

INVITATION TO THE CLA SURREY BRANCH SUMMER SOCIAL EVENT WITH AGM

30 JUNE 2026
CHILWORTH MANOR



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PROGRAMME

- 15:00 Registration & refreshments
- 15.30 Surrey Branch AGM
- 15:40 Address by CLA 's Vice President, Eliza Eccleston
- 15.50 Introduction to Chilworth Estate
- 16.00 Guided Vineyard Tour
- 17.30 Drinks reception
- 18.00 Dinner (2 courses)
- 20:00 Depart

This year's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 30 June 2026 at Chilworth Manor Vineyard, Halfpenny Lane, GU4 8NN

CLA South East would like to thank Strutt & Parker and Moore Barlow for their support as event partners



CHILWORTH MANOR VINEYARD

Chilworth Manor Vineyard is a family-run business in the beautiful Surrey Hills National Landscape.

The sustainably-run Vineyard makes expertly crafted English rosé and English sparkling wine from grapes grown on its 10-acre site.

The first vines were planted in 2013 and since then, the vision has been the same - to produce the best quality English still and sparkling wines while providing a friendly and personal service.

Chilworth Manor has a unique and rich history that spans nearly a thousand years.

Once a Saxon manor recorded in the Domesday Book, it then became a Monastery where monks helped pilgrims en-route to The Pilgrims' Way on nearby St Martha's-on-the-Hill.

Above the estate, along the North Downs, runs the Pilgrims Way and to the south, across the Tillingbourne River, lie the ruins of the Gunpowder Mills that were in production from the early 17th Century until shortly after the First World War. Chilworth Manor has, quite literally, been at the centre of both stories.

Since the late 17th Century, it has been a family home and when Lady Heald took over the house in 1946, the Manor became a focal point in the community with a range of charitable events.

BOOKING FOR THE EVENT

To book your place please login to your 'My CLA' account on www.cla.org.uk and click on Events. Tickets cost £44 Ex VAT for members and £65 Ex VAT for non-members

If you are having difficulties, please call the South East office on 01264 358195 or email us at southeast@cla.org.uk.

Bookings close 23rd June 2026.





CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - SURREY BRANCH

Welcome to the CLA Surrey Branch AGM 2026.

This is my first AGM as your Chairman. For those who don't know me, my name is Tim Metson and I succeeded Joosje Hamilton in the autumn. Born and raised in the Surrey Hills, I am a third-generation farmer and chartered surveyor. Our family holding includes a pedigree herd of Herefords, catering and butchery enterprises and more recently the development of a hostelling and mountain biking activity centre.

The government's inheritance tax changes 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 the fight goes on.

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 £43 billion to national GDP through expanded permitted development rights, cutting planning red tape and improving rural connectivity.

Here in Surrey, the team has been meeting with councils and police to ensure members' voices are heard, and has been working particularly closely with Surrey Police's rural crime team.

The CLA team has regularly appeared in the county's press such as BBC Radio Surrey, ITV Meridian and BBC South East Today, covering a range of topics from flooding to fly-tipping.

Advisers Lucy Charman and Rosie Salt-Crockford have helped Surrey members with a range of queries in the last 12 months, and attended a number of stakeholder meetings. Issues and projects have included the Surrey Hills boundary extension, LNRS development and devolution.

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 Surrey 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.

Tim Metson



CLA SURREY BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 30 June 2026 at Chilworth Manor Vineyard, Halfpenny Lane, GU4 8NN

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th July 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 SURREY BRANCH AGM

**CLA SURREY BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT HALL HUNTER PARTNERSHIP, TUESLEY
FARM, GODALMING, GU7 1UG
(Joint AGM event with Berkshire Branch)
AT 3.30PM ON TUESDAY 8 JULY 2025**

Present: Branch President, Bridget Biddell
CLA President, Victoria Vyvyan
CLA SE Regional Director, Tim Bamford
48 CLA members and guests

The Branch President welcomed everyone to the joint AGM event and thanked Harry and the Hall Hunter Partnership for hosting the event and to Harry and his team for assisting with the arrangements for the day. She also welcomed Victoria Vyvyan, CLA President and thanked Carter Jonas, Martin & Company and Moore Barlow for partnering the AGM programme and welcomed their respective representatives.

1. Apologies for Absence

Formal apologies had been received from 5 members

2. The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held at Buckland Park on 11 June 2024 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Branch President.

3. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4. Election of Officers for 2025/26

a) Re-election of Branch President

The Regional Director took over the meeting for the election of the Branch President. The re-election of the current Branch President, Bridget Biddell, was proposed by Tim Metson, seconded by Lisa Creaye-Griffin and carried unanimously.

b) One Representative to CLA Council

The meeting passed back to the Branch President. Bridget Biddell proposed Tim Metson for Representative to Council, which was seconded by Charlotte Brackley and carried unanimously.

c) Branch Committee

The Branch President reported no new members were joining the committee and none were retiring this year but thanked the committee members for all their continued support and contribution.

The Branch President then read out the following names for election to the branch committee:

Joosje Hamilton	Tim Metson
Hugo Black	Melissa Boyes
Charlotte Brackley	Lisa Creaye-Griffin
Stephen Godwin-Austen	James Lee-Steere
Alex MacKinnon	Susanna Morgan-Williams
Felicia Morris	Rachel Patch
Dominic Sanders	Tamara Twynam
Lady Laurie Wates	Benjamin Whitaker

The election of the Committee for 2024/25 was proposed by Gordon Lee-Steere, seconded by Molly Biddell and carried unanimously.

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

The adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Tim Metson, seconded by Lisa Creaye-Griffin and carried unanimously.

6. Any Other Business.

There was no other business.

The Branch President concluded the CLA Surrey Branch AGM and handed over to Kirsten Loyd, President of the CLA Berkshire Branch, to introduce their AGM.

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 16 June.

SURREY BRANCH COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: Bridget Biddell

CHAIRMAN: Tim Metson

COMMITTEE:

Hugo Black	Susanna Morgan-Williams
Melissa Boyes	Felicia Morris
Charlotte Brackley	Rachel Patch
Lisa Creaye-Griffin	Dominic Sanders
Stephen Godwin-Austen	Tamara Twynam
Joosje Hamilton	Lady Laurie Wates
James Lee-Steere	Benjamin Whitaker



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