

Notice of, and agenda for, Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Notice is hereby given that the Victorian Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Friday 4th October 2024 at 2.45pm**, at the **Midland Hotel (Ballroom, 1st floor), Cheapside, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD1 4HU**.

The AGM will be followed by reports from our caseworkers and other staff on their work over the past year. This is our members' primary annual opportunity for an insight into the Society's work and an opportunity to meet in person.

Accordingly, the following business will be transacted:

- 1. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 6th October 2023 at 3pm at the Elim Church, Bath.** The minutes may be viewed on the Society's [website here](#), or a copy may be obtained by writing to us at 1 Priory Gardens, Bedford Park, LONDON, W4 1TT.
- 2. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**
- 3. Chair's Report**
- 4. Director's Report**
- 5. Election of Trustees**
- 6. To receive and consider the report of the Trustees and the Audited Accounts of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2023** (Company No. 3940996 Charity No.1081435). The full version of the Annual Report and Accounts is on our [website here](#). A summary is included in the July 2024 edition of 'The Victorian'. Any member wishing to have a printed copy before the meeting should write to us at the above address.
- 7. To reappoint Begbies as Auditors to the Society for the ensuing year**
- 8. To transact any other business that might properly be conducted at an Annual General Meeting**

Any member attending the meeting may ask a question about the activities of the Victorian Society during the past year. If you wish, you can submit your question before the meeting by emailing director@victoriansociety.org.uk, or by writing to James Hughes at 1 Priory Gardens, Bedford Park, LONDON, W4 1TT.

Please email events@victoriansociety.org.uk or phone 020 8994 1019 if you intend to attend the AGM but not to purchase a ticket for the AGM weekend. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

By order of the Trustees

James Hughes
Secretary
17th September 2024

Biographies of Trustees standing for election:

James Grierson (Chair designate): James is a Chartered Surveyor with a degree in Land Economy and an MBA. After beginning his career at Knight Frank he moved to Donaldsons, eventually becoming an equity partner and board member responsible for the largest strategic property, development and planning consultancy working across the UK public sector. On the sale of the business to DTZ Plc in 2007 James took responsibility for DTZ's Corporate Real Estate and Public Sector business. In 2014 James left DTZ to establish his own specialist consultancy advising the Cabinet Office, Savills and various local authority clients. James has extensive board experience in the NHS, university, central government, museums and commercial sectors. He has served as a non-executive director at the Architects Registration Board and as Chair of the Institute of Conservation (ICON), and is soon to conclude his six-year tenure as Chair of the York Museums Trust.

Iestyn Roberts: After a successful career in retail property, Iestyn is keen to devote time to his real passion – the historic environment. He has extensive experience of dealing with local campaigners, planning consultants, property developers, architects and historians and politicians. He is a longstanding Friend of the British Museum and of Westminster Abbey, is member of the Council for British Archaeology and the Cambrian Archaeological Association. In his youth he worked on a variety of archaeological digs. Iestyn is very familiar with the challenges of maintaining historic Victorian buildings, having taken charge of the maintenance of the Welsh Chapel at Clapham Junction, in addition to his experience of maintaining his Edwardian home. He also has considerable experience of leadership roles in voluntary organisations, allied to extensive commercial experience relating to aspects of financial stability, corporate governance and Board performance.

Tiffany Snowden: Tiffany is the Director of heritage consultancy Blue Willow Heritage, having founded the company following more than a decade of work in the historic environment sector. She is a fully accredited member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists at their highest level (MCI(A)), and a full member of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC). Key interests and experience include design advice, retrofit of historic buildings, Victorian architecture, and the sustainable conversion of traditional agricultural buildings. In her spare time, Tiffany enjoys travelling, arts & crafts, and raising her many pets, including two dogs, two cats, and three snakes!