

Histon & Impington Green Spaces Annual General Meeting

Saturday, 16 March 24 at 2pm
at
Saint Andrew's Centre, Histon

AGENDA

The Members Afternoon will commence with the Charity's AGM after which there will be an open meeting on the theme 'Connecting with Nature'.

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Trustees' Report
4. Financial Report
5. Q&A
6. Election of Trustees
7. Any other business (the Chair has not been notified of any items for AOB)

This AGM is open to all but only Members of the Charity may vote.

There will be an opportunity for non-members to become Members on the day.

The subsequent open meeting, 'Connecting with Nature', has been designed to enable people of all ages to participate.

Refreshments will be available.

Rob Bensted-Smith

Chair, Histon & Impington Green Spaces

1 March 24



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Election of Trustees

Regarding item 6 Election of Trustees the Charity's constitution requires that one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office at every AGM. There are currently six trustees therefore two must stand down.

Note that there must be a minimum of three Trustees and there may be as many as ten.

Rob Bensted-Smith has confirmed he will retire at this AGM.

The constitution also says that if it is required that other trustees retire then the one who has been longest in office since his or her last appointment or reappointment shall retire.

Jon Pavey is the Trustee who has been longest in office and will therefore retire. Jon is offering himself for reappointment. There's information about Jon below.

Jon has been part of the team managing HIGS' Abbey Fields project from the outset, having previously helped complete the Histon & Impington Neighbourhood Plan. He currently is the Charity's Treasurer.

He developed his interest in nature at school, becoming a licensed bird ringer in his teens. Since then he has participated in local wildlife surveys as well as managing professional £ multi-million ecological studies meeting the requirements of Natural England amongst others. As both a Chartered Environmentalist and Chartered Engineer, his experience includes land management and agricultural infrastructure development.

The other four Trustees, Daphne Fisher, Katharine Holliday, Anthony Jenking and David Jenkins, have confirmed that they will continue. There's information about them on the Charity's website (<https://www.higreenspaces.org/trustees>).

Four people (see below) have applied to become Trustees. They have all confirmed that they:

- are over 16, are not disqualified from becoming a Trustee as set out in Sections 178-180 of the Charities Act 2011, and that if elected nothing hinders them from signing the Charity Commission declaration¹; and
- are familiar with and support the Objects of HIGS, its vision, mission and strategic priorities and that they are Members of the Charity.

A check against official registers of disqualified persons has also been performed and has identified no reasons why any of them should not become Trustees.

¹ This confirms that 'the trustees are willing and eligible to act as trustees, understand their charity's purposes and have passed any checks required if the charity works with children or vulnerable people'.

The following are standing for election as Trustees:

Nicholas (Nick) Bailey

I have lived in Histon for 12 years, now with my wife and two young boys. We have grown to love the green spaces the villages have to offer. I have always loved woods and the countryside, growing up in the Cotswolds and going for long walks with family.

My first campaign on the environment was in my junior school raising £25 to secure an acre of tropical rainforest. I am a keen gardener interested in making my space as bio-diverse as possible to maximise the wildlife I can support. My technical skills are in engineering and my work life is a data scientist where I particularly enjoy collecting and maintaining data to demonstrate patterns through time.

David (Dave) Dives

In 2019, after 46 years in Essex, Dave and Sue relocated to be near their daughter and her family in Histon. As an active botanist, Dave started a survey of this new locality and became enthused by the Abbey Fields complex. His botanical records and knowledge have been made freely available to support the HIGS project.

After studying Maths at university Dave spent 30 years in the finance industry as an IT specialist in various roles. Before finally retiring, he took an opportunity to teach Maths for seven years in a sixth-form college. Throughout his adult life he has maintained a keen interest in wildlife, especially plants, and full retirement allowed him to become involved in two botanical projects: an ongoing Essex survey for a new County Flora; and, in the Brecks, recording of the special plants to direct conservation.

Ian Ellis

I am a consultant ecologist with passions in and outside of work in ornithology and entomology. I am a keen advocate of establishing protocols for gathering comprehensive data on biodiversity. I have two young sons who are budding naturalists and I enjoy encouraging the development of young people's interest in wildlife.

I lead a team of ecologists in Cambridge and have valued bringing them to Abbey Fields to volunteer on habitat management work.

David Parkin

David lives in Histon having moved to the village 18 months ago. He has lived and worked in the Cambridge area for the last 40 years. He has worked in Human Resource Management (HRM) for a variety of public and private organisations in management and consultancy roles.

He supports the need for the community to have access to green spaces for future generations.