

# **Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust**

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Dear Member,

## **'VIRTUAL' AGM 2020, covering the year 2019**

1. **Background:** Regrettably we were not able to hold the Observatory's Annual General Meeting in May of this year, to cover the year 2019, because of the Coronavirus situation.

2. **In its place, we intend to hold a 'virtual' AGM, as described below.**

3. **For those members who normally receive correspondence from the Observatory by e-mail:**

All the Trust Officers' Reports (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) plus the Warden's and Senior Ringer's reports are attached, to replace the verbal reports that would have been delivered in a normal AGM.

4. **For those members who only receive paper-based communications from the Observatory:**

The Officer's and other Reports will be published in the October edition of the 'BayNews' newsletter. This is to reduce printing costs, but if you are in this category and would like a printed copy of the reports *now*, then please contact the Secretary at the Bird Observatory.

5. **Questions to the Officers:**

Having read through the Reports, if any member wishes to raise any questions, then please submit these in writing or by email to the Secretary at the Observatory and **a formal reply will be published to all members in a subsequent group mailing.**

6. **Changes to membership of Council:** The 'virtual' Annual General Meeting will also need to confirm changes to the membership of the Observatory Council.

The following Trustees are willing to continue in post: Ken Chapman (Chair); Sally Hunter (Vice-Chair); Bob Dean (Treasurer); John Buckingham; Peter Dean; Becky Johnson; Eugene Hood; Ian Hunter; Nick Smith.

The following Trustees are standing down: Simon Aubrey-Killen; Sue Bennett; Andy Keen and Nigel Hefford. Vanessa Dent resigned during the course of the year.

The following members are willing to stand as new Trustees: Sharon Irvine; Phil Poole and Angela Weaving.

If there is any other member who wishes to have their name put forward as either an officer of the Trust or as an ordinary Trustee, then please contact the Secretary in writing or by e-mail at the Observatory by **23rd JULY**. Please note that in this case, you will need to also supply the names of a proposer and seconder, (with their approval, of course!) who also have to be Observatory members.

If the three persons mentioned above are unopposed, then they will take up their role as new Trustees, but in the event that any more members wished to put their names forward, this may necessitate an election.

Ken Chapman  
Chair of Trustees