

**In aid of the South of England Agricultural Society, a charity that funds and supports
agricultural education and countryside learning**

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Members of this Society will
be held in person on Thursday 10th April 2025 at 5pm

By Order of The Board of Trustees

AGENDA

1. Notice convening the Annual General Meeting of the Society
2. Apologies for absence
3. Welcome by the Chairman
4. Approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2024
5. Honorary Treasurer Report to Members
6. Approve and adopt the Accounts for the year to 31 December 2024 and the Annual Report of the Trustees
7. Elect 12 Members of Council for a three-year period
8. Select 5 Trustees to Board of Trustees for a three-year period to be voted at the Council Meeting
9. Elect non-voting Council Members to represent the Bees & Honey Committee, Mid Sussex District Council, the Hackney Horse Society and Ardingly Parish Council
10. Appoint the Auditors
11. Pass a vote of thanks to the Patron and Vice-Patrons
12. President and Deputy for 2025
13. Pass a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Trustees, Members of Council, Society Staff and volunteers
14. Thank Co-opted Members of the Council
15. Any Other Business
 - a. Articles of Association wording change. Please refer to attachment

Guest Speaker – Will Tupper, Grant recipient to travel to Estonia for the World Ploughing Championships in August 2024

PROXY VOTES - A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote in their place. There is a special form for this purpose. In order to be valid, it must reach the Society's office by 2:30pm on Tuesday 8th April 2025.

Annual General Meeting Agenda Attachment

With reference to AGM Agenda item No. 15.a the Trustees would like to change the wording in the Articles of Association item 21 Patron.

Current wording is:

“Her Majesty the Queen is the Patron of the Society (‘Patron’) and the Council may elect up to seven vice-patrons (‘Vice-Patrons’). In the event of a vacancy occurring in the positions of Patron or Vice-Patron, the Council may invite some other persons to be the Patron or a Vice-Patron of the Society.

Proposed wording is:

The Council can appoint the Patron and the Council may elect up to seven vice-patrons (‘Vice-Patrons’). In the event of a vacancy occurring in the positions of Patron or Vice-Patron, the Council may invite some other persons to be the Patron or a Vice-Patron of the Society.