

**Ramblers' Association – Dorset Area**  
**47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 2.00 pm via Zoom**

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.  
 When: Nov 27, 2021 02:00 PM

Register in advance for this meeting:  
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJUvdeqsrlsE9C3VxTYINQBR5ionQBaVpaA>

After registering, you will receive an automated e-mail with information about joining the meeting.

### Agenda

- 1 Opening – Ramblers' rebranding video
- 2 Welcome, apologies for absence, and conduct of Zoom meeting
- 3 Minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting
- 4 Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
  - a) Area Council Report
  - b) Financial Report
  - c) Approval of Report and Accounts
- 5 Elections
  - a) Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chairman, Footpath Secretary, Countryside Secretary, Publicity Officer, Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor (Dorset Footnotes), Coastal Access Officer, Web Master, Individual Members (4)

#### The following valid nominations have been received

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	Kate Gocher	Janet Davis	Mike Heckford
Treasurer	Mike Heckford	Bruce Marriott	Jan Wardell
Footpath Secretary	Jan Wardell	Mike Heckford	David Northam
Countryside Secretary ++	Janet Davis	Sarah Moyle	Mike Beams
Newsletter Editor++	Doug Pigg	Mike Heckford	Sarah Moyle
Webmaster ++	Derek Watkinson	Jan Wardell	Margaret Kettlewell
Membership Secretary ++	Margaret Kettlewell	Bruce Marriott	David Northam
Coastal Access Officer ++	Mike Beams	David Northam	Bruce Marriott
Individual Member	David Northam	Sarah Moyle	Jan Wardell

Positions where no valid nominations have been received:

**Secretary** (See d) and Notes): Publicity Officer: Three Individual Members

Positions for which no valid nominations have been received can be filled at the AGM by proposals from the floor (SEE NOTES)

(++ Officers who are not necessarily required to be Members of Area Council, but are entitled to vote if they attend AC meetings)

- b) Representative of the Affiliated Clubs
- c) Area Delegate to General Council 2022

Nominee: Margaret Kettlewell. Proposed by Jan Wardell, Seconded by

- d) (To be taken should the role of secretary not be filled (SEE NOTES))

**Resolution:** in the event that a secretary has not been appointed, Dorset Area will go into abeyance.

- 6 Appointments
  - a) Independent Examiner
  - b) President and Vice Presidents
- 7 Questions: TO BE RECEIVED BY 5.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>
- 8 Guest Speakers:
  - a) Helen Tranter (Trustee)
    - Questions
  - b) Steve Elsworth, Friends of Castle Cove
    - Questions
- 9 Thanks to the guest speakers
- 10 Thanks to Host

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**NOTES:**

Agenda Item 5

ELECTIONS: Constitution : Clause 6 f

All nominations for election, or re-election where appropriate, made prior to the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the Secretary not later than ninety days prior to the Annual General Meeting and shall include the names of the proposer and seconder and the nominee's agreement to stand. Later pre-nominations may be accepted at the discretion of the Area Council. All persons nominated must be Dorset Area Members. The proposer and seconder must also be members of Dorset Area. Further nominations for any post may be taken at the Annual General Meeting.

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Agenda item 5 d)

**ABEYANCE**

There are three key area roles which must be filled in order for an area to function within its constitution: chair, secretary and treasurer. If an area is unable to appoint a named person to any one the three key role titles, it becomes unconstitutional and cannot continue to function. (The roles may be filled by having different volunteers fulfilling different parts of a role, so long as there is an agreed, named person to hold each role title.)

The area would then be 'in abeyance', and Ramblers' staff would take over the financial and communications functions. Volunteers already in key roles will be asked to continue on an informal basis (e.g. Treasurer, Webmaster etc); Groups would continue to function, as would the Area Footpath Committee. This would be seen as a temporary situation: a 'pause' for a finite period of time during which discussions between Area lead volunteers and staff continue, in order that a basis for restarting can be agreed in a form that will work best for its members, and for delivery of Ramblers' mission within the geographical area.