

INVITATION TO THE CLA HAMPSHIRE BRANCH SUMMER SOCIAL EVENT WITH AGM

9 SEPTEMBER 2026
FARLEIGH WALLOP ESTATE



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PROGRAMME

- 09.30 Registration & refreshments
- 10.00 Hants Branch AGM
- 10.15 Address by Jonathan Roberts
CLA Director of External Affairs
- 10.30 Introduction to the Estate
- 11.00 Estate tour
- 12.30 Drinks reception
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 Depart

This year's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at Farleigh Wallop Estate, Farleigh House, RG25 2HT

CLA South East would like to thank Martin and Company, Moundsmere Estate Management and Philips Law for their support as event partners.



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FARLEIGH WALLOP ESTATE

Farleigh Wallop Estate is a historic 4,000-acre country estate located near Basingstoke in North Hampshire. The estate has been home to the Wallop family since the 15th century and is centred around the magnificent Farleigh House. Today, the estate combines traditional land stewardship with modern farming, forestry, residential properties, events, and environmental conservation.

Farming remains at the heart of the estate's operations. The estate manages approximately 3,000 acres of farmland and produces a diverse range of crops using sustainable farming practices and modern agricultural technology. The varied Hampshire soils, including chalk, clay, and flint, support a mixture of arable crops grown for food, drink, animal feed, and renewable energy.

In addition to farming, Farleigh Wallop Estate manages over 1,000 acres of woodland, including areas of ancient woodland. The forestry operation supports biodiversity, wildlife habitats, and sustainable timber production. Wood harvested from the estate is used to fuel a biomass heating system that provides carbon-neutral heat to properties across the estate. The estate has also undertaken significant tree planting projects to enhance biodiversity and contribute to carbon sequestration.

Overall, Farleigh Wallop Estate is a prime example of a modern rural estate, balancing productive agriculture, environmental responsibility, forestry management, and heritage conservation while continuing a farming tradition that has existed for centuries.



BOOKING YOUR PLACE AT THE AGM

To book your place at the AGM please login to your 'My CLA' account on www.cla.org.uk and click on Events. Tickets cost £44 Ex VAT for Members. £65 + VAT, You can pay by card online.

If you are having difficulties, please call the South East office on 01264 358195 or email us at southeast@cla.org.uk. **Bookings close 3rd September 2026.**



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - HAMPSHIRE BRANCH

Welcome to the CLA Hampshire Branch AGM 2026.

The government's inheritance tax changes and more particularly, the way that they have been implemented, have remained one of the biggest issues facing the industry over the past 12 months. After months of intense lobbying and campaigning by the CLA, the partial U-turn announced at Christmas was a welcome step in the right direction but still creates deep concern for a huge number of family businesses.

Many farms and family businesses still face deeply damaging consequences of the reforms, and the CLA is working relentlessly to ensure that all those parties who have promised to reverse the policy in full honour that commitment. These promises must appear in manifestos with crystal-clear pledges to reverse it within the first year of any future government.

The CLA has also been working closely with the Defra Secretary of State and top civil servants on the redesign of the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI), arguing it should be accessible to farms of all types and sizes to deliver the best outcomes for the environment.

There are reasons to be positive. The CLA's Rural Powerhouse campaign demonstrates what's possible. By closing the rural productivity gap, we could add billions to national GDP through expanded permitted development rights, cutting planning red tape and improving rural connectivity.

Here in Hampshire, the team has been meeting with councils and police to ensure members' voices are heard, and has been working particularly closely with Hampshire Police's rural crime team. Adviser Lucy Charman delivered rural training to 50 PCs, district commanders and inspectors recently – a vital step forward to help officers better understand the issues, spot trends and allocate resource.

The CLA has also been busy getting MPs and politicians out on visits to meet members and hear about issues first hand. If you can host a visit please do come forward.

The CLA team has regularly appeared in the county's press such as BBC Radio Solent, ITV Meridian and BBC South Today, covering a range of topics from flooding to fly-tipping. We also returned to the New Forest and Hampshire County Show for our 13th annual rural awards, celebrating even more success stories and achievements at a presentation and drinks reception.

Advisers Lucy Charman and Rosie Salt-Crockford have helped Hampshire members with a range of queries this year. They have also attended a number of stakeholder meetings on behalf of members, worked on the emerging Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for the county and campaigned for LEP legacy funding to be used to support a new multi-species abattoir in Hampshire. Devolution and the re-organisation of local government is likely to have a considerable impact on Hampshire, and the team will continue to monitor developments closely.

I encourage you to make the most of your membership by using the fantastic advice service, and attending events – the advisers can visit you or are available on the phone or by email.

I would like to thank the Hampshire branch committee for their dedication and support, as well as the CLA teams in the South East and nationally for their continued hard work on behalf of us all.

Alister Cutts.



CLA HAMPSHIRE BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 9 September 2026 at Farleigh Wallop Estate, Farleigh House, RG25 2HT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th September 2025
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Election of Officers for 2026/27
 - a. President
 - b. One representative to Council
 - c. Committee
5. To receive and adopt the Chairman's Annual Report for 2025/26
6. Any other business

MINUTES OF THE 2025 HAMPSHIRE BRANCH AGM

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ROTHERFIELD PARK ESTATE, GU34 3QE AT 10am ON THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

Present:

Branch Vice-President, Maj Gen Jamie Balfour
Branch Chair, Robert Sutcliffe
CLA SE Regional Director, Tim Bamford
CLA Vice-President, Joe Evans
60 CLA members and guests

The Branch Vice-President welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked Arthur Scott and the Rotherfield Park team for kindly hosting and for assisting with arrangements for the day. He also welcomed CLA Vice-President, Joe Evans, and thanked Savills, Forsters and Old Mill for partnering the AGM and welcomed their respective representatives.

1. Apologies for Absence

4 formal apologies had been received, including from the Branch President Hallam Mills who was unable to attend.

2. To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held at the Facombe Estate on the 25 September 2024 were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by the Branch President.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4. Election of Officers for 2025/26

a) Election of Branch President

The Branch Vice-President noted the re-election of the current Branch President, Hallam Mills, who was proposed by John Jervoise, seconded by William Selbourne and carried unanimously.

b) One Representative to the CLA Council

Robert Sutcliffe proposed Alister Cutts for Representative to Council, which was seconded by Matt Gilks and carried unanimously.

c) Branch Committee

The Branch Vice-President noted the retirees from the committee this year are Simon Barker, Penny Stokes and David Butler and thanked them for their contribution during their time on the committee.

The Branch Vice-President was pleased to welcome new committee members William Selborne and Andrew Forrester. He then read out the following names for election to the branch committee:

Jamie Balfour, Robert Sutcliffe, Alister Cutts, Mark Charter, Becca Corbett, John Durnell, Andrew Forrester, Matt Gilks, John Jervoise, Rodney Morgan-Giles, Josie Palmer, David Pardoe, Victoria Read, William Selborne, Mark Thistlethwayte.

The election of the Committee was proposed by Sonja Porter seconded by Mark Maclay and carried unanimously.

5. To Adopt the Chair's Annual Report for 2024/25

The Branch Vice-President thanked Robert Sutcliffe for his hard work and contribution as Chairman. The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Andrew Forrester, seconded by Kerry Dovey and carried unanimously.

6. Any Other Business.

There was no other business.

The CLA Hampshire Branch Vice-President **concluded the AGM and introduced CLA Vice-President, Joe Evans**

Nominations for office or for membership of the Committee as given in item 4, or any resolution a member may wish to propose, must reach the South East Regional Director, Tim Bamford, in writing by 26 August.

HAMPSHIRE BRANCH COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Hallam Mills
VICE PRESIDENT	Maj Gen Jamie Balfour
CHAIRMAN	Alister Cutts
Mark Charter	Becca Corbett
John Durnell	Andrew Ferguson
Matt Gilks	John Jervoise
Rodney Morgan-Giles	David Pardoe
Victoria Read	William Selborne
Robert Sutcliffe	Mark Thistlethwayte



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