



The Exmoor Society

Conserving Exmoor for All

Registered Charity No. 1160912

34 High Street
Dulverton
Somerset
TA22 9DJ
Tel: 01398 323335

10 August 2020

Dear Member

2020 Annual General Meeting

All of us at The Exmoor Society hope that you are well and have coped with the demands of lockdown caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. At a time when many charities are struggling financially, we are particularly grateful for your loyal and generous support.

As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation we are unable to hold the AGM that we had planned for 19th September 2020. In line with the Charity Commission guidance, we plan to hold a "proxy" meeting (this is where members instruct the Chair how to vote on their behalf). Enclosed, you will find an agenda which sets out the business we need to conduct to comply with our Constitution, together with the voting paper. **Please note that those with Individual membership (£20 / £8 concession annually) have ONE vote; those with Family membership (£25 / £12 concession annually) have TWO votes.** The agenda also includes further explanation regarding various items. Also enclosed are the supporting documents.

The timetable we propose is as follows:

- **Week commencing 24 August, please submit any questions and comments you may have on the papers. These will be answered by trustees and at the end of the week a summary of questions & responses will be posted on the Society's website.**
- **On 31 August, voting will open and we ask you to return the enclosed voting paper by email or post before 18 September 2020, when voting will finish.**
- **On 21st September 2020, votes will be counted and the results posted on the Society's website.**

Holding the AGM in this way is an unfortunate necessity. We know that meeting together to socialise, celebrate and answer questions face-to-face, be inspired by speakers and hear the result of our competitions is one of the highlights of our year. However, we are sure that you will understand that our highest priority is the safety of our members, staff and trustees.

With strict safety procedures in place, we hope to open the shop and Resource Centre, and recommence the walks programme, albeit with limited numbers, during August. Please check our website for updates. We very much regret the Society Christmas Lunch will not take place this year. Hopefully, we will meet again in 2021.

If you are not receiving emails from us and have an email address, please let us know so we can keep you informed more easily of any future developments.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Thomas
Chairman