

# Annual General Meeting

## Online and at Farfield Mill, Sedbergh

11am Saturday 26 September 2026

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Registration from 10.30am onwards



Farfield Mill Limited is a charitable Community Benefit Society,  
registered number 7855

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## From the Chair

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### **Dear Member**

This has been another active and positive year for Farfield Mill, with continued growth in visitor numbers, a varied creative programme and significant contributions from our staff, resident artists, volunteers and supporters.

During the year, 34,116 people visited the Mill, a slight increase on the previous year and our fifth consecutive year of visitor growth. This is a considerable achievement and reflects both the strength of the visitor experience and the work undertaken to promote the Mill more widely.

The Tea Room continues to be a real strength, generating income of £176,586 during the financial year. I would like to thank the café team for the warmth of the welcome they give to so many people.

Farfield Mill's creative community remains central to everything we do. Our 19 open studios provided affordable workspace for 23 creative enterprises, while 333 designer-makers were represented through exhibitions and the Craft Gallery. Sales of their work totalled £165,852, an increase of £9,044 on the previous year.

Our creative programme included 14 exhibitions covering textiles, painting, photography, print, sculpture, ceramics and mixed media. We also delivered 36 workshop days, achieving 83% capacity across a wide range of activities.

The second Farfield Mill Textile Competition was another success, attracting 140 entries and continuing the legacy of Mary Burkett OBE. The current competition, Lasting Threads, focuses on sustainability in textiles through material, process and meaning.

Our heritage remains central to who we are. Visitors continue to explore the Mill's history and see traditional skills being practised and shared today. The knowledge and enthusiasm of our weaving volunteers, alongside the work of our resident artists, make that connection especially valuable.

We secured funding for a community art club to run during 2026/27 and, since the financial year-end, for an Emerging Artist Heritage Weaving Placement. These projects will create new opportunities for people to learn, participate and engage with the Mill's creative and textile heritage.

Festive Farfield was another highlight, bringing together artists, visitors, volunteers and staff. It demonstrated what can be achieved when the Mill's creative community, heritage and visitor offer come together around a shared programme.

None of this would happen without our people. Our volunteers contributed 2,803 hours during the year, helping with everything from demonstrations and visitor welcome to repairs and gardening. Our staff continue to work hard across the Mill, and I would like to thank them all.

I would also like to thank Jo Mowbray, who left the Mill during the year. Jo helped guide the organisation through an exceptional period, including its transition to a Community Benefit Society and the considerable challenges of the Covid pandemic. Her hard work and commitment helped maintain the Mill's stability through those difficult years, and we wish her every success for the future.

During the year, the Board was pleased to appoint Anna Saczek as General Manager. Anna has brought valuable experience and fresh energy to the role. Building on the stability achieved, the Mill's next phase will be about looking outward and becoming more inclusive, strengthening links with local and wider communities, and developing new partnerships and opportunities. This will sit alongside our continuing work to strengthen the Mill's operations and secure its long-term financial and physical sustainability.

Alongside these achievements, we need to be straightforward about the challenges. The accounts show a deficit of £18,851 for the year. The previous year's surplus was exceptional because it included a substantial one-off legacy. Setting that aside, our underlying income was slightly lower, while our costs continued to rise. Increases in the National Living Wage and the cost of food, insurance, maintenance and road rent have all affected the Mill.

Strong visitor numbers and busy galleries do not, on their own, generate all the income needed to operate the Mill and care for a heritage building of this size. We replaced the boilers and fencing on the approach road during the year, but the windows, insulation and external fabric all require capital investment that cannot be funded from trading alone.

The Board and management team are actively developing new income streams, strengthening our financial planning and pursuing capital funding. We remain committed to ensuring that decisions are based on a clear understanding of the Mill's financial position and the long-term needs of the building.

A strong Board is essential to this work, and we need more Members to consider coming forward as Directors. With almost 700 Members, there is a wealth of experience and knowledge within our Society. You do not need to be an accountant or a heritage expert: you need to care about the Mill and be willing to give some of your time. A fuller Board will give Farfield Mill greater capacity to plan properly for the future.

John Walker and Peter Brooks will step down from the Board at the AGM, and, on behalf of the Members, Directors and staff, I would like to thank them both for the care and commitment they have shown in their roles. The Board has also recently appointed Warren Mockett as an external independent Director, bringing additional skills and experience to support its work.

If you would like to support Farfield Mill by becoming a Director, please speak to Carole, myself or another member of the Board. An initial conversation is simply an opportunity to find out what is involved.

Finally, my thanks to Anna and all our staff, our resident artists, the Friends of Farfield Mill, our volunteers, my fellow Directors and Carole, our Society Secretary.

Farfield Mill has much to be proud of, and with your continued support we can build on that while facing the challenges ahead.

Best wishes

**Cat James**

Interim Chair

# How to have your say

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We are holding a 'hybrid' Annual General Meeting so that Members can either attend the meeting at Farfield Mill in person OR online through ZOOM. In both cases, registration begins at 10.30 and the meeting will start at 11am prompt.

You have a choice on how to have your say on the appointment of Directors and Resolutions put by the Board. You can either;

## Attend the meeting

- attend the AGM on Zoom and vote through polls during the meeting  
or
- attend the AGM at Farfield Mill and vote in person during the meeting

## Appoint a Voting Representative if you can't attend

- appoint the Chair to represent you – using the paper form, or online through ***Choice Voting***  
or
- appoint a person of your choice to represent you

## Attending the AGM in person at Farfield Mill

You are welcome to join us at the Mill as an 'in person' attendee.

## Attending the AGM on Zoom

You don't need to download any special software to join the meeting on Zoom from your computer, tablet or smartphone. All you need to do is click on the link that you will be sent once you register. You can't share the link with any other Member. If there are others in your household who are Members, they can also join the meeting, but they must use a separate device. However, be aware that Zoom will not function properly if both devices are in the same room, so you will need to be in different rooms or places.

When you join the online AGM, you will be able to vote on the business during the meeting using the Zoom poll function.

## Appointing a voting representative

We need 10 percent of our Members to attend the AGM in person or through a Representative in order to be quorate. If you can't attend, please appoint the Chair, or someone else as a Voting Representative to make sure that we can hold the meeting.

## Appointing the Chair

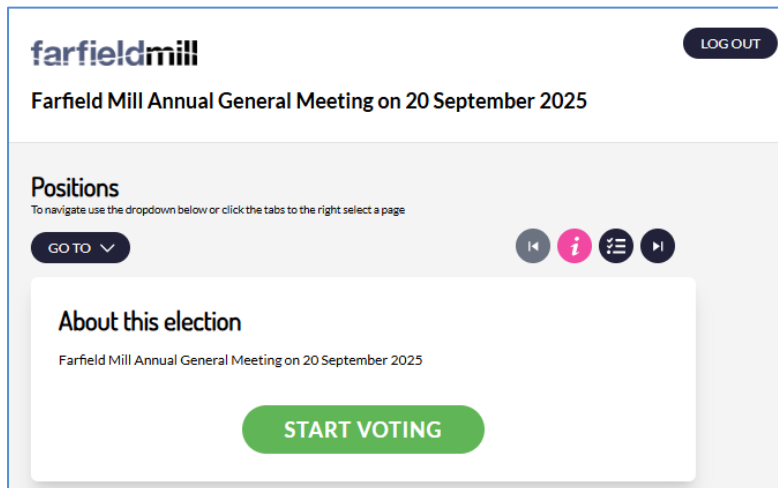
The quickest and easiest way to have your say is to use the **Choice Voting** portal to cast your votes or to appoint the Chair to be your Voting representative.

All Members with an email address will receive an email from **Choice Voting** by early evening on 11 September 2026. If you haven't received the email by the end of the day, please check your Spam folder. If you need further help – then contact the Society Secretary at [societysecretary@farfieldmill.org](mailto:societysecretary@farfieldmill.org)

**NB    If you share an email address with one or more other Society Members in your household, only one person may log on and vote online. Any others will have to complete and return the Voting Representative Form.**

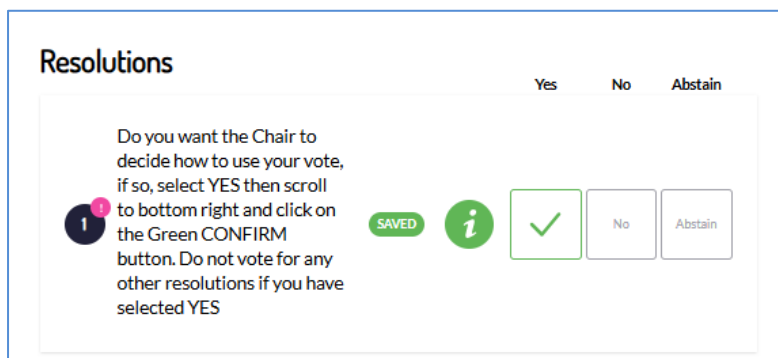
# Choice Voting

## Option1- for Members who want the Chair to decide how to use their vote



The screenshot shows the Farfield Mill login page. At the top left is the 'farfieldmill' logo. To its right is a 'LOG OUT' button. Below the logo is the text 'Farfield Mill Annual General Meeting on 20 September 2025'. The main section is titled 'Positions' with a subtext 'To navigate use the dropdown below or click the tabs to the right select a page'. There is a 'GOTO' dropdown menu and three circular navigation buttons: a left arrow, a pink circle with an 'i', and a right arrow. Below this is a white box titled 'About this election' with the text 'Farfield Mill Annual General Meeting on 20 September 2025' and a large green 'START VOTING' button.

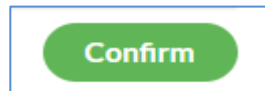
Once you have logged in, this is the next screen – click Start Voting



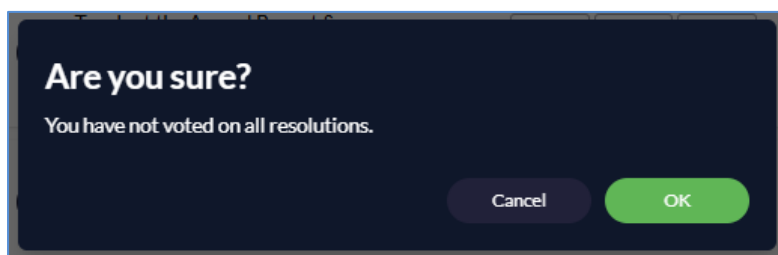
The screenshot shows the 'Resolutions' screen. At the top right are three buttons: 'Yes', 'No', and 'Abstain'. The main text asks: 'Do you want the Chair to decide how to use your vote, if so, select YES then scroll to bottom right and click on the Green CONFIRM button. Do not vote for any other resolutions if you have selected YES'. To the left of this text is a circular icon with the number '1'. To the right are three buttons: 'SAVED', a green circle with an 'i', and a green box with a checkmark. Further right are two buttons: 'No' and 'Abstain'.

If you want the Chair to represent you and decide how to use your vote, then select **YES** in this screen.

Then scroll to the bottom of the list of resolutions and click the confirm button

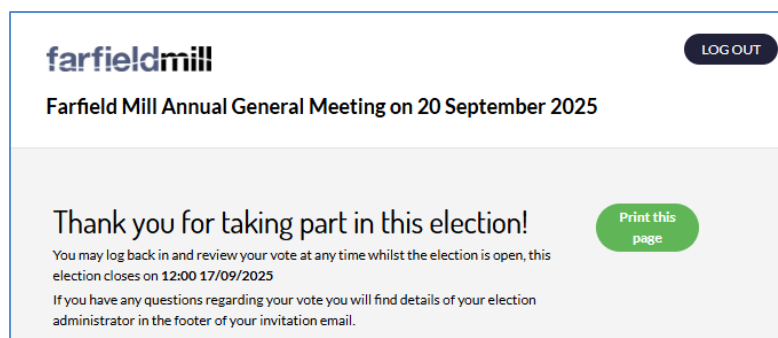


A green button with the text 'Confirm' in white.



The screenshot shows a dark blue dialog box titled 'Are you sure?'. Below the title is the text 'You have not voted on all resolutions.' At the bottom are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'OK'.

This box will pop up – click OK



The screenshot shows the 'Thank you' page. At the top left is the 'farfieldmill' logo. To its right is a 'LOG OUT' button. Below the logo is the text 'Farfield Mill Annual General Meeting on 20 September 2025'. The main section is titled 'Thank you for taking part in this election!'. Below this is a green button with the text 'Print this page'. At the bottom, there is a small text block: 'You may log back in and review your vote at any time whilst the election is open, this election closes on 12:00 17/09/2025. If you have any questions regarding your vote you will find details of your election administrator in the footer of your invitation email.'

Print the page if you want to, there is also the option to provide feedback

When you are done, you can LOGOUT,

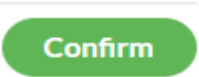
**Option 2** – For Members who want to tell the Chair **how to vote** on their behalf



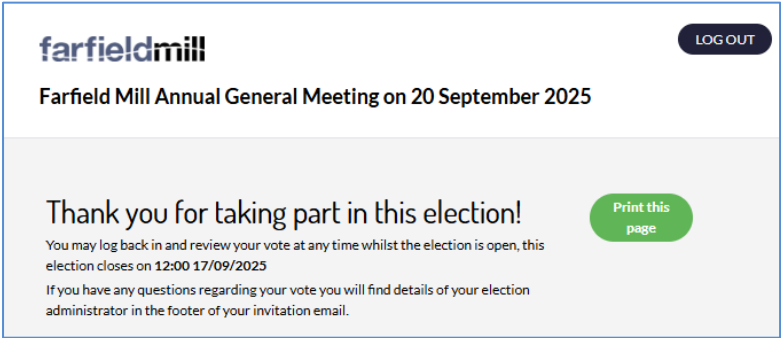
Once you have logged in, this is the next screen – click Start Voting

| Resolutions |                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Yes | No                                                       | Abstain                                                  |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | Do you want the Chair to decide how to use your vote, if so, select YES then scroll to bottom right and click on the Green CONFIRM button. Do not vote for any other resolutions if you have selected YES |     |                                                          | <div><div>Yes</div><div>No</div><div>Abstain</div></div> |
| 2           | To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on 21 September 2024                                                                                                                                               |     | <div><div>Yes</div><div>No</div><div>Abstain</div></div> |                                                          |

If you select **NO**, then cast your vote on each of the 5 resolutions, at the bottom of the page, click Confirm.



Please note that against each resolution is an Information button, click on it, and you will be able to access any documents relating to that specific resolution



Once you have voted, you will get a final screen confirming how you voted and you can print a copy for your records, then LOGOUT

## Appointing a person of your choice

If you prefer not to use the **Choice Voting** portal, you can instead complete **either Part 1 or 2** and sign the Voting Representative Form on page 19 at the end of the booklet and can also be downloaded from our website.

If you want to appoint someone other than the Chair to vote on your behalf at the meeting, then you must complete and sign **Part 3** on the Voting Representative Form and return it by post or email. We will then contact your Voting Representative and arrange for them to attend either the Zoom or the in-person meeting.

## Information for Voting Representatives

No one, other than the Chair, may act as a Voting Representative for more than three Members. If more than three Members try to appoint you as a Voting Representative, all the appointments may be invalid, and all those Members may lose their say.

A Voting Representative must act in accordance with the instructions given to them by the Member (Rule 53). Otherwise, the Chair may disallow that vote.

## Deadline for Appointing a Voting Representative

**The deadline for Appointing a Voting Rep. is noon on Wednesday 23 September 2026**

Any forms which arrive after that cannot be counted.

## Questions from Members

No questions have been received in advance of the meeting so far. However, if you have questions on any paper issued for the meeting please send them to us and the Chair can give you a considered response at the meeting. Please send any questions to the Secretary by post to Farfield Mill or by email to [societysecretary@farfieldmill.org](mailto:societysecretary@farfieldmill.org). There will be opportunities for Members attending the meeting 'in the room' or on Zoom to ask questions as well.

## Our rules

If you would like to refer to the Society's Rules to see how they apply to this meeting (or for any other reason) you can view them on the Member Section of our website.

## Contact details

by email [SocietySecretary@farfieldmill.org](mailto:SocietySecretary@farfieldmill.org) or in writing, marking your envelope for the attention of the Society Secretary, Farfield Mill, Garsdale Road, Sedbergh, LA10 5LW.

We hope this booklet gives you all the information you need to take part in the AGM. However, if you have any further questions please contact us. You can find the papers for this meeting in the About/Member Section of our website [www.farfieldmill.org](http://www.farfieldmill.org)

# Farfield Mill Annual General Meeting

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## Agenda

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Approval of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting 20 September 2025
- 4 Matters Arising, not otherwise on the Agenda
- 5 Receipt of the Directors Annual Report & Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2026
- 6 Receipt of the Auditor's Report
- 7 Appointment of Auditors

To resolve that 'Third Sector Accountancy be appointed as the Society's Auditors'

- 8 Appointment of Directors

To resolve that Jo Thornborrow be appointed as a Director of Farfield Mill Limited.

To note the appointment of Warren Mockett as an External, Independent Director under Rule 77 for the fixed term agreed by the Board and subject to an annual review

- 9 Vote of Thanks to Outgoing Directors
- 10 Any Other Business including any questions for Directors

Close of Business

# Notes on the business of the meeting

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## 1 Welcome

The Chair will welcome Members to the Annual General Meeting of Farfield Mill Limited. Links to the papers for this meeting can be found in the **Notice of the AGM email**

## 2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies can be emailed in advance of the meeting to [Societysecretary@farfieldmill.org](mailto:Societysecretary@farfieldmill.org)

If you can't attend the meeting, please vote online through Choice Voting or appoint a Voting Representative to vote on your behalf. It is important that you have your say, and ensures the meeting is quorate and can go ahead.

## 3 Minutes

Members are asked to approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 September 2024 as an accurate record of that meeting. The Minutes of that meeting can be found on page 14 of this booklet,

## 4 Matters Arising

## 5 Directors Annual Report & Accounts

Members are asked to adopt the Annual Report and to adopt the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the financial year ending 31 March 2026. The Annual Report is available to read or download on the Member Section of the website

## 6 Auditors Report

Members are asked to formally receive the report from the Auditors, Third Sector Accountancy. The Auditor's Report is available to read or download on the Member Section of the website.

## 7 Re-appointment of Auditors

Members are asked to re-appoint Third Sector Accountancy as the Society's Auditors for the next financial year

## 8 Appointment of Directors

Each year a third of our Directors retire, to ensure that the Board is renewed and developed, and as we have 5 Member Directors, then 2 should stand down. Sadly, Peter Brooks has decided to retire at the date of the AGM, this means only one of our current Member Directors will stand down.

This year Member Director, Jo Thornborrow is happy to stand for re-election. There are no new Nominations from our Members.

On Independent External Director appointments, John Walker, has also decided to resign at the date of the AGM. The Board has been able to appoint Warren Mockett to the Board

## 9 Vote of Thanks for Outgoing Directors

John Walker, Peter Brooks

## 10 Any other business / Questions for Directors

Members will have the opportunity to put questions to the Directors about the Annual Report and Accounts (or anything which is not covered in the report), any questions submitted in advance will be answered fully and included in this booklet.

Members have the opportunity to raise any other business they wish the Board to consider.

# Director Nominations

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## Jo Thornborrow

I'm an analytical and sociable person who likes nothing more than a problem to solve or a spreadsheet to pour over. I live in the lovely village of Winton with my husband Paul and white Boxer dog, Beryl.

Reluctantly, I retired at 50 due to the growing symptoms associated with Parkinson's Disease with which I was diagnosed in 2012. I am open and happy to chat about Parkinson's as I'm sure it helps everyone, I volunteer for Parkinson's UK Research.

My work life has been varied with roles in IT and Logistics and latterly direct and indirect sales and business development. Working for BT for the last twenty years, most recently I was responsible for professional preparation and importantly governance: to make sure bids were financially viable, operationally deliverable, and legally agreeable. Other responsibilities included: financial modelling as well as risk identification and analysis and business case preparation.

I am Treasurer of Winton Parish Hall.

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20 September 2025 at 11am**

**Present: 13**

**Zoom: 3**

Peter Brooks

Carolynn Cotton

Christine Thornborrow

**In Person: 10**

Carole Bowman (minutes)

Julian Exeter

Jo Thornborrow

Andy Denton

Debbie Richardson (Chair)

Jane Thwaites

Vincent Egan

Janet Sumner

Joy Exeter

John Tebbutt

\*Members who nominated the Chair to vote on their behalf or voted online

For the AGM to be quorate, 10% of the membership must take part. The meeting was quorate as the Member Register holds 698 Members and a total of 103 Members took part (14.7%). Of the 103 Members taking part, 9 were eligible to vote at the meeting (6 in the room and 3 on Zoom) a further 94 Members appointed the Chair as their Voting Representative.

### **1 Welcome**

Debbie opened the 2025 AGM thanking those attending on Zoom and those who were attending the meeting having braved the weather.

She reported on recent improvements, including the revitalisation of the heritage displays, the addition of children's activities in house and online, and the successful operation of a Hattersley Mark I loom on level 1. The volunteer weavers were grateful for the support of other Hattersley Weavers who had helped so much with practical advice.

The Society ran the first Textile Competition funded by a legacy from Mary Burkett OBE, drawing in 170 entries. Subsequently, the Foundation managing the legacy advised that they would pay the remaining funds to the Society. These funds will principally pay for the competition but can also be used to sustain the Mill's ability to continue to run the Textile Competition.

This legacy, was received in 2024/2025 and recorded in the accounts and make them look very healthy however, despite record visitor numbers and sales, the Society has not been able to cover its costs. Donations are lower than hoped and she reminded the meeting that any and all donations help to support the Mill and the environment created for our visitors.

The Mill Director and her team are responsible for day to day operations, supported by the Board of Directors that provides the essential strategy and governance needed for success.

At this AGM Vincent Egan and Mary Frankland are both retiring after 7 years – due to a lack of new recruits to the Board these Directors agreed to serve an additional year. Vincent has been Chair of the Finance Committee for several years and Mary, Chair of the Heritage Group. She thanked both for their time on the Board and providing their expertise and knowledge for the benefit of the Society.

Debbie will also be leaving the Board, and at the Governance meeting in October, John Walker hopes to take on the position of Chair.

## **2 Apologies for Absence**

Norah Ball  
Mary Dowson  
Vic Brown  
Mary Frankland

Cat James  
Cecilia Hewitt  
Derek Lloyd  
Nick Moule

Jo Mowbray  
Susan Sharrocks  
Christine Wallace  
Stuart Wilkie

## **3 Approval of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting**

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26 September 2024 as an accurate record of that meeting.

**Decided: To approve the Minutes**

## **4 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

## **5 Directors Annual Report & Accounts**

Members were asked to approve the Annual Report & Accounts for the year up to 31 March 2025.

**Decided: To approve the Annual Report & Accounts**

## **6 Auditors Report**

Receipt of the Auditors Report confirming the work they had done. There were no questions from Members.

**Decided: The Auditors Report was received**

## **7 Re-Appointment of the Auditors**

**Decided: The resolution was carried**

## 8 Appointment of Directors

Two Directors had been co-opted onto the Board in 2025.

8a Members were asked to approve the appointment of Christine Thornborrow

**Decision:**        **The resolution was carried**

8b Member were asked to approve the appointment of John Walker

**Decision:**        **The resolution was carried**

## 9 Any Other Business

- 9.1 **Julian Exeter** noted that the Tea Room is clearly short of staff and wonders if it is time to invest in more staff, or even increase the wage for Catering Assistants as he believes the current situation can't continue. He believes the Mill has employed the same number of Tea Room staff for several years, and in that time, the visitor numbers have substantially increased. Clearly, everyone is doing their best, but to generate a larger income stream will require investment.

*Chairs Response: There is currently a vacancy for someone to join the Team, and adverts were place a month ago. Attracting applicants takes time, which she believes is due to the location of the Mill. Applicants must be able to get to the Mill either by car or arranging a lift. This is something that the Board should look at/review.*

**Joy Exeter** visits the Team Room for lunch every week and wished to congratulate Juliette and the Team as they do a brilliant job with the resources they have. Joy noted that on one day, after a very busy lunchtime service, a large group of bikers arrived at 3pm for refreshments and the staff coped very well.

*Chairs Response: She referred to her previous answer.*

**Carolynn Cotton** wished to record "what a magnificent job you have done Debbie and Vincent, and all Directors in taking the Mill forward in the last 7 years" she felt sure that everyone would agree with her comments.

**Jo Thornborrow** thanked Carolynn for expressing her thanks and commented that she had planned to convey a similar message. Although she hadn't been able to witness the changes herself, she knows what an immense amount of work has been undertaken by the Chair and the Board, and added her thanks.

*Chairs Response: I appreciate those comments, thankyou.*

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**Andy Denton** raised a potential income stream for the Society, several years ago the Board had discussed whether those living in homes adjoining the Mill should be responsible for a percentage of the road rent or any maintenance costs for the shared road to the Mill site and he wondered whether this matter has been pursued or discussed.

*Chairs Response: Yes, this has been discussed several times, at length, but the Board had not made any decision on an arrangement for shared costs. However, it remains on a list of ideas to develop. Recently the Mill had been seeking quotes to replace the stockproof fence along both sides of the road leading to the Mill.*

**John Tebbutt** asked if whether there was the possibility of another Share Offer and noted that the Society was 7 years on from the original share offer.

*Chairs Response: Debbie noted that this was possible and something the Board has discussed in the past. However, one of the things that the former Chair Peter Rothery was always very cautious about was to ensure that the Member shareholding never exceeded the Society's assets and this caution remains.*

*However, Debbie noted that there were in excess of 690 Members, many of them shareholders with the minimum holding (£50) and it had also been discussed whether the Board should write to shareholders and ask whether any wished to donate their shares back to the Society and then those shares could be resold.*

Vincent Egan stood to give a vote of thanks to Debbie Richardson who was leaving the Board. He noted that she had been an excellent Chair and that there were 'big boots to fill' when the previous Chair, Peter Rothery left the Board. However, she quickly proved she was up to the task and has carried out the role so well, necessarily employing her well developed diplomacy skills often under extreme pressures from all sides.

On a personal note, Vincent said it had been a pleasure to have known her over the last 7 years.

Debbie is not leaving the Mill entirely, she will continue to support the Mill in her capacity as a Hattersley Weaving Volunteer and will be seen demonstrating weaving to the public on level 1.

**The meeting closed at 11.25am**

## **Members Who Nominated a Voting Representative 21 September 2025**

### **Nominated the Chair – Online 80 Paper 14**

|                        |                    |                  |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Jackie Andrews         | Michael Glover     | John Tebbutt     |
| Norman Atkins          | Susannah Harpham   | Angharad Thomas  |
| Norah Ball             | Cecilia Hewett     | Enid Thompson    |
| Pamela Banham          | Sarah Hilditch     | Linda Thwaites   |
| Nicholas Barraclough   | Geoffrey Horsman   | Dorothy Uren     |
| Sally Barraclough      | Susan Horsman      | Margaret Vaughan |
| Robert Bazeley         | Anne Howe          | Barbara Vigour   |
| Roger Bell             | Ian Huckson        | Jane Wadsworth   |
| Elizabeth Beswick      | Clare Huggonson    | Karen Webb       |
| Carolyn Bird           | Katie Hughes       | Anna Wetherell   |
| Derek Bird             | Richard Hughes     | Richard Wildash  |
| Ann Boocock            | Frances Irving     | Gillian Wright   |
| Carole Bowman          | Jane Jackson       | Anita Yearsley   |
| Angela Bradley         | Catriona James     |                  |
| Carolyne Bradley       | Jeanette Jerome    |                  |
| Caroline Cattermole    | Ellen Kirton       |                  |
| John Challoner         | James Lawson       |                  |
| Jane Chivers           | Philippa Le Roux   |                  |
| Ruth Clayton           | Marilyn Leckie     |                  |
| Peter Collins          | Hazel Lightfoot    |                  |
| Victoria Collison Owen | Maureen Littlewood |                  |
| John Conway            | Kathleen Lockie    |                  |
| Colin Cowperthwaite    | Anne Mackinnon     |                  |
| Edward Cullen          | Timothy Millbank   |                  |
| Nicola Dalby           | Nick Moule         |                  |
| Rosie Dent             | Joanne Mowbray     |                  |
| Fiona Dix              | Sally Newton       |                  |
| Janet Dodds            | Lynn Parker        |                  |
| Mary Dowson            | Anthony Pilling    |                  |
| Rachel Dufton          | Laura Rosenzweig   |                  |
| Margaret Ecclestone    | Timothy Ryder      |                  |
| Sheelagh Ellwood       | Elizabeth Saunders |                  |
| Peter Evans            | Alison Sharman     |                  |
| Joy Exeter             | Vincent Shaw       |                  |
| Johnny Firth           | Jayne Stevens      |                  |
| Moria Folks            | Isobelle Stothert  |                  |
| Margaret Garnett       | Iain Sturch        |                  |
| Michael Gibbons        | Gemma Suttle       |                  |
| Sheila Gibbons         | Patricia Sykes     |                  |
| Ruth Gilbert           | Elisabeth Tait OBE |                  |

**Voting Representative Form** – if you can't attend the AGM on **26 September 2026** use this form to appoint the Chair or a Person of your Choice to be your Voting Representative.

Your Name:

**Sign and date this (Part 1) if you want the Chair to vote for you at the AGM in favour of each resolution**

**I appoint the Chair as my Voting Representative to vote** for me at the AGM (and any adjournment) as she sees fit, for each of the resolutions listed in Part 2. I declare that I am a Member of the Society and I am qualified to vote at this AGM.

**I declare that I am a Member of the Society and I am qualified to vote at this AGM**

Sign here \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete, sign and date this (Part 2) if you want to instruct the Chair or your own Voting Representative how to vote for you at the AGM** - Place an X in the appropriate column to indicate how you want to vote

| Resolutions                                                            | For                      | Against                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on 20 September 2025            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| To adopt the Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| To adopt the Auditors Report for the year ended 31 March 2026          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| To appoint Third Sector Accountancy as Auditors for the Society        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| To approve the appointment of Jo Thornborrow to the Board              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

By signing below I appoint the Chair or the person named below in Part 3 as my Representative to vote in accordance with my instructions above at the AGM (and any adjournment).

I declare that I am a Member of the Society and I am qualified to vote at this AGM.

Sign here \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Only complete (Part 3) if you are appointing your own Voting Representative to attend the AGM**

Please give the name, address and email address of the person you have chosen to attend the meeting to vote on your behalf. If your Voting Representative does not attend the AGM, your vote will not be counted.

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|  | Full Name     |  |
|  | Their Address |  |
|  |               |  |
|  | Their Email   |  |

# Thank you

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We would like to thank all individual Members, our Funders and our Corporate Members for their support.

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