

BRITISH NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION
The National Body for Naturalists
Founded 1905

Notice of Annual General Meeting
On Saturday 28th October 2023 at 2.15pm

The Annual General Meeting of the Association this year will be held online by a Zoom meeting link.

To register to attend the meeting, please email chairman@bna-naturalists.org or write to BNA AGM, 5 Plover Croft, Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham, S61 2TY requesting details of how to attend the meeting. Requests must be received no later than 25th October 2023.

A member who is entitled to attend, speak and vote at an AGM is entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to exercise all or any of his rights to attend and to speak and vote at this AGM. Members are encouraged to appoint the Chairman of the AGM as their proxy.

The programme for the day will be:

1.00pm Reception online

1.10am: "Barking up the right tree"- an illustrated talk about tree bark by Professor David Skydmore FRSB

2.00pm Break

2.15pm: Annual General Meeting

Agenda for 118th AGM of British Naturalists' Association

1. Welcoming remarks.
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of 117th AGM.
Ordinary resolution: To agree the minutes of the 117th AGM as a fair and reasonable record.
4. Matters Arising.
5. Consideration of the report of Council of Management and accounts for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Ordinary resolution: To receive the report of the Council of Management and accounts for the year ended 30 September 2022.

6. Independent Examiner's report to the Council of Management for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Ordinary resolution: To receive the Independent Examiner's report to the Council of Management for the year ended 30 September 2022.

7. Election of Council members

Please note Article 37 of the Articles of Association:

"No person other than a Council member retiring at the meeting shall unless recommended by the Council be eligible for election to the Council at any General Meeting unless, not less than three nor more than twenty-one days before the date set for the meeting, there shall have been left at the registered office of the Association notice in writing signed by a member qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given, of his intention to propose such person for election, and also notice in writing signed by that person of his willingness to be elected."

The members of the present Council of Management are: Mr. J. Curwen, Mr. M.R. Demidecki-Demidowicz; Mr. M. Dudley, Ms. E. Beer, Dr. C.C. Gibson, Ms. S.V.L. Holt, Mr. N. D. Redgate, Mr. S. Rutherford (Chairman), Mr. R. L. Stewart, and Mr. T.J. Thomas.

Ordinary resolution: To elect to the Council of Management all those retiring members of the Council of Management who have offered themselves for re-election and such others (if any) who may be eligible and have been proposed for election under Article 37 and expressed their willingness to be elected.

8. Appointment and remuneration of Independent Examiner.

Ordinary resolution: To leave the decision as to appointment and remuneration of the Independent Examiner to Council.

9. Chairman's concluding remarks and discussion.

10. Date and venue of next meeting.

The address of the registered office of the Association is
27 Old Gloucester Street, London, England, WC1N 3AX.

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registered in England and Wales.

**BRITISH NATURALISTS' ASSOCIATION (BNA)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
on Saturday 28th October 2023 at 2.15pm
PROXY VOTING FORM**

I, _____

of
(address) _____

being a member of BNA entitled to vote at the AGM (see below) hereby
appoint the Chairman of the AGM or

Of (address):

as my proxy to attend, speak and vote on my behalf at the Annual
General Meeting of BNA to be held on Saturday 28th October 2023 at
2.15pm and at any adjournment thereof

Dated this _____ day

of _____ 2023

Signed:

In order to be valid this form must be either scanned and emailed to
chairman@bna-naturalists.org to be received no later than 2.15pm on
Thursday 26th October 2023 (48 hours before the meeting)

or posted to BNA AGM, 5 Plover Croft, Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham, S61 2TY to be received no later than 2.15pm on Thursday 26th October 2023 (48 hours before the meeting).

Unless otherwise instructed herewith, the proxy will vote to abstain.

Kindly indicate your voting preference by inserting an x in the appropriate box

Agenda item no.

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For Against Abstain

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Proxy Voting Form Instructions

1. The following members are entitled to vote at the AGM: paid up Ordinary Members, paid up Family Members who are at least 18, Honorary Members, Student Members, Life Members, Associate Members, Registered Members, Fellows, and Fellows (honoris causa). (Youth Members and Corporate Members are not so qualified).
2. As a member of BNA entitled to vote at the AGM you are entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of your rights to attend, speak and to vote at a general meeting of the Association, and a proxy does not need to be a Member of BNA. However, you are encouraged to appoint the "Chairman of the AGM" as your proxy to vote on your behalf. You can only appoint a proxy using the procedures set out in these instructions. If you are attending the AGM in person or virtually there is no need to complete a Proxy Form.
3. To direct your proxy how to vote on the resolutions follow the instructions on the Proxy Voting Form. If no voting intention is given, your proxy will abstain from voting.
4. To appoint a proxy this form must be:
 - 4.1. completed and signed by you or someone on your behalf; and either
 - 4.2. scanned and emailed to chairman@bna-naturalists.org (**note your handwritten signature or the signature of the person executing this notice on your behalf MUST appear in the scanned document**), to be received at the email address of chairman@bna-naturalists.org not later than 2.15pm on Thursday 26th October 2023
 - 4.3. received by post at BNA AGM, 5 Plover Croft, Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham, S61 2TY not later than 2.15pm on Thursday 26th October 2023
5. Any power of attorney or any other authority under which this Proxy Form is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the Proxy Form.
6. If you submit more than one valid proxy appointment, the appointment received last before the deadline for receipt of proxies will take precedence.

7. An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the Association (by scanning and emailing to chairman@bna-naturalists.org) or by posting to BNA AGM, 5 Plover Croft, Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham, S61 2TY a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given.
8. A notice revoking the proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.
9. If a proxy notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointer's behalf.

Should you have any questions regarding your proxy appointment, please email your question to chairman@bna-naturalists.org

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