

Notice of Annual General Meeting
to be held at
Sheepdrove Organic Farm, Lambourn RG17 7UU
at 10.20am. on Wednesday 16th September 2026

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Approval of 2025 AGM Minutes
3. Chairman's Report: Ali Burch
4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts: Serena Stevenson
5. Financial Examiner's Report: Maureen Yeo
6. Election of Officers and Committee Members
7. Any other business

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting **held at Sheepdrove Organic Farm, Lambourn RG17 7UU** **at 10.20am. on Wednesday 17th September 2025**

Present:

Ali Burch (Chair)	Sharon Greasley (Young Arts)
Sarah Barrett (SIDs)	Angela Heather (SIDs)
Mary Cowan (Programme)	Liz Hosier (Visits)
Christine Garrod (Visits)	Jo Owen-Jones (Young Arts)
Penelope Gordon (Programme)	Henry Wilson (Website & Tech)

And 111 members

1. **Apologies** were received from Committee Members Jane Mills (Membership) and Serena Stevenson (Treasurer). 11 members also presented their apologies
2. **Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes. These minutes were unanimously approved** as being an accurate record of the meeting, a copy having been circulated online prior to the meeting.
(Proposed: Matthew Tester; Seconded: Louise May)
3. **Chairman's Report: Ali Burch.** This report had been circulated prior to the meeting and Ali Burch said she had nothing extra to say except to repeat her thanks to retiring Committee members Alice Charlwood and Richard Shillito.
4. **Treasurer's Report and Accounts:** Serena Stevenson's Financial Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. In her absence the Chairman explained that expenditure had slightly exceeded income for the year because of the unanticipated extra costs involved in moving from Herongate to Sheepdrove. Subscriptions for the 2025/26 year have increased to £60, but that this is still remarkable value for ten lectures.
5. **Financial Examiner's Report:** Maureen Yeo had examined the accounts for the year and certified that they give a true and fair view of the Society's affairs at 30th June 2025 and the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.
The 2024-25 Accounts were unanimously approved by all those attending the meeting.
(Proposed: Michael Cowan; Seconded: Richard Shillito)
6. **Election of Officers and Committee Members.** Those listed below had been proposed as Officers and Committee Members prior to June 30th. The Chairman suggested that they should be elected "en bloc". This procedure was adopted **(proposed by Penelope Gordon and seconded by Hugh Pihlens)** and approved unanimously by the members present.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconded
Chairman	Ali Burch	Sarah Barrett	Angela Heather
Secretary	Henry Wilson	Mary Wilson	Wendy Wallis
Treasurer	Serena Stevenson	Sarah Barrett	Bridget Downer
Programme	Penelope Gordon Mary Cowan	Jo Owen-Jones Ali Burch	Ali Burch Michael Cowan
Membership	Jane Mills	Ali Burch	Sharon Greasley
Visits	Christine Garrod Elizabeth Hosier	Ali Burch Christine Garrod	Robin Barrett Ali Burch
Special Interest Days	Angela Heather Sarah Barrett	Judith Cornick Angela Heather	Anthony Cornick Elizabeth Barry
Arts Volunteering	Sharon Greasley Jo Owen-Jones	Jo Owen-Jones Roger Greasley	Roger Greasley Sharon Greasley
Technical Secretary	Henry Wilson	Mary Wilson	Jennifer Liddiard

7. Any other business: None

The meeting ended at 10:26

Chairman's Report

Agenda Item 3

Dear Members,

No society is successful without a team of willing volunteers. Here at TASH, we are incredibly fortunate to have such a team, and I am very grateful for their unfailing support and good humour.

We are now well settled into our beautiful venue at Sheepdrove. We greatly appreciate the help and support provided each month by Allison, Chloe and Dave. Although we have asked Sheepdrove on several occasions to reinstate the blinds, I am afraid this is not going to happen.

As always, every member of the team continues to play an important role. Firstly, I must thank Henry. Not only does he manage all things technical, but he is also an exceptionally efficient and supportive Secretary. I would be lost without him!

Mary and Penelope continue to organise a range of interesting speakers, and they also attended Directory Day in London. This event gives organisers the opportunity to listen to speakers presenting "tasters" of their topics. It is a long day, but one that is always worthwhile. Thank you.

Our Special Interest Days (SIDs) and Visits programme continues to offer inspiring, varied and engaging lectures and excursions. The move to East Garston Village Hall for our Special Interest Days has proved very successful. Sarah, Angela, Christine and Liz—thank you for your excellent organisational skills and thoughtful decision-making.

Our Young Arts Committee members, Jo and Sharon (when she's not in her high-vis jacket!), have supported both the Ramsbury and Aldbourne Art Group and Lambourn School. Both organisations are truly appreciative of our assistance.

Our Treasurer, Serena, manages our finances in a calm and measured manner. This financial year (25/26) we have incurred increased cost and have sustained a deficit of £2,736. Unfortunately, subscriptions will increase in 2027.

This year, we are embracing the digital age with the introduction of an electronic programme. No doubt some of you will miss your coloured programme card, but the costs of printing and postage have become prohibitive. Jane, our Membership Secretary, has been instrumental in this project and has worked tirelessly, ably assisted by Henry, to implement this change.

In March, we were delighted to welcome Hilary Kay, President of The Arts Society, to one of our meetings. Following the lecture, we enjoyed a picnic lunch with Hilary and her husband, during which we had an informative and productive question-and-answer session.

Finally, I would like to thank all our loyal members for their continued support and enthusiasm. Your encouragement enables us to offer an interesting and varied programme in a friendly and welcoming environment.

We look forward to welcoming both existing and new members after our summer break at our AGM on Wednesday, 16 September, at 10.20 am.

Ali Burch (Chair)

Agenda Item 4

TREASURER'S REPORT

2025/2026

We had a deficit of £2,736 in the year ending June 2026. This is the result of the increased cost of our venue and the need to hire projection equipment. The outline budget for 2026/2027 indicated that there could be a deficit of nearly £4000 so following discussion it was agreed that:

Subscriptions will have to rise substantially in future years.

This will have to be emphasised to members at the AGM and throughout the coming year. We should let members know early next year that this is the case.

We should continue to look for an alternative venue, although most options have already been explored.

Charity donations will be reduced to £500.

We had already decided to produce a printed membership card.

There will be no refunds to those who have booked SIDs or Visits and then change their minds.

We will explore the possibility of finding a sponsor.



Serena Stevenson

Treasurer



THE ARTS SOCIETY HUNGERFORD

Income & Expenditure for Year Ending 30 June 2026

Adjusted for opening & closing debtors & creditors

Income

Member Subscriptions £14,100.00

£14,100.00

Visit Sales £7,275.00

£7,275.00

SID Sales £3,276.00

£3,276.00

Total Income £24,651.00

Deficit -£2,736.28

Expenditure

Lecturer Fees & Expenses £4,894.98

Hall Hire £3,535.00

Projector Hire £2,448.00

TASH Administration £1,618.66

Arts Soc. HQ Fee £3,828.56

Charity Donations £1,370.00

£17,695.20

Visit Expenses £6,621.63

£6,621.63

SID Expenses £1,478.36

SID Speaker Fees £1,592.09

£3,070.45

Total Expenditure £27,387.28

Serena Stevenson

Serena Stevenson (Treasurer)

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Maureen Yeo (Financial Examiner)

THE ARTS SOCIETY HUNGERFORD

Reconciliation & Balance Sheet

30th June 2026

Cash Reconciliation

Opening Bank Balance 1 July 2025	£22,574.63
Add: Receipts	£28,259.00
Less: Payments	£27,884.28
Closing Bank Balance 30 June 2026	£22,949.35

Net increase in cash during the year: £374.72

Balance Sheet as at 1 July 2025

Assets	
Bank balance	£22,574.63
Total Assets	£22,574.63
Liabilities	
Income received in advance	£9,780.00
Amount owed from previous year	£0.00
Total Liabilities	£9,780.00

Accumulated Fund (Net Reserves) £12,794.63

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2026

Assets	
Bank balance	£22,949.35
Total Assets	£22,949.35
Liabilities	
Income received in advance for next year	£12,891.00
Amount owed from current year	£0.00
Total Liabilities	£12,891.00

Accumulated Fund (Net Reserves) £10,058.35

Movement in Net Reserves

Opening Reserves 1 July 2025	£12,794.63
Opening Reserves 30 June 2026	£10,058.35
Decrease in Reserves	-£2,736.28



Serena Stevenson (Treasurer)



Maureen Yeo (Financial Examiner)

Agenda Item 5

Report of the Financial Examiner

Having examined the books and records of TASH, in my opinion the above accounts give a true and fair view of the Society's affairs at 30th June 2026 and the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M E Yeo'.

Maureen Yeo (Financial Examiner)

August 2026

Agenda Item 6

Committee Nominations

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
Chairman	Ali Burch	Philippa Hynes	Robin Barrett
Secretary	Henry Wilson	Anne Deuchar	Hugh Pihlens
Treasurer	Serena Stevenson	Penelope Bevan	Bridget Downer
Programme	Penelope Gordon	Robin Barrett	Carol Barber
	Mary Cowan	Penelope Clothier	Hugh Pihlens
Membership	Jane Mills	Jane Hartley	Roger Greasley
Visits	Christine Garrod	Libby Luke	Isobel Gelder
	Elizabeth Hosier	Meg Radbourne	C.J. Evans
Special Interest Days	Angela Heather	Judith Cornick	Anthony Cornick
	Sarah Barrett	Lois Pihlens	Isobel Gelder
Arts Volunteering	Sharon Greasley	Peter Page	Michael Cowan
	Jo Owen-Jones	Roger Greasley	Robin Barrett
Technical Secretary	Henry Wilson	Wendy Wallis	Jennifer Liddiard