

SOCIETY OF DORSET MEN

Minutes of the 120th Annual General Meeting of the Society of Dorset Men held at the Dorset Golf and Country Club, Bere Regis, Dorset on 26 October 2025.

Present: Mr Stuart Adam, Deputy President, Mr Peter Lush, Chairman of the Committee, Officers and 27 Members of the Society.

The meeting was Chaired by the Deputy President.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Paul Atterbury, Paul Bompas, Angus Campbell, Jon Cordery, Michael Dooley, Lord Fellowes, Roderick Hursthouse, Sir Anthony Joliffe, David Joslin, Brian Langer, David Leaper, Tony Paulley, Colin Pomeroy, Jeremy Pope and Brian Willett.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 119th Annual General Meeting held on 20 October 2024 which had been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Deputy President.

In respect of Minute No. 9, the Hon Secretary reported that the Committee would be investigating further the issue of postal / electronic voting and would report back to the AGM in due course.

3. Accounts

The examined accounts for the year ending 30 September 2025, which had been previously circulated, were approved.

4. Report by the Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 120th Annual General Meeting and reported on what had happened over the past year which had also been reported through the regular Newsletters which had been circulated to all members.

The Chairman paid tribute to his Committee colleagues who gave their time to make sure that the Society functions in a timely and efficient way.

He also reported that the Committee had undertaken the task of producing the 2026 Year Book which would be available by mid November. However, this arrangement could not continue and alternative arrangements needed to be made for 2027. The most pressing need was for a member of the Society to undertake the collection and preparation of the articles for inclusion, and it would be good to think that there was someone within the Society who could undertake that task. The Committee would

be discussing the next edition at its meeting in January 2027, by which time it would be good to have a volunteer in place.

In regard to membership the Chairman reported that the current roll numbered 772, but about 50 of those were under review and confirmed membership was nearer 660, about 200 of which were Life Members. The expected boost from the admission of ladies to the Society had not materialised, only seven had so far joined. The Committee was committed to finding new members to boost the Society and to cement its future, but responsibility for recruitment was for all members.

5. **In Memoriam Tribute**

The Reverend Doctor John Travell gave a short tribute to those Society members who had sadly passed away since the last AGM.

6. **Election of Officers**

The following elections were proposed, seconded and **resolved** for the forthcoming year:-

Chairman of Committee	Peter Lush
Deputy Chairman	Steve Newman
Honorary Secretary	Steve Newman
Hon Membership Secretary	Martyn Underhill
Honorary Treasurer	Paul Newman
Honorary Year Book Editor	Vacant
Honorary Newsletter Editor	Vacant
Committee Members	Douglas Beazer, Paul Bompas, Christopher Goodinge and Alan Holley.
Account examiners	Chairman and Hon Treasurer

7. **Thanks to the Deputy President**

Peter Lush thanked the Deputy President for chairing the meeting and wished everyone a safe journey home.

The Deputy President, on behalf of all members, thanked the Chairman and the Committee for all of their work and for organising this AGM and lunch.

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

To be arranged by the Committee.

It was noted that the meeting had been preceded by a lunch attended by 34 members, partners and guests.

Signed: Angus Campbell
President