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Wildlife Trust of
South & West Wales

The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales

20th Annual General Meeting

To be held via **Zoom** on **Thursday 17th November 2022** at **6.30 pm**
(Zoom log-in available from 6.20 pm)

IMPORTANT

To receive Zoom joining details members are requested to RSVP as soon as possible to d.clark@welshwildlife.org (please give your name, address/postcode and membership number if known)
Latest time for registration is 4.00 pm on 17th November 2022

6.30 pm Chairperson's welcome and introduction

6.40 **A special message from Sir David Attenborough as he recalls a wildlife highlight from his time on Skomer**

6.45 Chief Executive's report and round up of the work achieved during the year 2021/22

7.30 pm **AGM agenda**

- 1) To receive apologies for absence
- 2) To approve minutes of AGM held on 18 -11-21 (available to download or hard copy on request)
- 3) Chairperson's report
- 4) Finance Report and presentation
 - 4 a) To receive the annual audited accounts and reports for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 (available to download or hard copy on request*)
- 5) To confirm the re-appointment to the Board of the following: Paul Culyer (see personal statements)
- 6) To confirm the appointment to the Board of the following: Lucy Griffiths, Jenny Hughes, Jess Moore, Leonora Thomson, (see personal statements)
- 7) To confirm the re-appointment of the Auditors – Azets
- 8) Questions from Members (previously notified to Chair**)

***Further details including the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts, and minutes of the last AGM are available on the Trust website www.welshwildlife.org or available as hard copy by contacting Diana Clark on d.clark@welshwildlife.org**

****Please submit your AGM questions to the Chair by emailing d.clark@welshwildlife.org no later than Monday 14th November 2022**

Personal Statements

Paul Culyer

As with so many nature conservationists, my first experience was as a volunteer. This helped me acquire some of the skills and knowledge I needed to get my first job and begin my career. So having been made aware of an opportunity to apply for the role of Trustee with WTSWW it seemed like a good time to go back to my roots. I currently work for Natural Resources Wales. Public service and voluntary work I strongly feel are important for us as individuals and for our society. I can offer my experience as a professional in nature conservation alongside a wider knowledge of organisational management. Appointed to the Board in 2019. Vice Chair since AGM 2020.

Lucy Griffiths

Raised in Marloes, I have a long relationship with the Trust - supporting the trust with marketing input on major fundraisers and projects, and raising funds personally. I now live in Ystradgynlais, and so have an understanding of the wide range of reserves the trust manages.

As a former marketer and university lecturer with my own technology business I can bring marketing, fundraising, and tech skills along with broader business knowledge in areas such as data protection, privacy, and security. I am also an experienced Trustee - recently serving as a Trustee for the Royal Society of Arts.

Jenny Hughes

Wildlife has never been more important and more at risk. I would like to put a lifelong passion for nature and conservation to use by applying to be a trustee of WTSWW in order to support those who have the knowledge and ability to protect and enhance nature in Wales for future generations.

A connection with nature is vital for our mental and physical health and I have witnessed this first hand as a doctor, especially during the pandemic. Concern about climate change and the environment is an urgent priority and I want to do all I can to help.

Jess Moore

I have always felt a strong emotional connection to the environment. When I was younger, I spent summer evenings climbing trees and sketching flowers. My concern for the environment came to a head with the 2018 IPCC report which led me to change my diet and the way I interact with the world. This in turn took me to my recent role with Compassion in World Farming as Campaigns Manager.

I have volunteered for as long as I can remember, and worked in the third sector for over 10 years, with a goal to “try to leave the world better than I found it”. I recently relocated to Pembrokeshire and would love to continue volunteering within my community, with the hope that my background in events and fundraising, and skills in marketing and project management, could be of use. I see no greater a calling than to protect wildlife from the problems humanity has caused.

Leonora Thomson

Growing up in the country I have cared about wildlife all my life. My skills and experience from my career in communications, local politics and arts leadership would enable me to make a significant contribution as a trustee. I have been a trustee for arts organisations and have chaired a large housing association.

I was a councillor in London for eight years, I am currently on Cardiff Council and I am on the Management Group of Cardiff National Park City. I hugely admire the work of this organisation – it is crucially important for the future of society - and it would be an honour to serve as a trustee. I have been a co-opted Trustee since the AGM 18-11-21.