

# THE TEDDINGTON SOCIETY

## Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 24 April 2024

The AGM will be held at the Teddington Constitutional Club, Stanley Road, Teddington, TW11 8TP

Doors open at 7.00pm for refreshments. The Meeting will be preceded by a talk at 7.30pm by Sarah Squire on the History and Growth of Squires Garden Centres.

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of the minutes of the last AGM, held on 31 March 2023
3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last AGM
4. Annual Report for 2023
5. Financial Report and adoption of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023
6. Appointment of Independent Examiner – Nick Picton
7. Election of the Executive Committee comprising the Officers and other Committee Members. A list of the current Officers and Committee Members can be found in Tidings and on the website. +
8. Motions – Amendments to Membership Rates and the Constitution
9. Any Other Business
10. Close of Meeting

+ Members may make nominations for any or all of the Honorary Officers positions. All nominations must be with the Secretary, Andy Weston at 50 Princes Road, Teddington, Middx, TW11 0RU by Wednesday 17 April 2024 (email: [secretary@tedsoc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@tedsoc.org.uk)), Nominations must be duly proposed and seconded and have the consenting signature of the nominee.

The Annual report and the Treasurer's report will be available on the Teddington Society website immediately prior to the AGM. Hard copies of these reports will be available at the Meeting and from the Treasurer (email: [treasurer@tedsoc.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@tedsoc.org.uk)).

It would be helpful if you could let us know if you are planning to attend. FREE tickets will be available via TicketSource. The TicketSource link will be available on the website. Alternatively please contact the Treasurer (email [treasurer@tedsoc.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@tedsoc.org.uk), Tel 020 8977 9404).

### Agenda item 8: MOTIONS

#### 1. AMENDMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP RATES

Following a review, it is proposed to change the membership fees as follows, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024.

Current		Proposed	
Individual	£7	Individual	£10
Senior Individual (over 60)	£4		
Family/Couple	£11	Couple/Household	£15
Senior Couple (over 60)	£5	(up to 2 named members)	
Corporate	£25	Corporate	£25
Postage Supplement	£4	Postage supplement (UK only)	£10

The main reasons for the change are as follows:

- Membership fees were last increased over 10 years ago.
- Aim to simplify the fee structure, by removing the age-related distinction, which will reduce administration and hopefully encourage some more younger members to join.
- Many members already give a voluntary donation, on top of their annual membership fee.
- The postage supplement (last increased 4 years ago) for those who require Tidings to be posted to them, no longer covers the actual costs involved, and members have the option of receiving Tidings by email at no extra cost.

#### Important Note

Existing members (as at 30 June 2024) will be given the option to **remain on their current fee** or move to the **new fee**, at the next renewal. This approach will be reviewed on an annual basis. From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024, all new members, and those lapsed over 6 months will be offered the new fee.

## **2. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION:**

Following a review of Charity Commission recommendations, particularly with regard to the definition of Trustees, the role of Executive and Non-Executive committee members, we are proposing the following amendments:

### **4. Membership**

- b) To be amended to read "Couple/Household (Those aged less than 18 years shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Society)."
- c) Delete Senior category.

### **6. Meetings**

- a) To be amended to read "An Annual General Meeting shall be held in or about April of each year to receive the Annual Report of the Executive Committee and the independently examined accounts for the year ended on the preceding 31 December and to elect the Officers and other Trustees of the Society. A President and one, or more, Vice-Presidents may also be appointed at the Annual General Meeting."
- c) To be amended to read "At least twenty five members shall constitute a quorum for a General Meeting of the Society whilst six Trustees including at least three Officers shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee."

### **7. Honorary Officers.**

To be amended to read "The President and/or Vice Presidents will not serve on the Committee. The Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Communications Officer will be Honorary Officers of the Society serving on the Executive Committee. "

### **8. Executive Committee:**

To be amended to read as follows:

- a) The Charity shall be managed by an Executive Committee comprising the Officers and other members elected in accordance with this Constitution. The Officers and other members shall be the Trustees of the Charity. The Officers should not normally have any other responsibilities. The number of Trustees shall be ideally not be less than seven and not more than twelve.
- b) The other members may include the Leaders of the Working Groups and other roles as appropriate.
- c) The President and Vice Presidents may attend meetings of the Executive Committee, but may not vote at such meetings.
- d) The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the general administration and conduct of the affairs of the Society and may take decisions on its behalf.
- e) The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional non-executive members who shall attend meetings in an advisory and non-voting capacity.
- f) All Trustees have equal standing and must be given the opportunity to contribute to all decisions of the Executive Committee on a one person, one vote basis.
- g) Trustees are expected to regularly attend meetings of the Executive Committee whenever possible.

### **9. Elections:**

To be amended to read as follows:

- a) The Charity at the Annual General Meeting shall elect the Officers and other Trustees
- b) The Executive Committee may appoint during the year any person who is willing to act as a Trustee.
- c) Each of the Trustees shall retire with effect from the conclusion at the Annual General Meeting next after his or her appointment but shall be eligible for re-election at that Annual General Meeting.
- d) All nominations for the election of Officers and other Trustees shall be given in writing to the Secretary, at least seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting, duly proposed and seconded and having the consenting signature of the nominee. The election of Officers shall be completed prior to the election of other Trustees.
- e) If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies to be filled a ballot shall be held.
- f) No Officer or Member of the Executive Committee of an Amenity Society covering any area outwith the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames shall hold office in or be a member of the Executive Committee of the Society.
- g) No Councillor nor Declared Candidate for the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames shall hold office in the Society.

### **11. Finance:**

- a) To be amended to add a new sentence at the end of 11 a) to read: "The Executive Committee shall maintain a reserve for essential expenditure and a reserve for enabling charitable fund raising activities. These levels of reserve must be reviewed by the Executive Committee each year prior to the annual accounts being presented to the Annual General Meeting."

### **12. Data Protection:**

To be amended to replace existing sentence with "The Society shall abide by the requirements of the current UK legislation on data protection".