

**SOMERSET ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY AT 2.00 P.M.**  
**ON 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

1. Apologies for absence were received from James Packer, Dick Best, Robin Williams, John McCallister and Nicky Amos.
2. Minutes of the AGM of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were agreed as a true record, proposed by Alison Everett and seconded by Eve Tigwell (EMT).
3. There were no matters arising.
4. Chairman's Report

Roger Dickey (RCD) welcomed all participants to the Societys second virtual AGM.

He said that not a lot had happened in the last year though the Society had put some things in place, including a re-launch of The Bittern. The re-instatement of field trips was going well, despite the cancellation of that day's meeting. He said the Society intended to bring back Members' Days, to encouraging the sharing of ideas and common interests.

Huge thanks were due to Stephen Moss for coming to talk at the AGM, and for being prepared to stay for a further term as President. RCD said the next year would be his last term as Chairman, though he intended to maintain links with the County.

He encouraged people to submit their data, especially with climate change

5. Treasurer's Report

EMT ran through the 2020 financial statement and said that the Society's finances continued to be healthy. Atlas and Bird Report sales added to the income. An amount of £19,530.46 was available to spend.

The report was accepted, proposed by Rob Grimmond (RG) and seconded by Stephen Moss.

6. Surveys

EMT outlined the situation concerning some current and future surveys. Results had been better than the year before. A lot of people, however, had signed up for the Breeding Bird Survey but did not carry out the surveying once COVID restrictions had been lifted.

A full report on the Breeding Birds and Waders of Wet Levels Surveys would be sent out shortly.

A new Rookery survey would be starting in 2022, with the BTO providing website support. The Society had contributed £1,00 towards the cost. Other surveys in 2022 would include BBS , WeBs and Heronries.

RCD reported that there were mixed results for the Pied Flycatcher Survey, probably due to a lack of caterpillars causing a food shortage.

Brian Gibbs (BDG) said that, while records were coming in well from Birdtrack, he was concerned about the number of records just marked "present".

In response to a question from RCD, EMT said she should hear shortly about the Blackdown Hills Nightjar Survey, for which some records were obtained.

RCD expressed concerns about the ringing situation in the County now that Denise Wawman (DW) was largely absent. BDG said that DW was happy to carry on providing the ringing report for the Bird Report.

## 7. Membership Report

In the absence of Dick Best (DB), RG ran through the figures provided by DB. Membership now exceeded the 500 level and a good number of applications were being received.

RCD thanked DB for his report and work on membership.

## 8. Election of Officers and Committee Members

Elections of the following were endorsed by the Meeting, proposed by Nick Wall and seconded by Richard Martin:

President:	Stephen Moss
Chairman:	Roger Dickey
Hon Secretary:	Rob Grimmond
Treasurer:	Eve Tigwell
Membership Secretary:	Dick Best
Indoor Meetings Secretary:	Dan Watson
Field Meetings Secretary:	Alison Everett
Recorder:	Brian Gibbs
Assistant Recorder:	Julian Thomas
General Committee:	Dave Dawe

## 9. Any other business

There was no other business.

24 people attended the meeting.