

<p><b>PRESENT:</b> Sir Tim Stevenson (President, in the Chair); Peter Thompson (Vice President); Ian Green (Chairman); Gillian Coates (Vice Chairman); Richard Dodd (Hon Treasurer); Chris Church, Sarah Hendriks, Penelope Lenon, Thelma Martin, Ian Salusbury (trustees); and a further 52 members.</p>	
<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>President's Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>Welcoming everyone to the Society's 56<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting, the President started by thanking Worcester College for generously providing the venue without charge, which reflected the increasing willingness of the University and the colleges to work more closely with the community. With that in mind, he drew attention to the forthcoming talk on 22 May by Professor Alex Betts, the university's Local &amp; Global Engagement Officer, on strengthening relations with the city and the county.</p> <p>He further noted that, in order to keep the meeting succinct, material already circulated (namely the Agenda and Chairman's Report which were published in the Annual Review which was sent to members with the Spring 2025 <i>Visions</i> Newsletter, and the Minutes of the 2024 AGM and the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 which have been on the Society's website for some time) would be taken as read. Key information would also be displayed on screen during the meeting. The adoption of the reports would be moved formally but any questions would be welcomed before votes were taken.</p>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Vernon Porter (Hon Secretary), Nigel Fulford, Liz Grosvenor and Louise Thomas (trustees), Colin Bloxham, Hilary &amp; Richard Bradley, Patrick Coulter, Roger Grosvenor, Barnaby Lenon, Geoffrey &amp; Janet Randell, Ros Williams</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes of the AGM held on 27 March 2024</b></p> <p>No questions were raised. The motion to accept the Minutes as an accurate record of the 2024 AGM was proposed by Gillian Coates and carried unopposed.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p>There were no <b>Matters arising</b> from the Minutes.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Chairman's Report</b></p> <p>The Chairman elaborated on a short paragraph at the end of the Annual Review which outlined changes made to the organisation of the Society - the aim being to increase delegation and ensure that the Society remains an attractive and enjoyable organisation in which people wish to involve themselves.</p> <p>The work is now grouped under three headings:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement &amp; Communications - encompassing the Communications Group, the Programme Group, OxClean and the Community Impact Group;</li> <li>• Operations - covering membership, finance and governance; and</li> <li>• Technical Working Groups – namely the Planning, Transport and Oxfordshire Futures Groups.</li> </ul> <p>Each group or function is coordinated by a trustee reporting to the Executive Committee when it meets 6 times a year.</p> <p>No questions were raised. The motion to accept the Report was proposed by Penelope Lenon and carried unopposed.</p>
6	<p><b>Treasurer's Report and 2024 Annual accounts</b></p> <p>No questions were raised. The motion to accept the Report and Accounts was proposed by Ian Green and carried unopposed.</p>
7	<p><b>Votes of thanks</b></p> <p>The President announced the retirement of Hilary Bradley from the editorship of <i>Visions</i> after some 14 years, having produced nearly 50 editions of the newsletter and 13 Annual Reviews. The meeting expressed its appreciation of her work with a round of applause.</p> <p>He further thanked all those on the Executive Committee and members of the groups listed by the Chairman: the Society was lucky to have both experience and expertise in depth.</p>
9	<p><b>Election of Officers for 2025-26</b></p> <p>The four officers of the Society (Ian Green – Chairman; Gillian Coates – Vice Chairman; Richard Dodd – Hon Treasurer; Vernon Porter – Hon Secretary) were re-elected unopposed.</p>
10	<p><b>Election of Committee for 2025-26</b></p> <p>Eight other Committee Members (Chris Church, Nigel Fulford, Liz Grosvenor, Sarah Hendriks, Penelope Lenon, Thelma Martin, Ian Salusbury, Louise Thomas) were re-elected unopposed.</p>
11	<p><b>No Other Business</b> having been raised, the President thanked the Hon Secretary for coordinating a successful AGM before closing the meeting at 7.55pm.</p>