



**MINUTES OF THE 48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE WILTSHIRE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
At The Corn Centre, Devizes,**

**1. Welcome and Apologies:**

The Chairman Matt Prior welcomed 30 members to the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Apologies were received from Paul Castle, Ted Smith, Frank Mogford, Rob Turner, Gareth & Sheila Hawkes, Jenny Elvin, and Jane and Jim Druett.

**2. Minutes of 2022 AGM:**

The minutes of the 2022 AGM had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members accepted the minutes without comment.

**3. Chairman's Address: Matt Prior**

1. The Chairman thanked the Committee for the work done over the last year.
2. The Chairman thanked David Little for work as Secretary and Indoor Meetings via zoom.
3. The Editorial Board of Hobby, Paul Castle, Stephen Edwards and Bill Quantrill were thanked for their hard work.
4. Claire Jones has taken on another challenge, so has stepped down as Recorder. This very important role has been taken over by Paul Castle.
5. The Records Committee of Rob Turner, Granville Pictor, Kim Milsom and Mark Gurney were thanked for their work on records.
6. There is no BTO Representative in Wiltshire and someone is needed to take on this role.
7. Indoor Meeting post is still vacant, but at present covered by other committee members.
8. Outdoor Meetings, numbering 16 were held last year. Granville Pictor has stepped down after 20 years and was thanked for his hard work.
9. The Wiltshire Bird Fair in partnership with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust was held in April, 200 people attending. Many thanks to Izzy Fry, Alison Rymell & Jonny Cooper for their hard work and contribution.
10. The WOS Editorial team of Christine Johnson, Alison Rymell were thanked for production of a high standard quarterly magazine.
11. Conservation: Tree Sparrow population stabilised this year.
12. Membership. Our presence on social media has led to increased membership, and junior membership is now 12, and hopefully will increase.
13. Social Media. A WOS Instagram account was started in September., managed by Izzy Fry & Charlie Murphy. 27 posts have been created with 214 followers. Ted Smith has managed the Twitter account with 560 followers, up from 196 last year. Thanks to Izzy & Charlie for taking us forward into the world of social media.
14. Izzy Fry & Charlie Murphy have inspired us too improve our offer to the younger generation., with many ideas. Claire & Charlie Murphy have been invited onto the Executive Committee forming a Youth Development sub-committee with Jonny Cooper.
15. Finally, I would like to draw members attention to the Indoor Meetings Organiser Vacancy & the BTO Representative vacancy. We do need these positions filled, so please step forward and help us.

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

Ted Smith report was circulated to the membership.

**5. Recorders Report:**

Matt Prior read Paul Castle's report to the audience.

**6. Election of Chairman:**

Matt Prior was re-elected as Chairman for the coming year.

**7. Election Treasurer:**

Ted Smith was re-elected as Treasurer, until September 2023

**8. Election of Secretary:**

David Little was re-elected as Secretary.

**9. Election of Executive Committee:**

Paul Castle was re-elected as deputy chairman.  
Graham Deacon, Frank Mogford, Gareth Hawkes, and Jonny Cooper were re-elected to the Committee.

**10. Election of Outdoor Meetings Organiser:**

Paul Tryner was elected unanimously.

**11. Youth Development & Safeguarding:**

Claire Murphy & Charlie Murphy were elected unanimously.

**12. Election of Auditor:**

An auditor for 2023-4 will need to be found.

**13. Any Other Business:**

None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the formal meeting at 2000 hours.

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