

## The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales

### Annual General Meeting

To be held via Zoom on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 at 6.30 pm

(Zoom log-in available from 6.20 pm)

#### **IMPORTANT**

To receive Zoom joining details members are requested to RSVP as soon as possible to [d.clark@welshwildlife.org](mailto:d.clark@welshwildlife.org) (please give your name, address/postcode and membership number if known)

Latest time for registration is 4.00 pm on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

6.30 pm Welcome and introduction by **Paul Culyer, WTSWW Chair**

6.35 **Sarah Kessell, Chief Executive** will give a report of the work achieved during the year 2023/24 and some thoughts on work for 2025 and beyond

7.00 'Trellwyn Fach - its acquisition and plans to recreate temperate Celtic Rainforest' a talk by a member of the WTSWW Reserves and Conservation Team.

7.30 approx A short break followed by the formal part of the AGM

#### **AGM agenda**

- 1) To receive apologies for absence
- 2) To approve minutes of AGM held on 16 -11-23 (available to download or hard copy on request\*)
- 3) Chairperson's report
- 4) Finance Report and presentation
  - 4 a) To receive the annual audited accounts and reports for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 (available to download or hard copy on request)
- 5) To confirm the re-appointment of the following to the Board of Trustees: Rosey Grandage, Stuart Bain, Mike Davies
- 6) To confirm the appointment of the following to the Board of Trustees: Raoul Bhambral, Madeline De Marchis, Sash Tusa  
*(personal profiles are shown below)*
- 7) To confirm the Board recommendation to review the appointment of the current auditors
- 8) Questions from Members (previously notified to Chair\*\*)

**The AGM will be followed by our Guest Speaker** – former Trust Chair, conservationist, photographer and author Mike Alexander will give an illustrated and entertaining talk on 'The Flowers of the West Wales Coast'

**\*Further details including the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts, and minutes of the last AGM are available on the Trust website [www.welshwildlife.org](http://www.welshwildlife.org) or available as hard copy by contacting Diana Clark on [d.clark@welshwildlife.org](mailto:d.clark@welshwildlife.org)**

**\*\*Please submit your AGM questions to the Chair by emailing [d.clark@welshwildlife.org](mailto:d.clark@welshwildlife.org) no later than Monday 18th November 2024**

## **Personal profiles**

### **For re-appointment:**

#### **Rosey Grandage**

I'm a physiotherapist, Chinese medicine practitioner and founder of an art gallery which promotes awareness of the environment and conservation. I have an interest in education, research and ethics, having been a lecturer at University of Westminster for 17 years. I was Chair of Brecknock Wildlife Trust and led it through the merger with WTSWW and am now Vice Chair of WTSWW and also the Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity lead. Since October 2023 I have been the Welsh trustee on the RSWT Board. I have recently set up a youth led environment charity, Wild Garsdale Pike, in Cumbria, where we work with groups of young people from across northwest England. I enjoy hill walking, qi gong, Chinese philosophy and growing wildflowers, trees, medicinal herbs and vegetables. Co-opted May 2018, appointed to the Board Dec 2018 and now standing for my third term.

#### **Stuart Bain**

I was first appointed to the Board in 2018 and have been Treasurer since 2020. I am standing for my third term. My background is in banking, specialising in risk, compliance and governance. Based in South Wales, I have a passion for the outdoors, walking and conservation. I also act as a trustee for the Open Spaces Society, Britain's oldest conservation charity, AWEN Cultural Trust and South East Wales Biodiversity Records Centre as treasurer.

#### **Michail (Mike) Davies**

I first visited Skomer as a boy and have returned regularly since. On retirement 6 years ago and moving to Pembrokeshire, I started to volunteer there, and that, along with my developing knowledge and passion for the work of the Trust, and seabird conservation in particular, was what first made me want to contribute my skills and experience as a Trustee. My training is in science – I hold a PhD in Chemistry – and I am an effective and enthusiastic communicator to diverse audiences, developed through my teaching and public engagement experience. I have a strong knowledge of climate change science, impacts and mitigation and I read, write and speak Welsh, although I would still consider myself as a learner. I was appointed as a Trustee in 2021 and currently Chair the Conservation Committee. I am standing for my second term.

### **For appointment**

#### **Raoul Bhambral**

I would love to bring my wide range of skills, plus learned and lived experiences to this team. I have worked for organisations like Wales Environment Link, RSPB and Friends of the Earth on a range of environmental campaigns. I ran my own business in Carmarthenshire for 4 years. I am highly experienced in building people's capacity meaningfully, creatively and with the right resources.

I am enthusiastic and passionate about nature and am keen to be part of a team working so hard to protect, restore and enhance nature, not just for our own sakes but for the future.

#### **Madeline De Marchis**

I am an early career conservationist with a passion for improving science communication. I am keen to champion youth voices in decision-making spaces, as intergenerational perspectives are vital for achieving action for nature, people and climate, in line with the WTSWW strategy. Having been both a volunteer and staff member at WTSWW, the charity has played an important role in forming my career to date and is an organisation I care deeply about,

therefore would like to contribute to further, utilising my educational background in Environmental Science and practical experience gained during my Marine Conservation internship at WTSWW

**Sash Tusa**

As a former Trustee of WTSWW, I have great respect for, and understanding of, the breadth, complexity, and importance of the conservation work that the Trust carries out, and the immense value and importance of the reserves that it owns and manages. I have a particular passion for seabirds and also, as an angler, the rivers and coast of South Wales, and hope, as a Trustee, to work for their continued protection and restoration. I would also like to contribute to the Trust's financial management, and enable it to continue to grow, and meet the 30 by 30 ambitions.