

# HODGEMOOR RIDING ASSOCIATION

## Agenda Annual General Meeting, 20 November 2023 at 19.30

**Welcome by Chairman.** You can look at the minutes of the last AGM (which today's meeting will adopt if you agree) at <https://hodgemoor.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/agm2022.pdf>. If you have questions, please let us know in writing in advance (<mailto:chairman@hodgemoor.org.uk>).

### Election of Officers and Committee

The current Committee is:

Marcus Bicknell (Chairman)

Susie Bicknell (Secretary)

Dawn Fleming

Sheila Grimshaw

Geoff Gudgeon (Treasurer)

Francesca Jones

Charlotte Perry

The committee and officers will be elected as in the past by a single group vote unless any member proposes otherwise. Kirsti Hummel is standing down. Liza Faircloth and Danni Barrie are proposed as new committee members.

**Approval of Accounts.** Funds currently stand at a credit of **£28,289.19**. The accounts are attached to the agenda and available at <https://hodgemoor.org.uk/hodgemoor-agm-20-november-2023/>

**Membership subscriptions.** Subscriptions are down from around 300 to 235. Discuss the reasons for this. We now have 13 cyclist and 16 walker members.

### Collaboration with Cyclists and Walkers.

**Report on Events: Hodgemoor Trec 2023:** After two postponements the annual **Trec** event took place on 30 April 2023 with 26 entrants, making a profit of £471.28.

**Winter Dressage Series:** First in series on 17 December 2023 at Manor Farm

**Hodgemoor Trec 2024** will be on Easter Monday again, at Homefarm Orchard

**Quiz Night at Pub:** with thanks to Francesca Jones for proposing to organise in the near future.

### Works on the Trails in the Hodgemoor Woods in 2024:

370 metres of trail repairs were done in October 2019 costing £29,800 to which the Association contributed £15,300, about half. Forestry England agreed to pay half this time because of new regs imposing on us a contractor which was more expensive than our regular one. With around £28 000 available, the Association could in 2024 repair 350 metres, if the rate is still £80/metre (unlikely). An estimate of the number of metres will be done after hearing the members' views at this AGM. Areas that the committee feels need work have already been distributed to you by email and are on the back of this agenda. Particular points to discuss (following input from FE) are a new bridge and culvert over the ford left of Rawlings Corner and repairing the often-flooded corner on Wickham Way.

**Repair of Badger and Rabbit holes on Wickham Way.** These repairs (the result of 6 years lobbying and interfacing with a dozen authorities including Natural England Badger Set Protection and Buckingham Badgers Group and paid for by Buckinghamshire Council, thank you) have worked well, making winter riding along the Wickham Way much better and safer.

**Clearing of Grips.** The water run-offs were cleared for us by Frank Everest (Waylands Equestrian).

**Volunteering.** Suggestions needed to have more volunteers for clearing parties. Adam Collier input.

### XC course

Marcus and Susie have decided to reduce the number of jumps in the XC course behind Homefarm Orchard. Keeping all the jumps up to scratch is not worthwhile for the little use it has. Members can use it still, no charge. Discuss tree planting <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/> to increase the amount of CO<sup>2</sup> converted back to Oxygen and Carbon (Marcus).

### Any Other Business.

**Map of the proposed works in 2024 in Hodgemoor Woods.**

The Chairman will run through each site verbally and briefly for the AGM as required.

