

## **NOTICE OF FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY**

FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026, 10am

To be held online via Zoom using the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89073585114?pwd=3plkxYtXKlOdaWAbzNJqCMi7Ferja1.1>

Meeting ID: 890 7358 5114 Passcode: 956753

To: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURE

NOTICE is hereby given that the first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Members of the Society of Agriculture, registered charity in England and Wales no. 1212403, will take place via Zoom on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026 for the purpose of transacting the business set out below:

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To note that this is the first Annual General Meeting of the Society of Agriculture since its formal registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025.
3. To receive the nil Annual Return and Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.
4. To consider and appoint James Cowper Kreston as Independent Examiner.
5. To adopt the Rules of the Society of Agriculture (Appendix B).
6. To elect the President.
7. To elect the Chair of Council.
8. To elect a Vice-Chair of Council.
9. To elect the Treasurer.
10. To elect members of Council.
11. Any Other Business.

Written notice of items to be raised under Any Other Business must be lodged by emailing the Director ([victoria@soc-ag.org](mailto:victoria@soc-ag.org)) by 24<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

Council has nominated the persons listed in Appendix A for election or appointment to the relevant officer and Council vacancies at the AGM.

In accordance with the Society of Agriculture's Rules, any member entitled to vote may nominate another member for election to any office or Council vacancy, provided that the nominee has confirmed their willingness to serve if elected. Nominations must be received by the Society no later than 7 working days before the AGM (24<sup>th</sup> August 2026).

If the number of nominations for any vacancy exceeds the number of vacancies, a ballot will be held at the AGM.

Members elected to Council will become charity trustees of the Society of Agriculture, subject to eligibility and acceptance of office in accordance with the Society's Constitution.

#### **BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL**

#### **ALL PAPERS RELATING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE**

<https://soc-ag.org/about-us/governance/>

#### **APPENDIX A**

##### **Officers 2025/ 2026**

|                   |                                                                                               |
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| President         | Rt Hon. Lord Taylor of Holbeach CBE                                                           |
| Chair             | Simon Britton FASAg                                                                           |
| Vice-Chair        | Position not recommended by Council                                                           |
| Treasurer         | Tom Brunt FPSAg                                                                               |
| Founding Trustees | Wendy Jenkins FASAg<br>David Meredith FASAg<br>Richard Price FPSg CEnv<br>Mark Southern FPSAg |
| Co-opted Trustees | Tim Brigstocke MBE FPSAg CEnv<br>Andrew Brown JP FPSAg CEnv                                   |
| Director          | Victoria Bywater FSAg                                                                         |

Committee Members 2025/ 2026

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| Advisory Board                 | Chair: Simon Britton FASAg<br>Carl Atkin-House FPSAg CEnv<br>Adrian Cannon FASAg<br>John Giles FSAG<br>Tony Kernon FASAg<br>Wendy Jenkins FASAg<br>David Meredith FASAg<br>Richard Price FPSg CEnv<br>Mark Robins FPSAg                                                       |
| Professional Standards Panel   | Chair: Tim Brigstocke MBE FPSAg CEnv<br>Simon Britton FASAg<br>George Cook FASAg<br>Ros Gough FASAg<br>Nick Green FPSAg CEnv<br>Mike Greetham FASAg<br>Richard Price FPSg CEnv                                                                                                |
| Education Advisory Group       | Chair: Andrew Brown JP FPSAg CEnv<br>Guy Banham FASAg<br>Jenna Copp FASAg<br>Mike Greetham FASAg<br>Henry Matthews FSAG<br>Professor David Roberts FSAG<br>Oliver Scott PSAG<br>Mark Suthern FPSAg                                                                            |
| Publication Board – The Source | Chair: Martin Wilkinson FPSAg<br>Editor: Alan Spedding FSAG<br>Carol Johnson FASAg CEnv<br>Professor Matt Lobley FSAG<br>Dan Page FASAg<br>Kate Russell ASAg CEnv<br>Katie Slawson MSAG<br>Mark Suthern FPSAg                                                                 |
| Agricultural Assembly          | Chair: Simon Britton FASAg<br>Victoria Bywater FSAG<br>Association of Independent Crop Consultants<br>BASIS Registration Ltd<br>Institute of Agricultural Secretaries and<br>Administrators<br>Institution of Agricultural Engineers<br>Royal Agricultural Society of England |
| Ambassador Board               | Carl Atkin-House FPSAg CEnv<br>Thomas Baines-Sizeland PSAG<br>John Barrett MSAG<br>Guy Bicknell ASAg<br>Sarah Bolt MSAG                                                                                                                                                       |

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