

**Notice of Annual General Meeting  
Monmouthshire Meadows Group  
16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 6.30pm – 7pm  
Llanishen Village Hall**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of last AGM held on 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 for approval**
- 3. Chair's report – this will be available on the website from early April**
- 4. Treasurer's report - this will be available on the website from early April**
- 5. Election of new trustee:**

**Siân Rosser Jones OBE**

Siân recently retired after 26 years in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, specialising in post-conflict security building. She served in Cyprus, Kosovo, Pakistan and Iraqi Kurdistan as well as undertaking a secondment to her Canadian counterparts in Ottawa. She has now returned home to Wales and lives near Llanover, working as a risk management consultant and running a small paddlesports company on the beautiful Monmouthshire and Brecon canal. She is a trustee of the Rufford Foundation, one of the UK's largest grant-giving charities, supporting early career conservationists in low income countries. Siân is a keen hiker and horse rider, and is currently training for the London marathon in April in support of the NSPCC. She was awarded an OBE in 2013 for services to national security.

Siân brings efficiency, diplomacy, and significant IT skills to the committee.

Proposed by: Sally Jones

Seconded by: Steph Tyler

- 6. Existing trustees standing for re-election:**

**Saran Allott-Davey**

Saran is the founder and MD of Heron House Financial Management, a wealth management company specialising in sustainable investments that is B Corp accredited, and has now moved from her ownership to become an employee-owned business. Saran owns around 20 acres of land, managed with a focus on nature. She is a long term member of MMG, and has a wide range of skills to help the group.

As a new trustee appointed in 2025 Saran offers general support to the trustee team and currently is involved in organising and running events and is very keen on developing wildlife clusters.

**Sally Jones**

Sally & her husband run a 48ha organic farm, with wildflower-rich haymeadows and permanent pastures. Sally worked as a consultant paediatrician for over 30 years, and on her retirement set up a small organic wildflower nursery. She met Steph Tyler while learning new skills in botany to support this venture, and was asked to become a trustee and subsequently Chair of MMG in 2024.

As Chair, Sally's focus has been on the strategic direction and governance of the organisation. She is heavily involved in the mapping project, and chairs the Reserves Management sub-Group.

#### **Teona Dorrien-Smith**

Teona was born and raised in the Isles of Scilly – known for its tiny population and wonderful natural surroundings, including 26 SSSI's. Her background includes degrees in philosophy and landscape architecture. For over 30 years Teona has single-handedly run her 47ha organic farm in Monmouthshire, about half of which is registered as Local Wildlife Sites. She is a longstanding member of MMG.

Teona was previously a trustee of Gwent Wildlife Trust, and is a trustee of The Countryside Restoration Trust and Wye Valley Chamber Music Festival.

Teona was elected a trustee of MMG in 2023. Her farming experience and expertise is invaluable to the Reserves Management sub-Group of trustees.

#### **Clare Adamson**

Clare, with her husband Jeremy, has an 8-acre smallholding which is a mixture of woodland, orchard and meadow. With their fruit crop, they make apple juice and award-winning ciders and perries. Clare was elected as a trustee in 2014. She edits the bi-annual newsletter, and supports events by organising the catering.

#### **Steph Tyler MBE**

Steph is Honorary President of MMG, appointed in 2011. Most members will have met Steph at some time as a result of her tireless work in surveying members' land, and providing them with advice on management. Her botanical expertise is recognised both locally and nationally, and she is President-Elect of the Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland.

Steph continues to be the guiding light of the organisation. She has overall responsibility for management of the group's reserves, and is working on mapping members' holdings to support our aim to enhance connectivity and create wildflower and wildlife corridors in Monmouthshire.

## **7. AOB**