

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Kew Society will be held at 18.30 on Thursday 15th October 2026 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 Thursday 16th October 2025, 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 elect Trustees**

Dr. Sarah Clarke stood down as Trustee (31st January 2026)

Proposed by existing Trustees for election:
Rachel Kent (Co-Chair, personal statement attached)
- 6. To elect Officers for the Executive Committee**

Proposed by the existing Trustees for election:
Rachel Kent - Chair
Steve Williams - Honorary Treasurer
- 7. To Appoint Claire Satow as Independent Examiner of Accounts for the year ending 31st July 2026**
- 8. Q.A. from members of The Kew Society - your opportunity to raise questions with Officers**
- 9. 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 the reception Saul Nasse, Chief Executive of the National Archives, Keeper of Public Records and Historical Manuscripts Commissioner, will give a talk on his wide ranging role and will officially launch a special Exhibition about The Kew Society to celebrate our 125th anniversary.

The evening will conclude at 21.00

Statement from new Kew Society Trustee and Chair proposed by the 2025/2026 Executive Committee

Rachel Kent

I have lived in Kew for more than 35 years and, now that I have a bit more time, I am very keen to become more involved in our local community. I am very interested in ensuring that Kew continues to be a wonderful place to live and work. This year I have been working alongside Shiona, as acting Co-Chair, to better understand the Kew Society, including both its opportunities and challenges. Its activities are wide and varied, ranging from its marvellous events (the historical bus tour and poetry evening are recent highlights) through to developments in the planning for a third runway at Heathrow. It is already doing amazing things although I don't think we shout about them enough. The fantastic work of our gardening team, to support multiple gardens across Kew, which we can all enjoy, is a good example . The newsletter is also a real jewel in the Society's crown. The work we are involved with to improve the village itself is also very exciting. Watch this space. We have ambitious plans. There is much to shout about and to be proud of. There are also some challenges.

Recently, I have been working with our Trustees and volunteers to bring together our Strategy and to turn it into specific actions. It is important to ensure the Society is clear about what it wants to achieve in the next five years and that we put in place all the tools and resources to enable us to achieve this. If elected, I look forward to continuing to develop and oversee the implementation of the Strategy and to sharing our plans with you as they develop.

None of this would be possible without help from our community and particularly our Trustees and volunteers. I am very grateful to all of you for your patience with me as I learn the ropes and your commitment to all that you do to continue the work of the Society.