

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Kew Society will be held at 18.30 on Thursday 16th October 2025 at the National Archives, Kew, TW9 4HF for the following purposes:

1. To propose to accept the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 16th October 2024, available at www.kewsociety.org
2. Matters arising
3. To propose to accept the Annual Report of the Trustees, available at www.kewsociety.org
4. To propose to accept the Annual Statement of Accounts, available at www.kewsociety.org
5. To propose to approve the Executive Committee's proposal for amendments to the constitution, available at www.kewsociety.org a minimum of one week in advance of the meeting.

Amendment to Section 12 Paragraph (2c) to change trustee residency requirement

Amendment of Section 14 Paragraph (1) to create position of Co-Chair

Amendment of Section 20 Paragraph (2) to include Co-Chair

6. To elect Trustees

Janet Clark is standing down as Trustee (effective 16th October 2025)

Russel Hayes is standing down as Trustee (effective 30 April 2025)

Proposed by existing Trustees for election:

Raffaella Ladevaia (formerly Kew Resident, personal statement attached)

7. To elect Officers of the Executive Committee

Proposed by the existing trustees for election:

Shiona Williams – Co-Chair

Trevor Whittaker – Vice Chair/interim Co-chair

Steve Williams – Honorary Treasurer

Diana Ormond – Honorary Secretary

8. To Appoint Claire Satow as Independent Examiner of Accounts for the year ending 31st July 2025
9. Q.A. from members of The Kew Society – your opportunity to raise questions with Officers
10. Any Other Business

PLEASE NOTE:

- Doors Open at 18:15
 - The AGM will begin promptly at 18:30, followed by a reception where you will have the opportunity to meet other members and chat to your committee
 - Following Reception Tony Kirkham MBE, VMH, FICFor (Hon), FArborA, Former Head of the Arboretum and Horticultural Services at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew will give a talk
 - The evening will conclude at 21:00
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**Statement from new Kew Society Trustee
proposed by 2024/2025 Executive Committee**

Raffaella Ladevaia

Hello! I am Ella. A multidisciplinary designer and marketing professional with a strong interest in events and fundraising. Having previously lived in Kew, I developed a deep appreciation for its beauty and the strong sense of community that makes it so special. Although I have since moved, I remain close enough to stay actively connected and contribute as part of the Kew Society's volunteer network.

With my background in design and marketing, I hope to bring creative ideas and strategic thinking to support the Society's growth, particularly in raising its visibility and strengthening its recognition across the local area. I am especially motivated to help create engaging events and initiatives that not only celebrate Kew's unique character but also encourage wider community involvement.