

# HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLANDS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Winchester Cathedral on 8 May 2018

- 1 **Welcome** The Chairman, Lady Appleyard, welcomed everyone and expressed gratitude to the Dean and Chapter for hosting the AGM.
- 2 **Apologies for absence** had been received from Mr Nigel Atkinson (our President and Lord-Lieutenant), Caroline Edwards, Bernard Green, Terry Henderson, Dr Howard Mellor, Canon Roly Riem, Ven Peter Sutton, Michael Weakley and 15 other Friends.
- 3 **Minutes** The minutes of the AGM on 9 May 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Proposer: Geoffrey Wort and Seconder: Ann Jones.
- 4 **Election of officers and Committee members** The current Officers and Committee members (as listed in the Annual Report) were elected en bloc. Proposer: Geraldine Guthrie and Seconder: Suzanne Tong. The Chairman made a plea for new Committee members and for Area Coordinators which were needed for several areas. In addition, Sue Sheridan had resigned and had been replaced by Keith Miller; Michael Carden had resigned from the Executive Committee but would continue to serve on the Grants Committee. Revd Samantha Martell (Portsmouth Diocese) had joined the Executive Committee.
- 5 **Treasurer's report** The Treasurer, John Steel, presented the 2017 accounts, as set out in the Annual Report. Receipts totalled £70,041, mostly from Ride and Stride. He thanked Hampshire County Council for their grant of £25,000 which was received after the end of the Trust's financial year so was not included in the figures. The Trust administered the National Churches Trust Partnership Grant of £20,000 but as this did not pass through HIHCT's accounts the figures were not shown in the accounts. This NCT Grant will no longer be available from 2019. The Ride & Stride total of over £60,000 (including Gift Aid) was the best ever recorded and he offered his congratulations to everyone involved. £26,016 had been distributed to churches as a share of Ride & Stride income. Gift Aid repayment amounted to £8,183. The Trust had changed from Just Giving to My Donate for online payments as there was a good cost saving by doing this. Grants to churches totalled £58,000 and administrative costs were low, at £6,326. The accounts in the Annual Report had been approved by the Trustees & Rothmans as Independent Examiner. Adoption of the accounts - Proposer: John Steel and Seconder: Richard Osmond. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer and all those who had supported Ride & Stride.
- 6 **Appointment of Independent Examiner** Rothmans was re-appointed Independent Examiner.
- 7 **Chairman's report** The Chairman congratulated the team for the wonderful Ride & Stride results: John Steel, Geoffrey & Christine Wort (County Coordinators) supported by Chris & Meryl Balchin, the Area Coordinators and Church Representatives. She urged everyone to do even better and set a fund raising target of £65,000 in 2018! The Lord-Lieutenant, Nigel Atkinson, was unable to come at the last minute but his wife, Christine Atkinson, had kindly agreed to make the presentations. The Chairman thanked Alderman Michael Woodhall for sponsoring the wine for supper following the AGM. The Chairman thanked Caroline Edwards and Glen Miller for producing the Annual Report. Glen lives in Wiltshire and does the design work for free. She also thanked the Committees for working so hard and above the call of duty and in particular, Chris & Meryl Balchin and Rosemary Walker (Grants Secretary). The Trust has complied with the General Data Protection Regulation and our Privacy Policy is on our website thanks to David Pye and John Steel's help. The Chairman gave warmest thanks to Hampshire County Council and asked the Leader, Roy Perry, to pass these on. We were the only County Trust in the entire country who are supported by their County Council! We were very sad to hear of Helen Green's death in September. She was the Trust's Grants Secretary for 8 years and a wonderful supporter. Our warmest condolences to Bernard, her husband. Richard Mallinson, Area Coordinator for Whitchurch, had also died recently and will be greatly missed. Our warmest condolences to his wife, Anna. We have two events coming up and the Chairman encouraged everyone to attend these Trust events. Our Summer Outing is always a treat with Adrian Harbidge and this year we would be visiting churches near Alresford. In the Autumn we would be visiting Holy Trinity Church Gosport for two very special talks given by Christopher Whittick and Geoffrey Holroyde respectively. One is on the Spanish Pretender who landed at Gosport and the second is on the famous Chandos/Handel organ. Generous hospitality will be provided by Holy Trinity. John Davies, our previous caterer, retired this year so a caterer known to the Chairman, David, has stepped up to the mark and has done us a great favour.
- 8 **Presentations** Mrs Christine Atkinson made the following Ride + Stride presentations:  
<sup>7th</sup> Corinne Bennett Memorial Award 2018 of £500 was awarded to All Saints, Portsea  
- Church raising the most money in 2017: Petersfield United Reformed Church led by Robin Hart - £2,0000  
- Church making a huge effort: Holy Trinity Weston – Jo Green, Theresa & Mark Hillier & Chris Gilroy - £949  
- Area with the most increase in Sponsored Churches: Isle of Wight (Sally Rivlin – AC) – up 6 to 25 churches  
- Area with the most encouraging increase in Donations: Isle of Wight (Sally Rivlin – AC) – 51% rise to £5,780  
- Outstanding Continued Church Support – St Peter's, Froxfield on the Green led by Ian Hughes  
- Outstanding Effort by a Large church participating for the first time: St Thomas' Lymington led by Anthea MacAlister with Nigel Mussett  
- Outstanding Effort by a Small church participating for the first time: St Michael's, Shalfleet (IW) led by Nicholas & Claire Oulton with Ben Collins - £1,195 raised  
- Outstanding Effort by a Small Church: St Peter's, Shalden (Alton) led by Peter Rankin & the Shalden Chain Gang - £1,595  
Hon men: Holy Trinity, Bembridge led by Rev Amanda Bloor & husband, Mark - £1,073  
- Area Coordinators' Remarkable individual contribution to R+S over many years:  
Ralph Atton (Basingstoke, 1992), Lindie Sawtell (Havant, 1996), Brian & Margaret Hay (Fareham & Gosport, 1996)  
- School Participation for the first time: Appleshaw C of E Primary; Kimpton, Thruxton & Fyfield C of E Primary; and Shipton Bellinger Primary.
- 9 The Venerable Adrian Harbidge (Chairman of the Grants Sub-Committee) gave a presentation on churches where grant offers had been made in 2017 (listed in the Annual Report). The Chairman thanked him and the Grants Sub-Committee for their hard work during the year.
- 10 John Steel raised a vote of very special thanks on behalf of everyone for the work our Chairman does. We could not manage without her drive, wisdom and enthusiasm.



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### Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 7 May 2019, 7pm at Winchester Cathedral

### AGENDA

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Minutes of AGM on 8 May 2018 (overleaf)
- 4 Election of officers and Committee members
- 5 Treasurer's report
- 6 Appointment of Independent Examiner
- 7 Chairman's report
- 8 Presentation of Awards (Ride & Stride)
- 9 The Role of an Area Co-ordinator
- 10 Churches helped in 2018
- 11 Vote of thanks

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