



Minutes  
of the  
**Regional AGM for  
South Thames**  
held online  
on  
8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 AT 4:00PM

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**In Attendance:**

Liz Hughes (Provender Nurseries), Nigel Bowcock (Acre Landscapes), Richard Gardiner Life Member)  
Richard Curle (Landscape Associates), Stephen Etheridge (ESSE Landscapes), Charles Blumlein  
(Location Landscapes), Debbie Carroll (MBALI), Jake Catling (The Landscaping Consultants), Jim  
Wilkinson (Eljays44), Lisa Wilkinson (Eljays44), Brian Herbert (Outdoor Options), Chris Carr  
(Harrowden Turf), Paul Cowell (PC Landscapes)

Richard Kay (National Chairman), Wayne Grills (Chief Executive), Kirsty Wood (Operations Manager),  
Laura Doyle (Regional Support Officer)

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**1. Apologies**

**2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting 2021**

The minutes were taken as read.

Proposed: Brian Herbert

Seconder: Jake Catling

**3. Matters arising from the previous minutes**

None

**4. Presentation and adoption of the Regional Chairman's report**

Presented by Liz Hughes

- Liz reflects on 2021 being a quiet year for the region in terms of events, however engagement and support remained strong. It was one of the busiest on record for the industry and although it was challenging, we hope as an industry that this trend continues for all of us to create green spaces and benefit all involved
- Thanks to Brian and Jake for their work on our Behind-the-Scenes Chelsea Flower Show tour. It was a lovely way to get new members involved
- Liz thanked the BALI team for their work on the BALI Awards. It was a great day and wonderful to see everybody together again. The quality of workmanship in the winning projects was fantastic to see

- Liz recognised the Mental Health First Aid courses that are currently taking place and thanked those that have already taken part for doing so
- As a region we continue to grow with new members which is great news and will be excellent for future networking
- Liz thanked everybody for their support for her Chairmanship over the last two years, particularly Brian Herbert and Laura Doyle. Liz hands over to the next Chair and offers her support to them as she remains a Committee Member

## 5. Presentation and adoption of the regional finance report

Income: £0

Expenditure: £0

Profit: £0

Proposed: Liz Hughes

Seconder: Stephen Etheridge

## 6. Election of Officers

Chairman	Jake Catling	The Landscaping Consultants
Vice Chair	Brian Herbert	Outdoor Options

Committee Members	Liz Hughes	Provender Nurseries
	Charles Blumlein	Location Landscapes
	Ed Belderbos	Belderbos Landscapes
	Jim Wilkinson	Eljays44
	Lisa Wilkinson	Eljays44
	Paul Cowell	PC Landscapes
	Richard Curle	Landscape Associates
	Richard Gardiner	Life Member
	Stephen Etheridge	ESSE Landscapes

Proposed committee member: Adam Stewart                      Utopia Landscapes

Proposed: Brian Herbert

Seconder: Paul Cowell

## 7. Regional events diary for 2022

- Wimbledon Tour – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022
- North Thames/South Thames collaboration events i.e., Meet on the Thames charity event
- Griffin Nurseries tour
- John Little tour

## 8. Any other business

- National Chairman, Richard Kay shares his thanks to the committee and wider region for their support over the last 12 months
- Jake Catling thanks Liz and Brian for their work over the last 12 months as Chair and Vice Chair