



## HISTORIC BUILDINGS & PLACES

### Annual General Meeting 2023

The 99<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was held at 1.30pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at Hutton-in-the-Forest, Penrith, Cumbria. The meeting was chaired by the President, The Rt. Hon. The Lord Inglewood DL, and attended by 33 people.

The President began proceedings by welcoming members. After receipt of apologies for absence from five trustees (Phil Thomas, Jill Channer, Bob Kindred, Giles Adams, Edward Morton), the Minutes of the 2022 AGM (previously published in Volume 02 of the Journal) were confirmed to be a fair and true record.

The Chairman, Mr Giles Quarme, then presented his Chairman's report. He began by welcoming the members and thanking Lord Inglewood for welcoming HB&P to his home at Hutton-in-the-Forest for the AGM. Mr Quarme then reflected on 2022, the first year under the new name of Historic Buildings & Places following the rebrand in 2021, and gave tribute to Lucie Carayon, who stepped down from her post as Director in summer 2022 due to ill health, commending her on her dedication, commitment and hard work. Mr Quarme also gave thanks to the staff, Ross Anthony (Secular Caseworker), Stefanie Turza (Marketing & Communications Officer) and Christina Avramakis (Membership & Finance Manager), and gave particular thanks to Alison Du Cane, who was due to retire in early 2022 but stayed on to support the team until a new Director could join. Mr Quarme then welcomed Liz Power, who took on the role of Director in January 2023.

Mr Quarme also gave thanks and said farewell to three trustees who were standing down (John Bold, Martin Cherry, Judy Cligman, and Roger Wools) and to Graham Kent, Book Reviews Editor from 2014 – 2022, who sadly passed away earlier in 2023. He noted that the late Dame Jennifer Jenkins was soon to be honoured with a blue plaque.

Mr Quarme finished his report by highlighting that 2024 would be HB&P's centenary year and inviting the members to join the AGM in Manchester, birthplace of the AMS.

The Treasurer, Leslie Du Cane, presented the Accounts for the year ending 2022. He highlighted that there had been fluctuations in the value of the investment portfolio, but that the portfolio was spread across a broad spectrum for long-term investment. He noted that income in 2022 had been good and expressed gratitude for five legacies received to a total of approx. £160,000, as well as to Historic England and Cadw for their casework grants and to members for their ongoing support. He explained that HB&P was working hard to improve the membership offer through increased visits, the academic Journal and broad-interest Heritage Now magazine. In terms of expenditure, he reported that more had been spent in 2022 compared to 2021 due to higher premises costs, including rent, as well as on governance and improvements to the publications. Mr Du Cane finished by

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concluding that overall, the society was in a secure financial position. He then nominated Xeinadin Audit Limited as the charity's auditors and their re-election was confirmed by a unanimous vote.

Liz Power gave her Director's report, introducing herself to the members. She explained that her role now was to look to the future and that her current priority was to lead changes in the governance of the society. She highlighted the upcoming centenary in 2024 and outlined some of the events, talks and other celebrations being planned to mark the special occasion with the members.

The Meeting then proceeded to the elections. The President put the election of Officers (Giles Quarme (Chairman), Anthony Peers (Deputy Chairman), Leslie Du Cane (Treasurer), Kathy Fishwick (Secretary) and Board Members (Giles Adams, Phil Thomas, Bob Kindred, Edward Impey, Ed Morton, Carole Ryan, Jill Channer) to the meeting in two separate blocs. They were elected by a unanimous vote.

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