to be elected as a Trustee (nominated by Chris Miles & Sandy Knapp).

Dr **Andrew Lack** is willing to be elected as a Trustee (nominated by Barry O'Kane & Chris Miles).

Members will be invited to re-elect or elect the above nominees as Trustees to serve on the Society's Board of Trustees.

7. **President**

Handover of the President role, with thanks to **Dr Micheline Sheehy Skeffington** and welcome **Prof. Paul Ashton**.

8. **Election of Honorary members**

The Board of Trustees recommends that members elect Brenda Harold as an Honorary Member of BSBI.

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9. **Recognition of members' active contribution to the work of BSBI.**

The Society wishes to thank all members who have served, nationally or regionally, as officers, on committees, as authors, editors and indexers, in leading and arranging meetings and training, as assistant secretaries and minuting secretaries; and the many members who have participated in surveys, prepared reports, represented the society at outreach events and promoted our work via social media.

BSBI would especially like to thank our network of Vice-County Recorders and expert plant Referees, acknowledging their invaluable work and their huge contribution to BSBI's success.

10. **Any Other Business.**

As notified to the Company Secretary and approved by the BSBI President and Board of Trustees in advance of the start of the meeting

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	Resolutions to vote on	Yes	No
2	Approve the minutes of the tenth AGM of the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland, held online on Thursday 16th November 2023.		
4	Adopt the Annual Report and Accounts of the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland for the year ended 31st March 2024.		
5	Approve the appointment of Moore Kingston Smith (previously WMT) as Auditor and to allow Trustees to fix their remuneration.		
6	Reelect as Trustees: Dr Helena Crouch, Kylie Jones & Dr Sandra Knapp		
	Elect as Trustees: Richard Allanach and Nicola Tainton		
	Elect as Trustees: Susan Edwards and Dr Andrew Lack		
8	Elect Brenda Harold as an Honorary Member of BSBI		