

THE BRITISH PTERIDOLOGICAL SOCIETY
123rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 18th April 2026

This will be held by Zoom, starting at 10:30 a.m.

To receive a link to join the meeting, you must register first. To do this, please complete the online form at <https://bit.ly/BPS2026AGM> or contact the General Secretary (secretary@britishfernsociety.org.uk). It would be very helpful if you could do this in good time for the meeting – ideally at least 24 hours in advance.

AGENDA

The latest copy of the BPS Bulletin (Vol. 9, No. 6, distributed with this mailing) contains the minutes of the previous AGM, relevant to agenda item 2. It also contains the various reports for 2025, relevant to agenda items 4, 5 & 6. Please have your copy handy.

Welcome by the President.

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 122nd Annual General Meeting of the British Pteridological Society held on 29th March 2025 by Zoom.
3. Matters arising.
4. Officers' Reports – Hon. Gen. Secretary and Treasurer.
5. Questions on other Officers' Reports – Membership Secretary, Publications Secretary (including reports of Senior Editors of *Fern Gazette*, *Pteridologist* and *Bulletin*), Education Officer, Publicity and Communications Officer (including report of Social Media Co-ordinator).
6. Questions on Committee Appointees' Reports – Website Co-ordinator, Meetings Secretary, Conservation Officer, Recording Officer, Spore Exchange Organisers, Plant Exchange Organisers, Booksales Organiser, Merchandise Organisers, Back Numbers of Journals Organiser and Special Publications Sales, Archivist, Cultivar Registration Working Group.
7. Re-election/election of remaining Officers; re-election/election of Committee (see over page).
8. Appointment of Independent Examiner (see over page.)
9. Awards: Jimmy Dyce Award.
10. AOB.

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(Registered Charity No. 1092399)

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2026
(Dates in brackets are dates of original election)

It should be noted that the President, Officers and Committee members are simultaneously trustees of the British Pteridological Society



OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

President. Elected for 3 years. Dr Barry Wright (3/2025).

Vice-Presidents. Maximum of 6. Elected for 3 years, eligible for re-election thereafter. Vice-Presidents are not trustees of the Society.

Dr Adrian F. Dyer (4/2008), Dr A. J. Evans (4/2023), Mr M. H. Rickard (3/2025) and Mrs Gillian J. Smith (3/2025) are currently in post.

Officers. Elected for 1 year.

General Secretary	Mr David G. Hill	(4/2016))
Committee Secretary	Dr Sue Dockerill	(10/2020, retiring)
Treasurer	Mr Mark Nelson	(3/2025)
Membership Secretary	Mr Peter Madders	(4/2022)
Publications Secretary	<i>vacant</i>	
Publicity and Communications Officer	Emrah Caglar	(Co-opted May 2025)
Education Officer	<i>vacant</i>	

Emrah Caglar is standing for election as Publicity and Communications Officer.

Elected Committee Members. Maximum of 4. Elected for 1 year, eligible for re-election up to a maximum of 5 years.

The following Committee members are standing for re-election; Kieran Heggs (3/2025), Julian P. Reed (4/2024), Bryan Smith (4/2023) and Alice Taylor (4/2022).

NOMINATIONS

We have vacancies for the elected posts of Committee Secretary, Publications Secretary and Education Officer. Nominations for these (and any other posts) are welcomed and should be sent to the Committee Secretary, Sue Dockerill (committee@britishfernsociety.org.uk), if possible 10 days before the AGM (i.e. by 8th April 2026).

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr Barrie Buels is willing to continue as Independent Examiner.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The non-electable committee appointments are as listed on the inner front cover of the *Bulletin*. Marco Dobson resigned as Conservation Officer in May 2025. The posts of Conservation Officer, Recording Officer, Booksales Organiser and Website Co-ordinator are currently vacant.