OXTON SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.00 pm 12th November 2025 Parish Centre, St. Saviour's, Oxton

Present: 50 members of the society signed in their attendance.

The following members sent their apologies: Diana Duncan, Sean Duncan, Phillip Duffy, Christine Brace

- **Welcome**

The Chair of the Society, Chris Jarrey, welcomed members to the AGM.

- **Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes of the last AGM, which had previously been made available to members by email, and with paper copies circulated at the meeting, were approved. Proposed for approval by Peter Wright; seconded by Dave Pennington.

- **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

- **Guest Presentation** from Wirral Borough Council Heritage and Conservation team. This presentation outlined the key conservation measures that the department is seeking to control and was followed by several questions from the floor

- **Chair's Summary of the Annual Report**

The Chair outlined highlights from the last year.

  - Continued focus on conservation matters.
  - Success of the Secret Gardens event that secured vital funds for the society and local charities. Many thanks to Kirsty Cotton and Lisa Stafford for their great leadership of this event.
  - Recognition of the service to the society and the community from three retiring members of the committee – Alan Chape, George Harrison, and Jeff Willis.

The Secretary asked for Approval of the Annual Report from members. This was proposed by Hogh Owen and seconded by Kevin Patterson

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- **Discussion on the future strategy of the Society**
  Hugh Owen presented the results of a recent survey on the society's future strategy and the issues that members see that need addressing. The overwhelming issue was traffic and parking, but the need to seek out stronger conservation controls also featured highly. Ideas were invited from members present and this highlighted the need to control the appearance of shop fronts and for a cleaner, litter free village.

- **Financial Report**

  The Treasurer, Griff Round presented an income and costs report for the last year's financial transactions. This highlighted the donations by the Society to two local volunteer and charity groups (Callister Trust and The Friends of The Arno).

  Approval of the report was sought from members present for the accounts as presented. This was received. Proposed by Lisa Stafford and seconded by John Booth.

- **Election of Officers and Committee.**

  Nominations for members to stand for election as Executive Committee members and for specific Officer posts was presented by the Secretary.

  These were as follows:
  Chair – Chris Jarrey
  Vice Chair – Vacant, no proposal
  Secretary – John Heathman
  Treasurer – Griff Round
  Conservation and Partnership – Vacant, no proposal
  These nominations were unopposed.
  The following were proposed to serve on the Committee: John Field, Rowena Beighton-Dykes, Heather Alcock, Carla Walker, Steve Weber, Dominic Wilkinson, Hugh Owen
  All the appointments above were approved.
  Annette Capper (representing The Friends of The Arno) and Allan Brame (Wirral Borough Council) remain as co-opted members of the committee.

- **Design Awards.** Jeff Willis presented a Design Award for the design and construction of the new pavilion at The Callister Trust premises.
- **Presentation of community awards**
  "Outstanding Contribution to Oxton Village" awards were made to the following people for their long-term service to the local community:
  Dave and Marie Pennington, George Harrison, Alan Chape , Jeff Willis

  The Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

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