



## Paper for Members of the Society in General Meeting

Title:	<b>AGM papers: 6. Appointment of Office Bearers and Extraordinary RHASS RHS Directors 2025-2026 7. Report on the appointment of Ordinary RHASS RHS Directors 2025-2029 9. Appointment of Auditor 10. Session dates</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>30 April 2025</b>
Owner:	<b>Marie Livingstone, Society Secretary</b>
Confidential:	<b>Yes, until nominations are approved at AGM</b>
Purpose:	<b>Decision and information</b>

### INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

1. This paper sets out the proposals and matters for noting for agenda items 6,7, 9 and 10
2. The Members of the Society are asked to approve or note as indicated, the matters set out below.

### ITEM 6 - FOR APPROVAL BY THE MEMBERS AT THE AGM

#### APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS AND EXTRAORDINARY RHASS RHS DIRECTORS 2025-2026

#### Presidential Team from the Aberdeen Area for 2025-2026

3. **The Members of the Society at the AGM are asked to approve** the following appointments:
  - a. **President:** Pat Machray, OBE, Bilbao, Daviot, Inverurie, AB51 0HA
  - b. **Vice Presidents:**
    - i. Dave Green, Craigewell, Turiff, AB53 8BT
    - ii. Robert Lovie, The Elms, Sandyhill Road, Banff, AB45 1BE
    - iii. Robert Maitland, West Bailhalgardy, Inverurie, AB51 OHR
    - iv. Anna Mitchell, Castleton, Fordoun, Laurencekirk, AB30, 1JX
4. Note that the proposed changes to the Royal Charter and Bye-Laws mean that the Presidential Team will be RHASS ambassadors, rather than trustees/directors as was formerly the case.
5. The Members are asked to note that the Chaplain for the Aberdeen Presidential Team will be Rev Ken MacKenzie, the Manse of Crathie, Crathie, Ballater, AB53 5UL.

## Extraordinary RHASS RHS Directors

6. Under the revised Charter and Bye-Laws, RHASS has more flexibility in how it appoints up to 20 Extraordinary RHASS RHS Directors. Due to the timescales involved in appointing to these posts, the current format of 8 Extraordinary Area Directors, 8 Extraordinary Directors (First Year), 2 Extraordinary Directors (Second Year) and 2 Extraordinary Directors representing Trade Associations has been retained for this transition year.

## Extraordinary Area Directors

7. **The Members of the Society at the AGM are asked to approve** the:
  - a. Aberdeen – June Barclay, Wynndun, Corsee Road, Banchory, AB31 5RS
  - b. Lothian – Hazel Peplinski, Newton Steadings, Broxburn, West Lothian, EH52 6QH
  - c. Borders – Ian Campbell, Langlaugh farm, Kirkton Manor Peebles
  - d. Dumfries & Galloway – Andrew Parker, Rockhalihead, Colin, Dumfries, DG1 4JW
  - e. Highland – Neil Wright, Muiryhall Farm Office, Urquhart, Moray, IV30 8LW
  - f. Perth – David Lawrie, Kinninmonth Farm, Kinglassie, Lochgelly, Fife. KY5 0UG
  - g. Stirling – Norman Taylor, 6 Sauchie Court Bannockburn Stirling FK7 8PW
  - h. Strathclyde – Robbie Duncan, 30 Rowallan Castle Estate, Kilmarnock KA3 2HR

## Extraordinary Directors (First Year)

8. **The Members of the Society at the AGM are asked to approve** the following:
  - a. Aberdeen – Andrew Rennie, Gask House, Turriff, AB53 8BP
  - b. Lothian – James Logan, Athelstaneford Mains, East Lothian, EH39 5BH
  - c. Borders – Neil Thomson, Caverton Mill, Kelso, TD5 8EE
  - d. Dumfries & Galloway – Ian Beck, Port O Spittal, Portpatrick, DG9 9AQ
  - e. Highland – Dennis Bridgeford, Petley Farm, Portmahomack, IV20 1RG
  - f. Stirling – Gordon Sutherland, Stonehouse Farm, Bothkennar, FK2 8PP
  - g. Strathclyde – Keith Campbell, Lettermay Lodge, Drumsynie, Lochgoilhead, Argyll, PA24 8AD

## Extraordinary Directors (Second Year)

9. **The Members of the Society at the AGM are asked to approve** the following:
  - a. Bill Gray MBE - Rosemains, Pathhead, Midlothian, EH37 5UQ
  - b. Eric Mutch - Whitefield House, Forglen, Banff, AB45 3XQ

## Extraordinary Directors (representatives of Trade Associations)

10. **The Members of the Society at the AGM are asked to approve** the following:
  - a. Lyle Laird, representing the British Agricultural and Garden Machinery Association (BAGMA), Sheilwood, Milton of Balgonie, Fife, KY7 6PN
  - b. Alistair Dixon, Killinochonoch Farm, Kilmichael, Lochgilphead, AGB PA31 8QE representing the Agricultural Engineers' Association (AEA)

11. The following Ordinary RHASS RHS Directors were elected in accordance with the Charter and Bye-Laws for the term 2025-2029:
  - a. Aberdeen – Freda Newton - Newells, Oldmeldrum, Inverurie, AB51 0AU
  - b. Lothian – Barclay Hamilton, Templehall, Pencaitland, East Lothian, EH35 5NL
  - c. Borders – Rob Livesey, Nether Firth, Lilliesleaf, Melrose, St Boswells, TD5 9EP
  - d. Dumfries & Galloway - Aylett Roan - Barnbarroch, Dalbeattie, DG5 4QS
  - e. Highland – Martin MacDonald - Nonikiln Farmhouse, Nonikiln, Alness, IV17 0XZ
  - f. Perth – Jimmy Smith, The Old Coach, Hattonburn, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9SW
  - g. Stirling – Andrew Hornall - Falleninch Farm, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, FK8 3AB
  - h. Strathclyde – Karen Shaw, 4 Clydebrae Drive, Bothwell, South Lanarkshire, G71 8SB
12. The full list of Ordinary RHASS RHS Directors during the year 2025-2026 is attached for information as Appendix A.

### Board appointments for noting

13. The Directors approved the following honorary appointments:
  - a. **Honorary Secretary** - Susan Lawrie - Cuthill Towers, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9SH – to serve one term of two years, having served 2 years of her current 4-year term.
  - b. **Honorary Treasurer** – Dennis Bridgeford - Petley Farm, Portmahomack, IV20 1RG - to serve one term of two years, having served 2 years of his current 4-year term.
  - c. **Honorary Vice President** – Anne Logan, The Bungalow, Hillend Farm, Helensfield, Alloa, Clackmannanshire, FK10 3PU

### Transition provisions to Council of Trustees

14. As RHASS transitions to its new governance structure, the timing and method of various elements will differ in 2025 from future years. For example:
  - a. In future years, the roles of Chair of Council and Chair of RHASS RHS Board of Directors will be separate. For 2025-26, it is proposed that the current Chairman, James Logan, holds both roles for continuity as the new governance structure beds in, and whilst a Chair Designate is sought for the RHASS RHS Board of Directors.
  - b. **The Members are therefore asked to approve the appointment of James Logan, Athelstaneford Mains, East Lothian, EH39 5BH, current Chairman, as Chair of the Council of Trustees and Chair of the RHASS RHS Board of Directors for 2025-2026.**
15. As RHASS transitions to its new governance structure, it will be important to maintain a balance between continuity and bringing in new skills and experience, in order to avoid a knowledge gap in the early stages of the new structure. It is also important to avoid a future “cliff-edge” where everyone is appointed at the same time and therefore leaves at the same time.
16. An additional General Meeting will be convened ahead of the end of the 2024-2025 session to bring forward appointments to the Council of Trustees.

## ITEM 9 FOR APPROVAL

### APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR

17. **The Members of the Society at the AGM are asked to approve** the following on the recommendation of the Audit and Risk Committee: the re-appointment as auditors of Azets Audit Services, Exchange Place 3, Semple Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BL with the Audit & Risk Committee being delegated to approve the terms of engagement and set the fee.

## ITEM 10 FOR APPROVAL

### SESSION DATES

18. **The Members of the Society at the AGM are asked to approve** that the last date of the 2024-2025 session, and the first date of the 2025-2026 session, is proposed to be Monday 13 July 2026.
19. **The** first date of the 2024-2025 session was agreed at the last AGM to be 16 July 2025.

## APPENDICES

- A. Ordinary Directors for the term 2025-2026

APPENDIX 1:

Area	Term, Name & Address
<b>Aberdeen</b>	<p>2022-2026, David Buchanan, Mains of Pittarrow, Laurencekirk, AB30 1RX</p> <p>2023-2027, Philip Benzie - Gairnieston Farm, Turriff, Aberdeenshire, AB53 5RP</p> <p>2024-2028, Christo Shepherd, Foucausie, Grandhome, Aberdeen, AB22 6AR</p> <p>2025-2029, Freda Newton - Newells, Oldmeldrum, Inverurie, AB51 0AU</p>
<b>Lothian</b>	<p>2022-2026, Jackie McCreery, Kilstrule, Yester Mains, Gifford, EH41 4JG</p> <p>2023-2027, Prof. Julie Fitzpatrick, Laverockdale House, 68, Dreghorn Loan, Colinton, EH13 0DB</p> <p>2024-2028, Louise Elder, Stevenson Mains, Haddington, EH41 4PU</p> <p>2025-2029 – Barclay Hamilton, Templehall, Pencaitland, East Lothian, EH35 5NL</p>
<b>Borders</b>	<p>2022-2026, Tom Tennant, Gilmanscleuch Farm, Ettrick, Selkirk, TD7 5HR</p> <p>2023-2027, Kath Dun - Gilston Cottages, Heriot, EH38 5YS</p> <p>2024-2028, Gordon Gray, Sunnycroft, Lindean, Selkirk, TD7 4QW</p> <p>2025-2029 – Rob Livesey, Nether Firth, Lilliesleaf, Melrose, St Boswells, TD5 9EP</p>
<b>Dumfries &amp; Galloway</b>	<p>2022-2026, Hugh McClymont, Acrehead, Glencaple Road, Dumfries, DG1 4TS</p> <p>2023-2027, Kenny Fletcher – Strathearn, 1 Main Street, Ruthwell, Dumfries, DG1 4NN</p> <p>2024-2028, John Jamieson, Upper Locharwoods Farm, Ruthwell, Dumfries, DG1 4NJ</p> <p>2025-2029 - Aylett Roan - Barnbarroch, Dalbeattie, DG5 4QS</p>
<b>Highland</b>	<p>2022-2026, Tom Henderson, Udale Farm, Poyntzfield, Dingwall, Ross-shire, IV7 8LY</p> <p>2023-2027, Will Downie - Ellands Farm, Brodie, Forres, IV36 2TE</p> <p>2024-2028, Robbie Newlands – Cluny Farm, Rafford, Forres, IV36 2SJ</p> <p>2025-2029, Martin MacDonald - Nonikiln Farmhouse, Nonikiln, Alness, IV17 0XZ</p>
<b>Perth</b>	<p>2022-2026, Kay Adam, Newhouse of Glamis, Glamis, Forfar, Angus, DD8 1SA</p> <p>2023-2027, Bill Arnot, Kilmux House, Leven, Fife, KY8 5NW</p> <p>2024-2028, Fiona Roebuck, South Strathy, Aberuthven, Auchterarder, PH3 1HL</p> <p>2025-2029, Jimmy Smith, The Old Coach House, Hattonburn, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9SW</p>
<b>Stirling</b>	<p>2022-2026, James C Warnock, Gartfinnan Farm, Clackmannan, FK10 3QA</p> <p>2023-2027, John Owen, Muirpark Farm, Stirling, FK7 9QS</p> <p>2024-2028, David Lyle, 79 Henderson Street, Bridge of Allan, FK9 4HG</p> <p>2025-2029, Andrew Hornall - Falleninch Farm, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, FK8 3AB</p>
<b>Strathclyde</b>	<p>2022-2026, Alex Bankier, ‘Springwells’, Fernieshaw, Cleland, Lanarkshire, ML1 5NQ</p> <p>2023-2027, Donald Harvey - 55 King Street, Stonehouse, Larkhall, ML9 3EU</p> <p>2024-2028, Alice Mullen Shanks, Bowmanhurst Farm, Brownlee Estate, Carluke, ML8 5HW</p> <p>2025-2029 – Karen Shaw, 4 Clydebrae Drive, Bothwell, South Lanarkshire, G71 8SB</p>