



Paper for Members of the Society in General Meeting

Title:	AGM papers: 5. Appointment of the Presidential Team and Directors of the RHASS RHS Board 2026-2027 6. Appointment of RHASS Honorary Roles and Independent Trustees of the Council 8. Appointment of Auditor 9. Session dates
Date of Meeting:	29 April 2026
Owner:	Alex Paterson
Confidential:	Yes, until nominations are approved at AGM
Purpose:	Decision and information

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

1. This paper sets out the proposals and matters for noting for agenda items 5,6, 8, and 9.
2. The Members of the Society are asked to approve or note as indicated, the matters set out below.

ITEM 5 - FOR APPROVAL BY THE MEMBERS AT THE AGM

APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL TEAM AND DIRECTORS OF THE RHASS RHS BOARD 2026-2027

Presidential Team from the Lothian Area for 2026-2027

3. **The Members of the Society at the AGM are asked to approve** the following appointments:
 - a. **President:** Sir Muir Russell, 11A Rothesay Place, Edinburgh, EH3 7SL
 - b. **Vice Presidents:**
 - a. Joe Harper, Redcliff, Whittingehame, Haddington, EH41 4QA
 - b. Tim Wood, Whittingehame Mains, Haddington, EH41 4QA
 - c. Carina Contini, 31 Polton Bank Lasswade, EH18 1JW
 - d. John Sinclair, West Craigies Farm, South Queensferry, EH30 9AR
4. The Members are asked to note that the Chaplain for the Lothian Presidential Team will be Rev Scott Rennie, St Giles' Cathedral, High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1RE.

Extraordinary RHASS RHS Directors

5. **The Members of the Society at the AGM are asked to approve** the following recommendations by the Nominations Committee, in accordance with the Charter and Bye-Laws for the term 2026-2030:

Ordinary RHASS RHS (“Four-Year”) Directors:

- a. Aberdeen – Andrew Rennie, Gask House, Turriff, AB53 8BP
- b. Lothian – Alan Thomson, 16 Muirfield Station, Gullane, EH31 2HZ
- c. Borders – Neil Thomson, Caverton Mill, Kelso, TD5 8EE
- d. Dumfries & Galloway - Ian Beck, Port O Spittal, Portpatrick, DG9 9AQ
- e. Highland – Carolyn Milne, Kennieshillock Farm, Lhanbryde, IV30 8LJ
- f. Perth – David Lawrie, Kinninmonth Farm, Kinglassie, KY5 0UG
- g. Stirling – Blyth Brewster, Broom Farm, Causewayhead, Stirling, FK9 5PL
- h. Strathclyde – Margo McGill Scott, Shacklehill Farm, Mossblown, KA6 5AS

Extraordinary Area RHASS RHS (“One-Year”) Directors:

- i. Aberdeen - Mike Macaulay, Clinetry Grange, Kinellar, Kinross, AB21 OTT
- j. Lothian - David Reid, 9 Station Avenue, 9 Station Avenue, Haddington, EH41 4EG
- k. Borders - Rory Bell, Roxburgh Mill Farm, Kelso, Roxburghshire, TD5 8NF
- l. Dumfries & Galloway - Grierson Dunlop, Midkelton, Gelston, Castle Douglas, DG7 1SG
- m. Highland - Victoria Ballantyne, Clynesish Farm, Brora, Sutherland, KW9 6LR
- n. Perth -James Adam, Plumtree Cottage, Highholm Farm, Dunfermline, KY12 OTG
- o. Stirling - Kyle Campbell, Claylands Farm, Kippen, Stirling, FK8 3EZ
- p. Strathclyde - David Gray, Glenhead Farm, Drumnessie, Kilsyth, G65 ORB

Extraordinary Area RHASS Directors:

- q. Aberdeen – David Buchanan, Mains of Pittarrow, Laurencekirk, AB30 1RX
- r. Lothian – Jackie McCreery, Kilstrule, Yester Mains, Gifford, EH41 4JG
- s. Borders – Tom Tennant, Gilmanscleuch Farm, Ettrick, Selkirk, TD7 5HR
- t. Dumfries & Galloway – Hugh McClymont, Acrehead, Glencaple Road, Dumfries, DG1 4TS
- u. Highland – Tom Henderson, Udale Farm, Poyntzfield, Dingwall, Ross-shire, IV7 8LY
- v. Perth – Kay Adam, Newhouse of Glamis, Glamis, Forfar, Angus, DD8 1SA
- w. Stirling – James C Warnock, Gartfinnan Farm, Clackmannan, FK10 3QA
- x. Strathclyde – Alex Bankier, ‘Springwells’, Fernieshaw, Cleland, Lanarkshire, ML1 5NQ
- y. Lothian – James Logan, Athelstaneford Mains, East Lothian, EH39 5BH
- z. Highland – Dennis Bridgeford, Petley Farm, Portmahomack, IV20 1RG
- aa. Strathclyde - Keith Campbell, Lettermay Lodge, Drumsynie, Lochgoilhead, Argyll, PA24 8AD
- bb. Stirling – Gordon Sutherland, Stonehouse Farm, Bothkennar, FK2 8PP

Extraordinary Directors (representatives of Trade Associations)

- cc. Lyle Laird, representing the British Agricultural and Garden Machinery Association (BAGMA),
Sheilwood, Milton of Balgonie, Fife, KY7 6PN
- dd. Alistair Dixon, Killinochonoch Farm, Kilmichael, Lochgilphead, AGB PA31 8QE representing the
Agricultural Engineers' Association (AEA)

The full list of Ordinary RHASS RHS Directors for 2026-2030 is attached for information as Appendix 1.

ITEM 6- FOR NOTING

APPOINTMENT OF RHASS HONORARY ROLES AND INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Honorary appointments for noting

- 6. The Trustees approved the following honorary appointments:
 - a. **Honorary Secretary** - Susan Lawrie - Cuthill Towers, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9SH – serving the final year of her four-year term.
 - b. **Honorary Treasurer** – Dennis Bridgeford - Petley Farm, Portmahomack, IV20 1RG - serving the final year of his four-year term.
 - c. **Honorary Vice President** – Eric Mutch, Whitefield House, Forglen, Banff, AB45, serving a one-year term.

Independent Council of Trustees appointments for noting

- 7. In accordance with the Bye-Laws, the Council of Trustees approved the appointment of the following Independent Trustees, in addition to those noted by the Members at the Extraordinary General Meeting 9 July 2025. These appointments came into effect 1 January 2026:
 - a. Vicky McDowell
 - d. Colin Burnett

ITEM 8 - FOR APPROVAL

APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR

- 8. **The Members of the Society at the AGM are asked to approve** the following on the recommendation of the Audit and Risk Committee: the re-appointment as auditors of Azets Audit Services, Exchange Place 3, Semple Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BL with the Audit & Risk Committee being delegated to approve the terms of engagement and set the fee.

ITEM 9- FOR NOTING

SESSION DATES

- 9. **The Members of the Society at the AGM are asked to note** that the last date of the 2026-2027 session, and the first date of the 2027-2028 session, is proposed to be Wednesday 14 July 2027.
- 10. The first date of the 2026-2027 session will be 14 July 2026.

APPENDICES

- 1. Ordinary RHASS RHS Directors

APPENDIX 1: ORDINARY RHASS RHS DIRECTORS

Area	Term, Name & Address
Aberdeen	<p>2023-2027, Philip Benzie - Gairnieston Farm, Turriff, Aberdeenshire, AB53 5RP</p> <p>2024-2028, Christo Shepherd, Foucausie, Grandhome, Aberdeen, AB22 6AR</p> <p>2025-2029, Freda Newton - Newells, Oldmeldrum, Inverurie, AB51 0AU</p> <p>2026-2030, Andrew Rennie, Gask House, Turriff, AB53 8BP</p>
Lothian	<p>2023-2027, Prof. Julie Fitzpatrick, Laverockdale House, 68, Dreghorn Loan, Colinton, EH13 0DB</p> <p>2024-2028, Louise Elder, Stevenson Mains, Haddington, EH41 4PU</p> <p>2025-2029, Barclay Hamilton, Templehall, Pencaitland, East Lothian, EH35 5NL</p> <p>2026-2030, Alan Thomson, 16 Muirfield Station, Gullane, EH31 2HZ</p>
Borders	<p>2023-2027, Kath Dun - Gilston Cottages, Heriot, EH38 5YS</p> <p>2024-2028, Gordon Gray, Sunnycroft, Lindean, Selkirk, TD7 4QW</p> <p>2025-2029, Rob Livesey, Nether Firth, Lilliesleaf, Melrose, St Boswells, TD5 9EP</p> <p>2026-2030, Neil Thomson, Caverton Mill, Kelso, TD5 8EE</p>
Dumfries & Galloway	<p>2023-2027, Kenny Fletcher – Strathearn, 1 Main Street, Ruthwell, Dumfries, DG1 4NN</p> <p>2024-2028, John Jamieson, Upper Locharwoods Farm, Ruthwell, Dumfries, DG1 4NJ</p> <p>2025-2029 - Aylett Roan - Barnbarroch, Dalbeattie, DG5 4QS</p> <p>2025-2030, Ian Beck, Port O Spittal, Portpatrick, DG9 9AQ</p>
Highland	<p>2023-2027, Will Downie - Ellands Farm, Brodie, Forres, IV36 2TE</p> <p>2024-2028, Robbie Newlands – Cluny Farm, Rafford, Forres, IV36 2SJ</p> <p>2025-2029, Martin MacDonald - Nonikiln Farmhouse, Nonikiln, Alness, IV17 0XZ</p> <p>2026-2030, Carolyn Milne, Kennieshillock Farm, Lhanbryde, IV30 8LJ</p>
Perth	<p>2023-2027, Bill Arnot, Kilmux House, Leven, Fife, KY8 5NW</p> <p>2024-2028, Fiona Roebuck, South Strathy, Aberuthven, Auchterarder, PH3 1HL</p> <p>2025-2029, Jimmy Smith, The Old Coach House, Hattonburn, Milnathort, Kinross, KY13 9SW</p> <p>2026-2030, David Lawrie, Kinninmonth Farm, Kinglassie, KY5 0UG</p>
Stirling	<p>2023-2027, John Owen, Muirpark Farm, Stirling, FK7 9QS</p> <p>2024-2028, David Lyle, 79 Henderson Street, Bridge of Allan, FK9 4HG</p> <p>2025-2029, Andrew Hornall - Falleninch Farm, Dumbarton Road, Stirling, FK8 3AB</p> <p>2026-2030, Blyth Brewster, Broom Farm, Causewayhead, Stirling, FK9 5PL</p>
Strathclyde	<p>2023-2027, Donald Harvey - 55 King Street, Stonehouse, Larkhall, ML9 3EU</p> <p>2024-2028, Alice Mullen Shanks, Bowmanhurst Farm, Brownlee Estate, Carluke, ML8 5HW</p> <p>2025-2029, Karen Shaw, 4 Clydebrae Drive, Bothwell, South Lanarkshire, G71 8SB</p> <p>2026-2030, Margo McGill Scott, Shacklehill Farm, Mossblown, KA6 5AS</p>