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Council election statements



Nigel Symington

PROPOSED BY KAREN GOLDIE-MORRISON

Honorary Treasurer since 2018, I have completed nine years on Council, but I am standing for re-election at the request of Council to enable a smooth handover to my eventual successor.

As ex-officio Chair of the Investment Committee, I initiated a Socially Responsible Investment Policy for Butterfly Conservation's Endowment Fund. This stipulates that Butterfly Conservation will invest in sustainable assets and avoid investment which acts against its aims – in particular having minimal exposure to companies with fossil fuel reserves. I led the move to the Charity Commission's Total Return rules, which allows Butterfly Conservation to invest in a broader range of assets. Both initiatives are expected to lead to a greater return from our Fund. I am the founding Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee, and a Director of Butterfly Conservation Trading Ltd. I see the next priority for Butterfly Conservation as the rebuilding of our membership growth.

I was Chair of Sussex Branch from 2012 to 2018, during which time the branch substantially enhanced the Rowland Wood reserve and reintroduced the Pearl- and Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary, and launched the widely acclaimed atlas *The Butterflies of Sussex*, for which I was business manager. My career was in the marketing of food and drink products, in commercial roles where I was responsible for delivering agreed profits and cash flow. I have an MBA with Distinction specialising in Marketing and Finance from Cornell University, New York, and a BA in Natural Sciences from Clare College, Cambridge. I have also been a trustee of two local charities.



Ilija Vukomanovic

PROPOSED BY KAREN GOLDIE-MORRISON

I am a member of Council seeking re-election for a third term as a Trustee, having served since 2015. Recently, I received agreement from all Trustees to stand as the next Vice Chair of Council when Mike Dean stands down at the November AGM. I currently Chair Council's Governance subcommittee, leading on compliance, succession planning and recruitment.

My interest in Lepidoptera began when my daughter, aged three, became fascinated by the butterflies that fluttered into our garden; a passion we still share. I joined the Committee of my local Branch in south Wales in the 1990s, becoming Branch Chair in 1997. In 2001, I became Chair of the north Wales Branch, a position I have held for 20 years. My professional career was in operational management in medical diagnostics.

The last year has been dominated by the Covid crisis, the most unexpectedly difficult and turbulent period in Butterfly Conservation's history. I vividly recall the series of emergency meetings where we assessed the impact of the pandemic on our staff, volunteers, finances and operations. We rapidly formulated and implemented a plan and, following a difficult period of change, are emerging from the crisis in better shape than many charities in the sector. If re-elected, I hope as Vice Chair to continue to work with the current Chair and Council to develop strategies and plans to secure the future of our butterflies and moths, and deal with the many threats and challenges they face. I hope I can count on your vote.



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Chris Winnick

PROPOSED BY KAREN GOLDIE-MORRISON

I have completed six memorable years as a Butterfly Conservation Trustee and now ask for your renewed support to complete a final period in office. It is a privilege to serve on Council and if re-elected I will continue to help drive Butterfly Conservation forward in challenging but exciting times.

The Covid pandemic hurt our members and families and our organisation suffered but we are determined to recover stronger. Exciting developments are planned that are close to my heart and I want to help bring these to fruition: membership and volunteer recruitment,

volunteer training, branch projects to motivate and generate funds, and collaboration with our partners, from conservation organisations to universities.

The need to do more has never been so great and, despite stretched resources, much can be achieved through sharing best practice, training our active members in recording, conservation and education and in collaboration between branches and partner organisations. We are also developing policies and practices that can be adopted by councils and other landowners and managers that would give our work greater impact. We need a culture shift and, with more people recognising the role and value of having access to a healthy countryside, now is the time to be more ambitious. The need to boost both rare and widespread species of butterflies and moths is too great not to set challenging targets. We must lead the way with our expertise and science-based evidence. Equally, acting as a catalyst for others to join is a sign of success.

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HOW TO VOTE

All Butterfly Conservation members over the age of 18 are eligible to vote in the forthcoming election of Council members (also known as Trustees).

There are **seven** vacancies on the Council Board and you are entitled to vote for up to seven candidates. The candidates' election statements are provided, and voting opens at **10am on Friday 24 September 2021**. To vote for your chosen candidates, please go to **mi-vote.com**, enter your unique voting code (provided in the covering letter to this leaflet), and follow the instructions on screen. **Please note that voting will not be possible at the AGM.**

Please ensure you have voted on the Trustee elections by **5pm on Friday 29 October 2021**, as votes after this date will not be counted. The results will be announced at the AGM on **13 November 2021**.

You can also vote on the following Resolutions:

- Approve minutes of previous AGM
- Approve Annual Report and Financial Statements
- Approve appointment of Auditors
- Appoint the persons elected as Trustees

Proxy votes for the Resolutions can be placed until **10am on Thursday 11 November 2021**.

The confidential, secure online voting system is provided and managed by an independent company, Mi-Voice (mi-voice.com).



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Online Members' Day & AGM

HOW TO ATTEND

Butterfly Conservation members are welcome to attend the online Members' Day & AGM, but are asked to register in advance.

Non-members are also welcome to join the talks, however, a **£5 fee** applies.

The formal AGM taking place at **11.35am** is for members only.

HOW TO REGISTER

Please visit our website butterfly-conservation.org/agm2021 and follow the instructions. Once registered, you will receive an email confirmation. Please register by **Tuesday 9 November 2021**.

If you do not receive a confirmation email within 30 minutes, please ensure that you check your junk/spam folder. If the confirmation is not in your junk/spam folder, please contact us by emailing events@butterfly-conservation.org or phoning **01929 400209**.

HOW TO JOIN THE AGM ON THE DAY

To join the AGM, click on the link provided within the joining instructions email, which will be sent to you approximately three days before the event. You will be able to login from **9.55am** on **Saturday 13 November 2021**.

When you join, your audio and camera will be turned off, but you will still be able to hear and see the meeting. You do not need to have a microphone or camera to join the meeting.

HOW TO ASK A QUESTION FOR THE Q&A SESSION

If you would like to ask a question at the AGM, please send your question in advance to Elaine Crooke at ecrooke@butterfly-conservation.org by **Wednesday 10 November 2021** at the latest.

It may not be possible to answer all questions during the AGM due to limited time, and questions will be selected at random. All questions submitted will be answered following the AGM.

Additional instructions on how to use Zoom or join the AGM can be found on our website at butterfly-conservation.org/agm2021.

If you would like to vote but are unable to do so online, or you have any questions, please contact Elaine Crooke at ecrooke@butterfly-conservation.org or on **01929 400209**.



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Butterfly Conservation

Online Members' Day & Annual General Meeting Saturday 13 November 2021

Members' Day – agenda

- 10:00 WELCOME**
Julie Williams, Chief Executive, Butterfly Conservation
- 10:05 HEALTH BENEFITS OF CONNECTING TO NATURE**
Dr Amir Khan, Ambassador, Butterfly Conservation
- 10:35 COP26 AND GRASSLANDS+**
Russel Hobson, Director of Evidence & Resources, Butterfly Conservation
- 10:55 A YOUNG PERSON'S PERSPECTIVE ON CLIMATE CHANGE**
Megan McCubbin, zoologist, conservationist and TV wildlife presenter
- 11:05 WHY SPECIES MATTER**
Chris Packham CBE, Vice President, Butterfly Conservation
- 11:20 COMFORT BREAK**

Annual General Meeting – agenda

NOTIFICATION OF THE MEETING OF BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Butterfly Conservation will be held at **11.35am on Saturday 13 November 2021** via Zoom Webinar to transact the following business:

- 11:35 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
1. To receive any apologies for absence
 2. To approve the minutes of the last AGM, held on **14 November 2020**
 3. Matters arising
 4. Annual Report – Chair's Report to members
 5. Treasurer's Report to members and adoption of the Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended **31 March 2021**
 6. To appoint Buzzacott LLP as Auditor and to authorise Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing year
 7. Chief Executive's Report
 8. Council elections
 9. Q&A session
- 12:35 CLOSING REMARKS**



By order of the Council
Julie Williams, Company Secretary
Butterfly Conservation, Manor Yard,
East Lulworth, Wareham, Dorset,
BH20 5QP 17 September 2021

All members over the age of 18 are entitled to attend Butterfly Conservation's General Meetings and will have one vote on each Resolution. You are entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of your rights to attend, speak and vote on the Resolutions, in accordance with the Notes to the 2021 AGM. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, changes to our usual arrangements have been made in line with our Articles of Association. Notes to the 2021 AGM can be found on our website here: butterfly-conservation.org/agm2021.

The Minutes of the 2020 AGM, Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts and Balance Sheet are available on the Butterfly Conservation website here: butterfly-conservation.org/about-us/agm-reports-and-accounts.

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Members' Day talks

Don't miss the opportunity to listen to some fabulous talks from our wonderful supporters!



DR AMIR KHAN, AMBASSADOR OF BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION, DISCUSSES THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF CONNECTING WITH NATURE, INCLUDING YOUR WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Amir is a full-time NHS GP with a special interest in diabetes. He became famous through a lead role on Channel 5's series *GPs: Behind Closed Doors*, and is now a regular guest on *BBC Breakfast*, *This Morning*, *Lorraine* and *The One Show*. Amir became an Ambassador for Butterfly Conservation in September 2020.



MEGAN MCCUBBIN, ZOOLOGIST, CONSERVATIONIST AND TV WILDLIFE PRESENTER, WILL TALK ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE FROM A YOUNG PERSON'S PERSPECTIVE

Megan studied BSc Zoology at the University of Liverpool and specialised in primate behaviour and conservation. She has extensive experience working in different climates with an array of species, and has experience of working in scientific research. Megan is a presenter on *Springwatch*, *Autumnwatch* and *Winterwatch*.



RUSSEL HOBSON, DIRECTOR OF EVIDENCE & RESOURCES AT BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION, WILL BE TALKING ABOUT COP26 AND OUR GRASSLANDS+ CAMPAIGN

Russel has been a part of Butterfly Conservation since 1999 and is a member of the Senior Leadership Team. He has an MSc in Rural Resource Management and over 30 years' experience in land management.



CHRIS PACKHAM CBE, VICE PRESIDENT OF BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION, WILL CLOSE THE MEMBERS' DAY SESSION WITH A TALK ABOUT WHY SPECIES MATTER AND WHY WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION NOW

Chris is a naturalist, television presenter, writer, photographer, conservationist, campaigner and filmmaker, and has always been active and vocal about wildlife and conservation issues and injustice. Chris has been Vice President of Butterfly Conservation since 2006.



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Council election statements

(LISTED ALPHABETICALLY BY SURNAME)



Glenn Allison
PROPOSED BY KAREN GOLDIE-MORRISON

I would be honoured and excited to contribute to the success of Butterfly Conservation as a member of Council. I have a strong financial background, having worked at a senior level in industry for over 40 years, and much experience in strategy setting and long-term planning. It will be really rewarding to put these skills to good use with Butterfly Conservation. I have worked closely with management in several roles and always placed high value on the importance of people and communication skills. These are fundamentally important, perhaps especially in Butterfly Conservation given its working structures and public profile. I was a member of Council, ultimately President, of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, and a member of Council, ultimately Vice-Chair, of CBI Scotland. These roles gave me good knowledge of Governance and its relevance to charitable bodies.

I now wish to devote my skills and experience to help an organisation with a mission and purpose that's allied to my own interests. Here in Edinburgh, I am an outdoors person and enjoy hillwalking, cycling, gardening and golf. I am already learning so much about Lepidoptera, especially those here in Scotland. I'm open and straightforward and would be delighted to bring my knowledge and skills to Butterfly Conservation. All charities have been impacted by Covid-19; fundraising and financial pressures add to the ongoing issues charities face every day. I find Butterfly Conservation's strategy and objectives hugely important and appealing. The outdoors and the environment are important to our lifestyle, health and wellbeing. Making the world a better place for butterflies and moths inevitably means making the world a better place for people everywhere. I'd like to help to achieve those objectives.



Apithanny Bourne
PROPOSED BY SIMON SAVILLE

Butterflies, moths and the special habitats they live in have always been a huge part of my life. It has therefore been a great privilege to sit as Trustee of Butterfly Conservation for the past three years. During this time, I have witnessed the charity pull through significant challenges and emerge more resilient and dedicated than ever.

The skills I bring to the board include experience of working in both the environmental chemistry and ecology sectors. Most recently this has involved working for NatureScot on a project to survey and map Scotland's species-rich grasslands – an interest that I have continued to pursue during my current PhD research at Edinburgh University. Besides knowledge on habitat management and the ecology of Lepidoptera, I also Chair the east Scotland branch and have around seven years' experience of Butterfly Conservation's branch structure. As a young and female member of the board, I am committed to ensuring that diversity, youth engagement and the biodiversity and climate crisis are high on the agenda. In addition, I give considerable thought to the unique challenges faced by the Scottish team and how our work fits in with Butterfly Conservation's overall aim. Despite the many difficulties which undoubtedly lie ahead, recent work by Trustees on Butterfly Conservation's strategic goals have left me enthused and motivated for the future. I hope to continue working as a Trustee in these exciting times for the charity!

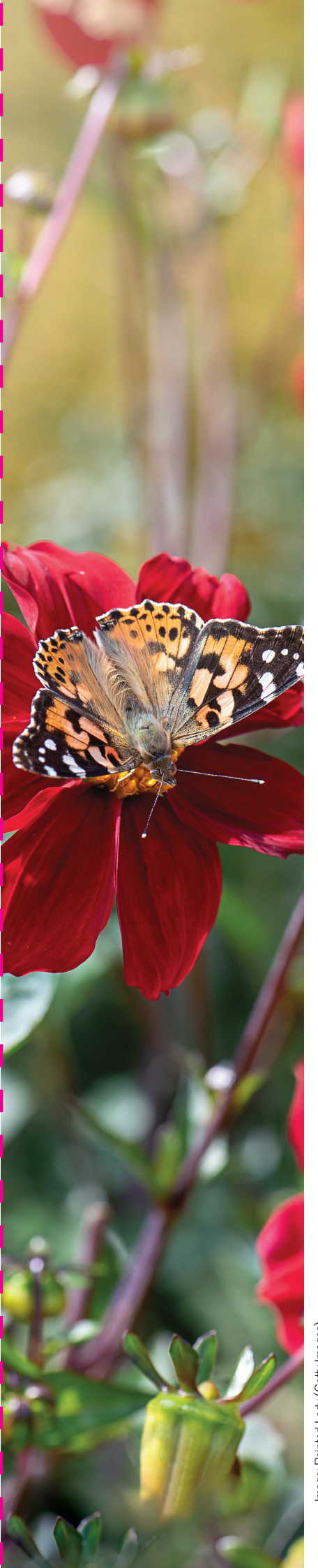


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Dr Elaine King
PROPOSED BY NIGEL SYMINGTON

I am an experienced chief executive with over 20 years in the third sector and, more recently in a public body. A scientist by training – a Biology degree and PhD on bovine tuberculosis in badgers and cattle – I recognise the importance of using science and evidence to inform policy decisions. This is one of Butterfly Conservation's strengths and I'm keen to support the organisation as we work collectively to reverse the declines in nature, tackle the impacts of climate change, and bring more people closer to nature.

I am currently Chief Executive at the Chilterns Conservation Board (CCB) and was previously a Secretary of State appointee on the Board. I spent eight years as Chief Executive at Wildlife and Countryside Link (Link), a charity which brings together 57 non-governmental organisations with diverse interests across nature conservation, landscape protection, animal welfare and people's health and wellbeing. In my work at Link, I saw how Butterfly Conservation is a hugely respected voice within the environment sector – among charities, the government and the wider scientific community. More recently, having been co-opted to Council last autumn, and seen first-hand the professionalism, passion and energy in the staff team and Council members, I am very keen to now become a 'fully fledged' Council member.

In summer 2021, I set off on a 1,200-mile 'Bike For Butterflies' bicycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats to raise money for Butterfly Conservation.



Simon Saville
PROPOSED BY KAREN GOLDIE-MORRISON

When I grew up in Dorset, I could enjoy meadows teeming with Marbled Whites and chalk hillsides awash with Blues. This sparked a lifelong passion for butterflies, moths and wildlife in general. I joined Butterfly Conservation in 1985 and am now a Life Benefactor. I have been Chair of the Surrey & SW London Branch since 2016. I have promoted our conservation activities, including work at the Oaken Wood reserve for the Wood White, and our Small Blue project on the North Downs. We have increased our communications and engagement work, and the Branch continues to thrive.

I live in London, where I have been helping to develop our activities, profile and partnerships. I helped set up the Big City Butterflies project and will continue to support its delivery. This will be a game changer for Butterfly Conservation in London, which is strategically important to our future. Although I studied chemistry, most of my career was in public affairs, with a focus on marketing, branding and communications. I served at senior leadership levels in an international company, and managed large teams and budgets. I have been able to use my skills and experience to contribute as a Trustee since 2018, including as a member of the Audit and Risk Committee. I am keen to continue to support Butterfly Conservation in delivering our ambitious new strategy.