

THE BRITISH TRUST FOR ORNITHOLOGY

85th Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 83rd Annual General Meeting of the British Trust for Ornithology will be held on Saturday 30 November 2024 at 2pm, by videoconference.

The agenda and supporting papers will be available to view and download at www.bto.org/about-bto/governance-accounts. Paper copies may be obtained by telephoning 01842 750050 or emailing agm@bto.org.

By order of the Board
Andrew Scott
Secretary

Agenda

- 1. Appointment of Chair**
The Board proposes that the Acting Chair of Trustees, Iain Coucher, be appointed as chair of the meeting.
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
To receive.
- 3. Minutes**
To approve the minutes of the 84th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 18 November 2023.
- 4. Annual Report & Accounts**
To receive the 90th Annual Report and Accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The Chair will introduce the Trustees' Annual Report and the Hon Treasurer will introduce the Accounts.
- 5. Election of Trustees**
Dr Fitzpatrick will retire with effect from 31 December 2024, creating one vacancy. In addition, the Board proposes that the number of trustees be increased by one from 12 to 13, to ensure the availability of trustees to serve on its committees, following the recent creation of a Business Development Committee. If the proposal is approved, the Board aims to co-opt to the vacancy and propose a substantive appointment at the next AGM.
 - a) The Board proposes that Stephen Metcalfe be elected to serve a four year term ending on 31 December 2028.
 - b) The Board proposes that the number of trustees be increased from 12 to 13, in accordance with Article 30(a).
- 6. Appointment of Auditors**
Following a routine re-tendering process to ensure best value for money, the Board proposes that Ensors Chartered Accountants be re-appointed as auditors of the Trust.
- 7. Any Other Business**

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Nominee Biography

Stephen Metcalfe

Stephen is the Regional Representative for the Lothians and RO for the Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) and Heronries Census. He has been a birdwatcher since childhood, his early interest being boosted by a couple of residential YOC courses. In his late teens/student years he volunteered as an assistant at both Havergate Island and Minsmere reserves.

Although family and work (as a solicitor) responsibilities restricted birding opportunities for many years, since retirement he has taken on two Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) squares and a coastal Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS) section, before becoming RR in late 2019.

He recently became a trustee of the Scottish Wildlife Trust. He is also a member of the RSPB and the SOC, attending the Lothian Discussion Group (which plans and carries out many local surveys) of the latter. Apart from birding, he is a keen amateur musician, cyclist and walker, and has returned to university, currently working towards a (part-time) History degree at the Open University.

