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RE AGENDA ITEM 5 – ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees wishes to nominate the following for re-election to the Board:



Catherine Fileman-Wright

It has been a real privilege to be a trustee of DWT for the last three years. I would like to stand for re-election for a further three years so that I can continue supporting DWT's vital work for Devon's wildlife. I am currently Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees, convener of the Volunteers' Forum and a member of two Board sub committees. I really enjoy being a Trustee and it's a real pleasure to work with the Trust's very knowledgeable and committed volunteers and staff.

I trained as a marine scientist. I bring extensive experience to the Board from my career in environmental and flood risk management including environmental and water regulation, flood risk management, climate adaptation, people leadership and digital and data. I am chair of a parish council.

Throughout my career and experience as a trustee and councillor, I have seen the benefits of wildlife and nature to communities and people. The work of Devon Wildlife Trust has never mattered more.

I would be very grateful for members' support for my re-election as a Trustee.



Charlotte Grezo

I'm honoured to have been nominated by the Board for re-election. I was first appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2023 and I'm very keen to continue. I am a biologist by training and have wide experience in the environment and sustainability having worked throughout my career in these fields. Roles included global head of sustainability at a major telecommunications company and at an investment bank. I moved to Devon eight years ago and quickly joined DWT.

I have been a Trustee of a number of conservation and natural history charities and am currently a Trustee of

Botanic Gardens International (BGCI) and on the Board of BGCI Africa, Chair of Wild About the Erme River (WATER) and a WWF UK fellow.

I have always loved nature and wish to continue play a greater role locally in restoring nature using my experience in sustainability and as a Trustee of conservation bodies.



Sara Papworth

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as a trustee of Devon Wildlife Trust since April 2021. The Trust is a highly respected and impactful charity, with strong support from its members and makes an enormous contribution to protecting and enhancing nature and wildlife across our beautiful county of Devon. As a Chartered Certified Accountant, I bring extensive experience in senior roles across the local education and charity sectors, including Bicton College, Exeter Northcott Theatre and the Deaf Academy.

This experience enables me to contribute a broad range of skills to the Trust's governance, strategy and financial sustainability, while supporting its ambitious plans for the future and the vital work it undertakes to protect Devon's natural environment for everyone.

I chair the Finance & Resources Committee and was appointed as Honorary Treasurer in November 2025. I am standing for re-election and would be delighted and proud to continue serving on the Board and contributing my experience and skills to this inspiring charity.



Vicky Pope.

I am delighted to be nominated for re-election to the Board of Trustees. I have been privileged to have been a trustee since 2018 and the Chair of the Board of Trustees since December 2022. The long-term resilience of the environment has been at the heart of my entire working life. I spent many years at the Met Office, during which time I led the Hadley Centre Climate Programme. More recently I was the founding Editor in Chief of Climate Resilience and Sustainability for the Royal Meteorological Society which publishes international interdisciplinary research on climate change and its implications.

I was also a member of the audit and risk committee for Climate Change and Rural Affairs at Welsh Government.

My other interests lie in STEM education and social mobility, as Chair of both MEI (improving lives through maths education) and In2science (promoting social mobility in STEM education). I have links with the local business community as a Director of the South West Business Council and often remind them of the importance of environmental issues.

The Board of Trustees wishes to nominate the following for election to the Board:



Anna Harrison

Since joining Devon Wildlife Trust's Board of Trustees in April, I have enjoyed getting to know the team and learning more about the organisation's ambition to protect, restore and connect communities with nature across Devon. I am therefore delighted to be standing for election to continue in the role. After graduating with a Master's Degree in Biology & Marine Biology in 2021, I began my career in Devon as an agricultural researcher, and then with the Field Studies Council, delivering fieldwork and creating opportunities for young people to develop a connection with nature.

I now work as Nature Engagement Officer for National Trust at Killerton, leading community engagement in nature recovery across 6,500 acres of East Devon countryside. This role was the first of its kind in the organisation. I have also volunteered and interned in the environmental journalism, marine tourism and marine recreation sectors, in part supported by The Sutton Trust - a social mobility charity for low-income students entering higher education and the world of work.

I hold experience in building partnerships, engaging communities, developing volunteering, and finding practical ways for people to take part in conservation, particularly those experiencing barriers. As a Trustee, I bring this, with my own lived experience, to the Board, and wish to continue contributing to a Devon rich in wildlife and in opportunities for local people to protect it.



Wendy Walford

In August last year, my family and I moved to Devon. It was a big change for us but we wanted our two young boys to be able to experience a similar connection with nature that my husband experienced growing up on a dairy farm in New Zealand. Living rurally, and beginning to develop our own small holding, has strengthened my personal commitment to supporting local nature recovery and community engagement with the natural

environment, and I want to support Devon Wildlife Trust's mission and its bold vision for a Wilder Devon.

I work for Legal & General as the Group's Head of Climate and Nature and am a Chartered Actuary. I bring over two decades of insurance and financial risk management experience, now focused on integrating climate and nature related issues into our risk assessments and decision making. I also actively volunteer within my profession to advance public policy reform and climate focused investment frameworks.

I offer the DWT Board a combination of financial governance, risk management and policy experience, alongside my personal passion for Devon's landscape. I believe that local action and community engagement is critical for driving and maintaining environmental change. My aim is to support DWT's leadership, ensure sound decision making and help secure the practical resources needed to restore nature across our county.



Abigail Wilkin

I am standing for election as a Trustee because supporting nature and wildlife conservation has been an important part of my life for many years. Before moving to Devon 18 months ago, I served as a Trustee for Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust for over four years and was also a Young Adult Ambassador for Warwickshire Wildlife Trust. These experiences gave me a real appreciation of the impact the Wildlife Trust movement has, both for nature and for the communities they serve.

Professionally, I work as a consultant at Global City Futures, supporting local authorities, NHS organisations and universities on sustainability and environmental projects. My role involves strategic thinking, stakeholder engagement, project management and helping organisations navigate complex challenges and make informed decisions.

I am passionate about creating a future where both people and nature can thrive, and I am excited by the opportunity to contribute to Devon Wildlife Trust's work. Alongside my professional skills, I bring previous trustee experience, an Environmental Science degree, a collaborative approach, and a willingness to ask questions, learn and contribute wherever I can add value.

It would be a privilege to support the Trust in delivering its vision for nature recovery across Devon.

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Annie Wills

I am delighted to be nominated for election to the Board of Trustees. I am a practising solicitor working for a conservation charity dealing with biodiversity net gain projects. I spent over ten years before this role specialising in legal matters affecting rural and agricultural land, for clients including farmers, charities and businesses. I have a particular interest in how we can best use legal mechanisms to protect and enhance our natural world for large-scale, long-term habitat protection and recovery. I was a trustee for the Salisbury branch of Samaritans for over three years, during which time I supported the Board in the relocation of the branch. I was also asked to chair the sub-committee responsible for electing a new branch director, ensuring the volunteers' views were heard and that due process was followed.

Although currently based in Wiltshire for work, I grew up in Devon and still return very regularly to visit family. It is my home and I have seen the incredible natural world in action there. I am passionate about making sure that the diverse wildlife will still be there for future generations of residents and visitors.

As a lawyer I understand the importance of carefully interpreting regulations and guidance and taking a thoughtful and risk-based approach when undertaking specific duties. I am excited to use that experience as a trustee to help DWT make its decisions and further its important work. I hope that my optimistic nature and pragmatic approach to problem solving could be an asset to the Board.