

Ashbourne Shire Horse Society

President for 2016 – Mr Jim Yates

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Members of the Society will be held at the Shoulder of Mutton, Osmaston, Ashbourne, on Tuesday 3 May 2016 at 7.45 pm prompt.

The President, Mr Jim Yates, has been invited to preside, and the business to be transacted will be:

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To confirm the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting
3. To receive and approve the Directors' Review for 2015
4. To receive and approve the Accounts of the Society for the period
1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015
5. To confirm the Society's Accountants.
- Proposal: That Coates and Partners be appointed Accountants to Ashbourne Shire Horse Society for the ensuing year
6. To elect a President-Elect for 2018
- Proposal from Council:

That The Right Honourable Andrew Shirley is President-Elect of the Society for 2018.

That Admiral Sir Trevor Soar be President-Elect of the Society for 2019

That Charles Stanton be President-Elect of the Society of 2020
7. To approve the Ex-Officio Members of Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON, OSMASTON, ON TUESDAY 5 MAY 2015

1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 2014 meeting, having been previously circulated, were signed as a correct record by the President. Proposed by R Stevenson and seconded by Mrs C Frost. All were in favour.

2. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE DIRECTORS' REVIEW FOR 2014

The review, having been previously circulated, was approved. Proposed by P Oven and seconded by J Blackwall. All were in favour.

3. TO APPROVE THE SOCIETY'S ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

W Stevenson presented a report of the accounts which were discussed and approved. Proposed by K White and seconded by R W Carr. All were in favour.

4. TO CONFIRM THE SOCIETY'S ACCOUNTANTS FOR 2015

E Marshall proposed that Smith Cooper Ltd be appointed as the Society's accountants for the ensuing year. This was seconded by R W Carr. All were in favour.

5. TO ELECT A PRESIDENT-ELECT FOR 2017

R W Carr proposed that her grace the Duchess of Devonshire be elected as President of the Society for 2017. This was seconded by C Trafford. All were in favour.

6. TO APPROVE THE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

It was proposed by J Blackwall that the following be elected as Ex-Officio Members of Council; Mrs C Frost, F C Hollis, A Harding, Hon J Greenall, Sir A Walker-Okeover, D Spencer, K White, P Hollingsworth, I P Wayne, F White and C Trafford. This was seconded by J Etches. All were in favour.

The President thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

DIRECTORS' REVIEW 2015

The Directors present their review for the year ended 31 December 2015.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Shoulder of Mutton, Osmaston, in May and it elected the Duchess of Devonshire as President-Elect for 2017.

The Company's accounts this year continue to show an operating surplus, which in the present commercial climate is no mean feat. The Society continues to invest this surplus for the benefit of the Society and Show.

The Membership of the Society continues to grow strongly and ended the year at 505 members.

The 124th Show was another successful event with attendance in excess of 9,500 up again on previous years and the Show continues to be well supported by both trade and livestock exhibitors and we continue to work hard to keep gate numbers up.

Jamie Squibb's impressive motorbike display in the main ring was just one of the events which kept the crowd entertained throughout the day and as ever we are grateful for all support we received from the various sections of the show which together make such an enjoyable day for all.

Along with the invaluable support and help received from our volunteers, officials, steward and sponsors that is so essential in ensuring the future of Ashbourne Show.

We also held successful events with the Vintage Tea Party, Pre-Show Social and President's Jazz Evening and we hope to see even more members at our forthcoming events.

So as we look forward to another busy year and not least the 125th Ashbourne Show we hope very much for the continued support of the membership in our celebrations.

P Oven	Chairman
R W Carr	Vice-Chairman
A Dutton	Director

PRESIDENT'S SPRING LUNCH PARTY

22 MAY AT FARNAH HOUSE FARM, DUFFIELD

3 course lunch, raffle and fete games

Tickets £15 & £7.50 for under 12's

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Tombola**

**Bottles of anything water, squash, wine even
ketchup**