



**THE SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**The 2023 Annual General Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
**To be held at Taunton Friends Meeting House, Bath Place, Taunton, TA1 4EP**  
**Refreshments will be served at 10:00 for a 10:30 start**

**A G E N D A**

- 1. Welcome by the Chairman**
  - 2. Apologies for absence**
  - 3. INDUCTIONS**
    - 3.1. Induction of Stephen Parker as President for the year 2023/2024
    - 3.2. Induction of Nigel Pearce and David Dawson as Vice-Presidents for the year 2023/2024
  - 4. MINUTES**
    - 4.1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th May 2022 Paper 1
    - 4.2. Minutes of the General Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Paper 2
  - 5. TRUSTEE REPORTS 2022**
    - 5.1. Chairman's Report 2022 Paper 3
    - 5.2. Annual Report and Annual Accounts 2022 Paper 4a & 4b
    - 5.3. Report of the Heritage Grants Committee 2022 Paper 5
  - 6. ELECTIONS FOR 2023/2024**
    - 6.1. Election of Trustees to the Board Paper 6
    - 6.2. Election of Executive Officers
    - 6.3. Election of Committee members
    - 6.4. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner
    - 6.5. Appointment of Honorary Librarian and Deputy Honorary Librarian
    - 6.6. Appointment of Proceedings Editor
  - 7. REPORTS 2022**
    - 7.1. Subject Committee Reports for 2022 Paper 7
    - 7.2. SANHS Museum Collections Report 2022
    - 7.3. SANHS Library and Archives Collections Report 2022
    - 7.4. Somerset Record Society Report 2022
- SANHS member, Matthew Blows, will speak about the exciting changes ahead as the Society prepares to convert to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.*
- 8. PROPOSALS**
    - 8.1. To approve the arrangements for the dissolution of SANHS and the transfer of its assets and liabilities to SANHS CIO. Paper 8
    - 8.2. To approve an amendment to the present Society's Constitution to allow the removal of Holding Trustees.

*Meeting business will be followed by a Presidential Address given by Nigel Pearce, our retiring President. After lunch, there will be a guided tour of central Taunton by Nigel Pearce.*



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Dear Member

The SANHS AGM will be taking place on 20<sup>th</sup> May at Taunton Friend's Meeting House. We are hoping you will be able to join us for the day. Refreshments will be available from 10am and the meeting will start at 10.30am.

The trustees have been busy since the last AGM, preparing for the establishment of SANHS CIO. It is hoped that this will happen at the end of the year. Following this, members will automatically become members of SANHS CIO with their membership details being transferred to the CIO. We will write to you again about transferring standing orders.

A new constitution is being drawn up for SANHS CIO which is based on the Charity Commission's model constitution for CIOs. It also incorporates some of the features of our current constitution. The new constitution covers all the matters you would expect including the appointment and removal of trustees and members' meetings and voting. It also requires members to exercise their powers as members (for example in how they might vote) in the way they decide in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO. New membership rules have also been produced for the CIO. These are very similar to the existing membership rules of SANHS. Copies of both the draft new CIO Constitution and the CIO Membership Rules are available on request from the SANHS office.

We are now at a stage where we require approval from members for our intended arrangements for the dissolution of SANHS, the transfer of assets and liabilities to SANHS CIO as well as an amendment to the present Society's Constitution to allow the removal of holding trustees. Please see Paper 8 for details of these proposals. We would welcome and encourage your support at this important meeting to vote on these significant resolutions.

Our retiring President, Nigel Pearce will be giving his Presidential Address after the meeting and will be leading a guided walk around Taunton after lunch. We hope you will be able to join us for this activity too.

A delicious buffet lunch can be purchased for £7 if ordered and paid for before 12<sup>th</sup> May. This tasty spread of sandwiches, crisps, savoury snacks and cakes will be freshly prepared by Loafers Sandwich Bar and delivered to our meeting, which is just a few doors down from their kitchen. If you would like to order lunch, please contact Louisa in the office. Vegan or vegetarian options are available but if you have any allergies, it is recommended you bring your own lunch because SANHS cannot ensure the lunch provided is suitable for special diets.

The agenda for the meeting is on the reverse of this letter. Papers for the meeting, including the 2022 Annual Accounts and Annual Report are on the website – [www.sanhs.org](http://www.sanhs.org) If you would like a printed set of papers, please request this from the SANHS office. We will only be printing papers as requested to save time, money and resources. If you have any questions please contact Louisa at the office on the number above or send her an email.

We look forward to seeing you on the 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Kind regards

Christine Webster  
Hon. Secretary