

2002

# The Yateley Society

## NOTICE OF MEETING

The 21st Annual General Meeting of The Yateley Society  
will be held on  
Thursday 21 February 2001 at 8.00pm,  
in the Ryder Social Area, Frogmore Community College, Frogmore Campus  
Yateley.

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting held on 15 February 2001 - attached
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Address and adoption of Annual Report for 2001
5. Treasurer's Report and approval of Accounts for year ended 30 Sep 2001
6. Election of Officers:  
a) Chairman,    b) Vice-Chairman    c) Hon Secretary    d) Hon Treasurer
7. Election of Executive Committee
8. Discussion - Society activities and direction
9. Any other business.

R H Johnston Secretary  
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23 January 2002

### Election of Officers and Executive Committee

Members are reminded that they may propose members of the Society for election as Officers or Executive Committee members. The constitution requires that nominations for the Officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) shall be received by the Secretary not less than 14 days before the meeting. Nominations must be presented in writing, signed by the nominator, a seconder and by the person proposed. Nominations for other Committee posts may be made at the meeting, but it would be helpful if such nominations can be notified to the Secretary before the meeting.

# The Yateley Society

Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting of The Yateley Society held at 8.05pm on Thursday 15th February 2000 in Ryder Social Area, Frogmore Community College, Frogmore Campus Yateley

## 1. Attendance

Tony Hocking Chairman, Roger Coombes Vice-Chairman, Peter Tipton Treasurer, Richard Johnston Secretary and 17 other members, at the start. About another 6 arrived during the early part of the meeting.

## 2. Apologies for Absence

Ann Hope, Ted & Norma Dowling, Mary Hocking, Ann Knott, Jane Francis, Stephanie Pattenden, Matthew Barlow, Melissa Day, John & Margaret Keane, David & Rose Murr, Dennis & Audrey Cleaton

## 3. Minutes of 19th Annual General Meeting held 17 February 2000

These were approved unanimously. (Prop Jo Hill, 2nd Graham Brown)

## 4. Matters Arising

a) Item 10) Resolutions. Richard Johnston drew members attention to the reasons for post-meeting lack of action as reported in the minutes.

## 5. Chairman's Address

The Chairman summarised the main features of his report, which had been circulated before the meeting.

The Annual Report was adopted unanimously. (prop Philip Todd, 2nd Roger Coombes).

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Peter Tipton presented the accounts, which were prepared on the same basis as the previous year. The cash balance is similar to the previous year. The main items of note were the £200 received on the winding up of the Hart Environment Trust, which Edward Dawson had told members to expect at the 2000 AGM; £481.75 under publications for two postcards; and increased costs of room hire. £1000 of the cash balance is Miss Kirkpatrick's legacy.

The accounts were adopted unanimously. (prop Paul Francis, 2nd Reg Powell)

The meeting unanimously endorsed Mr W R Foyster as the "independent examiner" of the accounts (Prop Peter Tipton, 2nd Richard Johnston).

## 7. Election of Officers

These had all been proposed in advance as required under the Constitution, and had been nominated as follows:

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Chairman:	Tony Hocking	Philip Todd	Graham Brown
Vice Chairman:	Roger Coombes	Graham Brown	Richard Johnston
Treasurer:	Peter Tipton	Graham Brown	Philip Todd
Secretary:	Richard Johnston	Peter Tipton	Tony Hocking



These were unanimously elected unopposed, en bloc.

#### 8. Election of Committee Members

The following were proposed for the committee:

Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
Philip Todd	Tony Hocking	Peter Tipton
Graham Brown	Richard Johnston	Tony Hocking
Colin Medley	Peter Tipton	Tony Hocking
Jo Hill	Richard Johnston	Peter Tipton

These were elected en bloc, unanimously.

#### 9. Change to Membership Year

Graham Brown proposed (2nd Pat Turner) that the Society should change to a uniform membership year starting in October for all members. New members would make graded payments based on the academic terms, corresponding to the level of general Society activities. Transitional arrangements would transfer existing members to the new scheme. The details and rationale were provided in the notice of the meeting, and due notice had been given to all members in respect of the constitutional change. The resolution was carried unanimously, as follows:

*"This AGM resolves that:*

*A) Section 4 of the Constitution shall read as follows:*

*"The subscription rates for each class of member shall be determined by a General Meeting. Subscriptions shall be payable on becoming a member and thereafter shall be renewable on a date determined by a General Meeting. Membership shall lapse if the subscription is unpaid six months after it is due."*

*B) The following shall be the arrangements for subscriptions, the dates of payment of subscriptions, and the subscriptions for new members:*

*1) The annual rates of payment and the life membership arrangements shall continue as before without alteration.*

*2) The normal renewal date for members shall be 1st October. Reminders will be included in the Newsletter or Stop Press in September.*

*3) New members joining after the 31st January shall pay a part-year charge of 50% of the subscription for the current year, plus a full subscription for the year beginning on the October 1st following, and their subscription shall be renewable on October 1st annually thereafter.*

*4) New members joining after May 31st shall enjoy free subscription to September 30th on paying a full subscription for the year beginning on the October 1st following, and their subscription shall be renewable on October 1st annually thereafter.*

*C) The following arrangements covering the period from February 2001 to October 2002 shall secure the transition to the new renewal date for existing members:*

*5) Existing members paying by Bankers Order may continue their current arrangements without alteration of payment date, and their membership shall be deemed to expire one year after the first September 30th which follows the date of their last subscription payment.*



6) Existing members who presently pay cash may take out a Bankers Order and continue to pay on the same renewal date as at present, and their membership shall be deemed to expire one year after the first September 30th which follows the date of their last subscription payment.

7) Existing members with renewal dates between March 1st and September 30th who continue to pay cash shall pay a pro-rata increased charge to cover the period up to September 30th 2002, and thereafter shall pay annually on October 1st.

8) Existing members with renewal dates between October 1st and February 28th who continue to pay cash shall renew on October 1st 2001 at a pro-rata reduced charge to cover the remaining period to September 30th 2002, and thereafter shall pay annually on October 1st."

## **10. Policy Resolutions**

### **a) Traffic congestion & sustainable development**

Richard Johnston proposed the resolution A of the alternatives A and B which had been circulated before the meeting. He explained that this was similar to the resolution approved in principle in 2000. During discussion he accepted an amendment to h) of alternative A to read "believes that strengthened existing major centres with properly designed radial access...". However the meeting felt that alternative B was more understandable and to the point, but A provided explanatory material which might go into a supporting letter. An amendment was therefore proposed by Elizabeth Tipton (2nd Paul Francis) to adopt alternative B as the resolution, and use such parts of A as were helpful as supporting text. This amendment was approved without opposition. The resolution, as amended, was then approved unanimously:

*"This Annual General Meeting of the Yateley Society*

*a) recognises that growing road traffic congestion is a serious threat to the quality of life in this area, which cannot be solved or even ameliorated by road building, without unacceptable harm to the built and natural environment;*

*b) believes that a major contributing factor is the dispersal of target destinations which increases the length and number of journeys needed and decreases the commercial viability of public transport facilities;*

*c) believes that the best solution is to concentrate the facilities that are the destination for large numbers of journeys into fewer locations, so that individuals can accomplish more tasks in a single journey;*

*d) deprecates the construction of major new journey generators such as business parks, office blocks or shopping centres outside designated 'target zones' and isolated from similar target facilities*

*e) believes that failure to prevent such developments in this area will greatly increase journey times and lead to gridlock in Yateley and Blackwater, and therefore*

*f) calls upon the government and local authorities in this area to identify such target centres and to improve public radial traffic from surrounding areas to such zones while keeping long distance traffic away from them.*

### **b) Defence of Yateley's three Conservation Areas**

Peter Tipton (2nd Adrian Collett) proposed a resolution seeking to defend the character of Yateley's Conservation Areas which was being rapidly eroded, and which was presently threatened by a large number of planning applications. He explained the measures which the



Executive Committee had already taken, including a meeting of the Society's planning subcommittee with Hart Development control officers that afternoon. During the discussion he accepted an amendment to add "and views of and across them" at the end of the resolution.

During discussion it was noted that the Conservation Areas were essential to Yateley's character, and that there was a need to educate the public about their value in this respect, otherwise the resolution might appear to be simply backward looking. Few ordinary people knew about the Conservation Areas or their legal significance. A special problem was the rather intangible nature of the Yateley Conservation Areas since they are not a coherent collection of interesting buildings but are designed to maintain the "rural village character". There is a need to communicate this not only to the public but to the authorities who casually add "clutter" to the CA's, like lamp posts that do not require planning permission. It was necessary for people to make a fuss, to complain, and this was successfully achieved in the rural villages. A list of addresses to direct complaints might be published in Stop Press. The Society's profile needed to be raised, and this could be achieved at the same time as making people more aware of the Conservation Areas. A planning appeal for housing building on the edge of the Conservation Area at Robins Grove Park had just been dismissed solely on account of the impact on the CA, and this was a landmark decision in our favour: it was suggested that a Press Release be issued.

The amended resolution was carried unanimously:

*"This Annual General Meeting of the Yateley Society, recognising that Yateley's "sense of place" lies in the retention of its large village character, and concerned that the semi-rural and village character of its three Conservation Areas is being steadily eroded by ill-considered urbanising "improvements", like motorway-style lighting, advertising, signs to amenities and other street furniture, road improvements, high density housing, urban style business development and recreation facilities, urban pleasure park plantings displacing the traditional Common land habitat; therefore encourages the Executive Committee to take all steps necessary to stem, and where possible reverse, this erosion of character; and calls upon the planning authority and other official and non-official bodies to preserve and enhance the historic, village, semi-rural character of Yateley's Conservation Areas, and the views of and across them."*

#### **11. Any Other Business**

a) Paul Francis asked that highway authority be encouraged to impose a 30 mph speed limit on Vicarage Road. Cllr Adrian Collett promised to pursue the matter with Hampshire County Council.

b) Philip Todd enquired about the Yateley Country Park Management Plan. A draft had been agreed in June 1999 but no further action had apparently been taken. There was a need to ensure that the Plan which had been agreed was actually implemented.

c) Elizabeth Tipton thanked the Stop Press and Newsletter distributors, and that email communication to members was now encouraged. She explained that the Newsletter has been changed to have more of a "Journal" character, and requested assistance in formatting it.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

RHJ 5.3.2001



## THE YATELEY SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

### 1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be The Yateley Society

### 2 OBJECTS

The Society is established for the public benefit for the following purposes in the area comprising the Civil Parish of Yateley on the 13th January 1981 which area shall hereinafter be referred to as "the area of benefit".

- (i) To educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area of benefit.
- (ii) To secure the preservation protection development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit.
- (iii) To promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of benefit.
- (iv) To secure the enhancement of the biological diversity of the ecosystems, the conservation of the natural and semi-natural habitats, and the protection of the characteristic flora and fauna within the area of benefit.

In furtherance of the said purposes but not otherwise the Society shall have the following powers:-

- (1) To promote civic pride in the area of benefit.
- (2) To promote research into subjects directly connected with the objects of The Society and to publish the results of any such research.
- (3) To act as a co-ordinating body and to co-operate with the local authorities, planning committees and all other statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, charities and persons having aims similar to those of The Society.
- (4) To promote or assist in promoting activities of a charitable nature throughout the area of benefit.
- (5) To publish papers, reports and other literature.
- (6) To make surveys and prepare maps and plans and collect information and undertake practical conservation in relation to any place, erection or building of beauty or historic or ecological interest within the area of benefit.
- (7) To hold meetings, lectures and exhibitions.
- (8) To educate public opinion and to give advice and information.
- (9) To raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation and otherwise; provided that The Society shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its primary purpose.
- (10) To acquire, by purchase, gift or otherwise, property whether subject to any special trust or not.
- (11) To sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or funds of the Society as shall be necessary.
- (12) To borrow or raise money on such terms and on such security as the Executive Committee shall think fit, but so that the liability of individual members of The Society shall in no case extend beyond the amount of their respective annual subscriptions.
- (13) To do all such other things as are necessary for the attainment of the said purposes.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all who are interested in actively furthering the purposes of The Society.

Membership of The Society shall consist of life members, full members, junior members and corporate members.

No member shall have power to vote or to stand for any office at any meeting of The Society if his or her subscription is in arrears at the time.

*Senior members shall be those aged 65 years or over at the time their subscription is due.*

Junior members shall be those aged less than 18 years at the time their subscription is due; and they shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of The Society.

Corporate members shall be such societies, associations, educational institutions or businesses as are interested in actively furthering the purposes of The Society. A corporate member shall appoint a representative to vote on its behalf at all meetings but before such representative exercises his or her right to vote the corporate member shall give particulars in writing to the Honorary Secretary of such representative.

### 4 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscription rates for each class of member shall be determined by a General Meeting. Subscriptions shall be payable on becoming a member and thereafter shall be renewable on a date determined by a General Meeting. Membership shall lapse if the subscription is unpaid six months after it is due.



## 5 GENERAL MEETINGS

An Annual General Meeting shall be held in or about January of each year to receive inter alia the Executive Committee's report and accounts and elect Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.

The Society's financial year commences on 1 October. The accounts of the Society shall be subject to independent examination by a person appointed by a General Meeting of the Society.

Special General Meetings of The Society shall be held within 42 days of the receipt by an Officer of a written request of fifteen or more members whose subscriptions are fully paid up, or by resolution of the Executive Committee.

At least 21 days notice in writing shall be given to all members of the date and place of the Annual General Meeting.

At least 7 days notice of any General meeting of The Society shall be given in writing to all members, such notice to declare the business of the meeting.

A quorum for a General Meeting shall consist of twenty voting members or one third of the voting membership whichever is the less.

Members may not vote by proxy.

A President, who shall exercise no executive function, may also be elected at a General Meeting of The Society, for periods to be decided at such a meeting.

From time to time a General Meeting of the Society may award an honorary title to any member who has made a significant contribution to the objectives of the Society.

## 6 OFFICERS

The Officers of The Society who shall be members of The Society normally resident or working in the area of benefit shall consist of:- Chairman Vice Chairman Honorary Secretary Honorary Treasurer all of whom shall relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations for the election of Officers shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations shall be supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained.

Nominees for election as Officers of Committee members shall declare at the Annual General Meeting at which their election is to be considered any financial or professional interest known or likely to be of concern to The Society.

The elections of Officers shall be completed prior to the election of further Committee members.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill up to two vacancies occurring among the Officers of The Society without calling a General Meeting.

## 7 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the management and administration of The Society

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and 8 other voting members who shall be members of The Society and shall normally be resident or working in the area of benefit. A minimum of 4 of these additional voting members must be elected at the Annual General Meeting, any places which remain unfilled being regarded as vacancies.

Voting members of the Executive Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of The Society, and outgoing members may be re-elected. Nominations for election to the Executive Committee as an ordinary member will be taken at the Annual General Meeting. They must be supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first be obtained. If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies, a ballot shall take place in such manner as shall be determined.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill up to four vacancies occurring among the voting members of the Executive Committee between General Meetings, and such members shall have full voting rights on the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt non-voting members (who shall attend in an advisory capacity, and who may be from outside the area of benefit).

Nobody shall be appointed as a member of the Executive Committee who is aged under 18 or who would be disqualified under the provisions of the following clause.

No person shall be entitled to act as an Officer or member of the Executive Committee whether on a first or on a subsequent entry into office until after signing in the minute book of the Executive Committee a declaration of acceptance and of willingness to act in the trusts of the charity. Any member of the Executive Committee shall cease to hold office if he or she:

- (a) is disqualified from acting as a member of the Executive Committee by virtue of section 45 of the Charities Act 1992 (or any statutory re-enactments or modifications of that provision);
- (b) becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs;
- (c) is absent without the permission of the Executive Committee from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the Executive Committee resolve that his or her office be vacated;
- (d) ceases to be a member of The Society or membership lapses under Clause 4; or



(e) notifies the Executive Committee a wish to resign (but only if at least three members of the Executive Committee will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect).

The business of The Society shall be conducted according to the requirements of this Constitution and the Charity Commissioners and consistent with resolutions approved by members at General Meetings. The Executive Committee shall obtain the prior approval of a General Meeting for any action which constitutes a change in The Society's policies.

The Executive Committee shall meet not less than six times a year at intervals of not more than two months and the Honorary Secretary shall give all Executive Committee members not less than seven days' notice of each meeting.

*The quorum shall comprise one third of the voting members of the Executive Committee and shall include at least one officer.*

In the event of an equality in the votes cast, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

## **8 SUB-COMMITTEES**

The Executive Committee may constitute such Sub-committees from time to time as shall be considered necessary for such purposes as shall be thought fit.

Sub-committees shall be subordinate to and may be regulated or dissolved by the Executive Committee, and may exercise delegated powers from the Executive Committee, within the policies of the Society as determined by General Meetings.

The Chairman and Secretary of each Sub-committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and all actions and proceedings of each Sub-committee shall be reported to and be confirmed by the Executive Committee as soon as possible.

*Where chairmen of sub-committees are not already voting members of the Executive Committee, they shall be deemed to have been co-opted to the Executive Committee as non-voting members for the duration of their appointment.*

Any Sub-committee may include persons who are not members of the Executive Committee. Members of the Executive Committee may be members of any Sub-committee and membership of a Sub-committee shall be no bar to appointment to membership of the Executive Committee.

## **9 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

It shall be the duty of every Officer or member of the Executive Committee or Sub-Committee or ordinary member of The Society who is in any way directly or indirectly interested financially or professionally in any item discussed at any Committee or General meeting at which he or she is present to declare such interest and he/she shall not discuss such item (except by invitation of the Chairman) or vote thereon.

## **10. EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS**

The Executive Committee shall, out of the funds of the Society, pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Society. After the payment of the administration and management expenses and the setting aside to reserve of such sums as may be deemed expedient, the remaining funds of the Society shall be applied by the Executive Committee in furtherance of the purposes of the Society.

## **11 INVESTMENT**

All monies at any time belonging to the Society and not required for immediate application for its purposes shall, be invested by the Executive Committee in or upon such investments, securities or property as it may think fit, subject nevertheless to such authority, approval or consent by the Charity Commissioners as may for the time being be required by law or by the special trusts affecting any property in the hands of the Executive Committee.

## **12 TRUSTEES**

Any Freehold and leasehold property acquired by the Society shall, and if the Executive Committee so directs any other property belonging to the Society may, be vested in trustees who shall deal with such property as the Executive Committee may from time to time direct. Any trustees shall be at least three in number or a trust corporation. The Power of appointment of new trustees shall be vested in the Executive Committee. A trustee need not be a member of the Society but no person whose membership lapses by virtue of clause 4 hereof shall thereafter be qualified to act as a trustee unless or until re-appointed as such by the Executive Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall from time to time notify the trustees in writing of any amendment hereto and the trustees shall not be bound by any such amendments in their duties as trustees unless such notice has been given. The Society shall be bound to indemnify the trustees in their duties (including the proper charge of a trustee being a trust corporation) and liability under such indemnity shall be a proper administrative expense.

## **13 AMENDMENTS**

Subject to the following provisions of this clause the Constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by no less than two thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or a Special



General Meeting, The notice of the meeting shall be 28 days and must include notice of the resolution, setting out the terms of the alteration proposed.

No amendment may be made to clause 1 [the name of the charity clause], clause 2 [the objects clause], clause 9 [Executive committee members not to be personally interested clause], clause 15 [the winding up clause] or this clause without the prior consent in writing of the Commissioners.

No amendment may be made which would have the effect of making the Charity cease to be a charity at law.

The Executive Committee should promptly send to the Commissioners a copy of any amendment made under this clause.

#### 14 NOTICES

Any notice required to be given by these Rules shall be deemed to be duly given if left at or sent by prepaid post addressed to the address of that member last notified to the Secretary.

#### 15 WINDING UP

The Society may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority of members voting at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Society confirmed by a simple majority of members voting at a further Special General Meeting held not less than 14 days after the previous meeting.

If a motion for the dissolution of the Society is to be proposed at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting this motion shall be referred to specifically when notice of the meeting is given.

In the event of the dissolution of the Society the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more charitable institutions having objects similar or reasonably similar to those herein before declared as shall be chosen by the Executive Committee and approved by the Meeting of the Society at which the decision to dissolve the the Society is confirmed.

On dissolution the minute book and other records of the Society shall be deposited with the Hampshire Record Office, or other official depository for historical records covering the area of benefit.

We certify that this is a true copy of the Constitution of The Yateley Society originally approved at the Inaugural Meeting of that Society held on 13 January 1981, Min 5/81, and subsequently amended at a Special General Meeting of the Society held on 16 September 1982, at the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 31 January 1985, at a Special General Meeting of the Society held on 14 November 1996 and 20 February 1997, and the Annual General Meeting held 15 February 2001.

Tony Hocking, Chairman;  
Roger Coombes, Vice Chairman;  
Richard Johnston, Hon. Secretary;  
Peter Tipton, Hon. Treasurer



Draft (rather full)

# The Yateley Society

Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting of The Yateley Society held at 8.15pm on Thursday 21st February 2002 in Ryder Social Area, Frogmore Community College, Frogmore Campus Yateley

## Attendance

Tony Hocking Chairman, Roger Coombes Vice-Chairman, Peter Tipton Treasurer, Richard Johnston Secretary and 13 other members, at the start. Another 2 arrived during the early part of the meeting.

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Colin and Pam Medley, Jenny Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Warrander, Mr. and Mrs. Dear, Mrs. Boothby, Mr. and Mrs. Pattenden, Mr. and Mrs. Dowling, Dr. and Mrs. Kerlake, Mrs McIlwaine.

**Note:** Richard Johnston noted that under article 5 of the constitution we require 20 members to hold an AGM or an extra-ordinary general meeting. Although there were fewer than 20 members present, adequate notice had been given of the meeting, all papers had been distributed in advance, and 15 apologies had been received. As we had no major resolutions to pass and were not intending to change the constitution it would be appropriate to approve minutes and receive reports in the normal way. It was proposed that the requirement be suspended for this meeting. Richard Johnston proposed, Jo Hill seconded  
Passed unanimously.

## 2. Minutes of 20th Annual General Meeting held 15 February 2001

These were approved unanimously. (Prop Roger Coombes, 2nd Caroline Powell)

## 3. Matters Arising

References are to the approved minutes.

9) As Required, the change to the constitution had been forwarded to the Charity Commissioners.

10) Policy resolutions had been taken into account by the Executive committee and used in their discussions with the Yateley and Hart councils.

11 a) No action had been taken regarding a change to the speed limit in Vicarage Road.

11 b) Peter Tipton reported that the Yateley Council Management Committee had reviewed the Yateley Country Park Management Plan last Tuesday.

## 4. Chairman's Address

The Chairman summarised the main features of his report, which had been circulated before the meeting.

The Annual Report was adopted unanimously. (prop Robin Strange, 2nd Chris Willis).



## 5. Treasurer's Report

Peter Tipton presented the accounts, which were prepared on the same basis as the previous year. The cash balance is higher than the previous year, with membership contributions higher because of record membership, changes in the membership year, and two life membership contributions.

The money on hand is divided into the Daphne Kirkpatrick memorial fund, a reserve fund for expenses connected with enquires and a general fund.

There was discussion on additional uses for the funds, particularly for publicising the society and events to attract more members and to encourage volunteers.

In response to a question on the size of the current account, the treasurer said he was looking to move the accounts from Barclays to attract higher return on the deposit account.

The accounts were adopted unanimously. (prop Jo Hill, 2nd Roger Coombes)

The meeting unanimously endorsed Mr W R Foyster as the "independent examiner" of the accounts (Prop Peter Tipton, 2nd Roger Coombes).

## 6. Election of Officers

These had all been proposed in advance as required under the Constitution, and had been nominated as follows:

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Chairman:	Tony Hocking	Richard Johnston	Roger Coombes
Vice Chairman:	Roger Coombes	Tony Hocking	Graham Brown
Treasurer:	Peter Tipton	Roger Coombes	Graham Brown
Secretary:	Richard Johnston	Roger Coombes	Tony Hocking

These were unanimously elected unopposed, en bloc.

## 7. Election of Committee Members

The following were proposed for the committee:

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Philip Todd	Colin Medley	Tony Hocking
Graham Brown	Jo Hill	Peter Tipton
Colin Medley	Tony Hocking	Graham Brown
Jo Hill	Colin Medley	Graham Brown
Wilma Jordan	Richard Johnston	Peter Tipton

These were elected en bloc, unanimously.

## 8. Discussion

### 8.1 Introduction

Peter Tipton led a discussion on the Society's activities. The discussion took the form of Peter outlining the background to a topic and inviting two or three speakers to speak for or against proposals.

It was noted that we have about 200 members but average attendance at the monthly meetings is about 20. In the past the society has had a very varied set of activities.



- Appearing at Public Inquiries
- Monitoring Local & Structure Plans
- *Guided Walks*
- Heritage Walks
- May Fayre Exhibitions
- Publishing Postcards
- Publishing History Trails
- Running Adult Education Classes
- Public Lectures
- Visits to Local Historic Houses
- Issuing a Newsletter
- Sponsoring Flora & Fauna Surveys
- Practical Conservation of Common
- Town Centre Management Committee
- Commons Management Committee
- Yateley History Project CD-ROM
- Help a Toad across the Road
- Clearing Public Footpaths
- Giving talks to School Children
- Issuing Press Releases
- Dawn Chorus Walks & Breakfast
- Preserving Historical Documents
- Photographing Contemporary Yateley
- Keep Britain Tidy
- Best-kept Village Competition
- AGM Resolutions
- *Fungal Forays*
- Weekly activity group meetings
- Survey Listed Buildings

Now, the society is mainly run by the Executive Committee, which tends to run to a fixed agenda covering the following items:

- Planning Subcommittee
- Programme Subcommittee
- Publications Subcommittee
- Local History Group
- Natural History Group
- *Conservation Working Party*
- Finance & Membership

The aim of the discussion was

- to agree the societies priorities and to get direction for
- *the public programme,*
- members programme and
- communications.



## 8.2 Priorities:

Peter proposed that the society should concentrate our efforts on:

- Practical Conservation
- Planning
- Local History

and not try to address Natural History as this is well covered by other groups such as the Camberley NH Society. The conservation volunteers are learning from the Rangers.

Jo and Margaret Talbot spoke in favour. Graham Brown suggested that we could revive more outside activities such as visits to local historic houses.

### a) Planning:

The planning subcommittee examines all applications that fall into the following categories:

- Development affecting Conservation Areas
- Development affecting Listed Buildings
- Development of 5 or more houses
- Large Commercial Developments
- *Development affecting biodiversity of Yateley Common*

Richard added that we also take special note of applications that seem to run counter to current policies and guidelines or that would suggest a precedent if they were approved.

There was much support for the visibility and effectiveness of the planning work over the years. Much of the work is done by Richard and Peter but particular issues are taken up by member groups who organise specific campaigns. Many members have been involved in planning and this work provides a reason for renewing membership.

### b) Conservation

The group meets every month to work on the common.

There were no proposals or suggestions for improving the group. They will benefit from new safety equipment.

It was suggested that their work should be publicised more.

### c) Local History

The following options were mooted:

- Public Lecture Programme
- Annual Library Lecture
- Public Exhibitions
- Develop Website
- Yateley History Project
- Adult Education Classes
- Beginner's Classes
- Advanced Classes
- WEA Dayschools
- Teacher Packs
- Heritage Walks
- Guided Walks



- Publications
- Talks to other Organisations
- *Family History Contacts*
- Networking

The local history lectures had proved popular and many people joined the society to benefit from the accumulated knowledge.

### **8.3 Public Programme**

We will continue to represent the concerns of the society at planning enquiries.

The conservation work should continue, with more publicity and more frequent soliciting for volunteers.

It was agreed that the History Group should aim at one major exhibition per year.

There is a possibility that we could arrange for Yateley material to be included in courses on *Local History* that might be run by *Reading University* or by the *WEA*. There was some support for this but we could not measure the likely take-up of such courses at this meeting.

### **8.4 Members Programme**

Peter made no specific proposals but threw open the discussion. This did not address the lectures programme, which is serving its purpose and having reasonable attendances, but discussed possible visits to local places of interest and walks.

As there have been none recently the likely attendance at such events is uncertain but some of the (few) members present expressed interest.

### **8.4 Communications**

With Members - Peter offered the following:

- continue Stop Press
- abandon Newsletter
- develop Website
- email members
  - re meetings
  - re research write-ups
  - re *planning issues*

The discussion noted that the Stop Press had effectively replaced the Newsletter for the past two years. Whilst members appreciated the relevance and the role of the Stop Press the loss of the Newsletter was regretted. Elizabeth felt that the frequent Stop Presses left the role of the Newsletter more uncertain.

We should consider reviving it in the same format but we need to re-define its role, provide guidance for the editor, and manage its re-launch.

### **9. AOB**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 22.22.

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 b) they are not ineligible to accept the Trusts of a registered charity; c) if elected, they will accept the Trusts of the Society.

Office	Nomination	Proposer	Seconder	Agreed to stand
Chairman	A J Hocking	R J Johnston	R. S. Coombes	A J Hocking
Vice Chairman	Roger Coombes	A J Hocking	A C Brown	R. S. Coombes
Secretary	Richard Johnston	R. S. Coombes	A J Hocking	<del>R J Johnston</del>
Treasurer	Peter Tipton	R. S. Coombes	A C Brown	<del>A J Hocking</del>
Committee memb	Jo Hill	Colin Medley	A C Brown	Jo Hill
Committee memb	Colin Medley	A J Hocking	A C Brown	Colin Medley
Committee memb	GRAHAM BROWN	Jo Hill	Jo Hill	A C Brown
Committee memb	PHILIP TODD	Colin Medley	A J Hocking	Philip Todd



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Committee memb	<i>Wilma Jordan</i>	<i>R. Johnson</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>W. Jordan</i>
Committee memb				
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### The Yateley Society Trustees 2001-2002

I, the undersigned, declare that I

a) am not disqualified under section 7 of the Yateley Society Constitution from acting as a member of the Executive Committee of the Yateley Society;

b) accept and am willing to act in the Trusts of The Yateley Society with effect from 21 February 2002.

NAME	TITLE	SIGNED	DATE	DATE OF BIRTH	ADDRESS
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Peter Tipton	Hon. Treasurer	<i>P. Tipton</i>	21.2.02	3.12.1939	Montey 6 Home Montey Lane Yateley GU46 6LL
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