

# Annual General Meeting

Saturday 23 January 2021 at 1.30 pm

Zoom meeting

## Format of this year's AGM

Following advice from Ramblers Central Office, our Area AGM will be held over Zoom this year. Although we will miss the social aspects of the pre-AGM walk and meeting our friends, we hope you will join us. If you do not have the necessary equipment to use Zoom, you can join the meeting by phone.

To join the meeting by computer/tablet/smartphone, use this link:

<https://bit.ly/3lW1Q3Q>

or enter the following details into Zoom:

Meeting ID: **868 9926 0847** Passcode: **157913**

To join by landline or 'non-smart' mobile phone please dial:

**+44 203 481 5240** or **+44 203 901 7895**

## Advance voting

To help the Area Council deliver this online AGM we ask you to submit some of your votes in advance. The Area Chair will act as your proxy and vote on your behalf in the manner you requested.

Please complete the online proxy form:

<https://forms.gle/gWAajAVjQJv4c4a86>

by Friday 16 January. Any forms received after the deadline will be deemed invalid.

Please submit any matters arising from the previous year's meeting, and questions on any officers' reports or the Herts CC Countryside & Rights of Way (CRoW) reports in advance, on the proxy form. Questions/comments submitted will be read out and answered at the meeting.

All members who have an email address registered on the central Ramblers system will be emailed two weeks before the AGM, with a 'one-click' link to the Zoom meeting, plus links to the minutes, papers and proxy voting form. **If you have NOT already registered your email address, please provide it to Ramblers** by calling 020 3961 3232 or emailing [support@ramblers.zendesk.com](mailto:support@ramblers.zendesk.com)

## Nominations for Area officer and committee posts

We warmly welcome nominations from members to stand on Area Council. All officers and committee members stand down each year, and although we have indicated where existing volunteers are willing to stand for re-election, please put yourself forward if you'd like to get involved. A list of positions is available on the Agenda.

Most vital are the posts of **Secretary** and **Membership Secretary**, for which we have vacancies.

Voting will take place at the meeting, in a block vote for those posts with only one nominee. Contested posts will require further voting. Note, if you join by phone it may be difficult or impossible to vote on the day.

## Agenda and nominations

1. Welcome by the Chair
2. Apologies for absence (sent in advance)
3. Minutes of the 2020 AGM (on the Area website)
4. Matters arising (sent in advance)
5. Officers' reports (for note)
  - Chair
  - Treasurer
  - Footpath Secretary
  - Membership Secretary
6. Consideration of annual report (comments and questions sent in advance)
7. Appointment of Julia Haynes as independent examiner for the accounts
8. Questions and observations on Group reports
9. Election of officers and committee members—current officers willing to stand for re-election are indicated with '(name)'
  - Chair—(Patricia Segui)
  - Vice-Chair
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer (Jean Scott)
  - Footpath Secretary (Mark Westley)
  - Publicity Secretary/Media Contact
  - Membership Secretary
  - Minutes Secretary (Justin Lumley)
  - Countryside Secretary
  - *Stile* Editor—Justin Lumley
10. Election of Individual Members (5 max.)
11. Note of Group Representatives and representatives of affiliated groups
12. Nomination of member representatives to General Council, Saturday 17 April 2021, Birmingham:  
Patricia Segui and Roger Bangs
13. Any other business (sent in advance only)
14. Trustee update and Questions
15. Questions and comments on Herts CC Countryside & Rights of Way (CRoW) report (sent in advance)