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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust will be held at the Education Centre, Whisby Nature Park, near Lincoln on Saturday 20 October 2018 at 2.00 pm to transact the following business:

1. Minutes of the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 21 October 2017
2. To receive the Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2018  
This appears within the Annual Report and Financial Statements and there is an illustrated version in the Annual Review circulated with this notice.
3. To receive the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018  
An overview is printed in the Annual Review circulated with this notice.
4. To appoint Wright Vigar Limited as Auditors for 2018-2019
5. Special resolution – proposed changes to Articles of Association  
Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust's Articles of Association were last revised in 2010. Following a review, a number of significant changes are proposed. The draft Articles are available on the Trust's website and hard copies can be supplied on request. In summary the changes are:
  - Trustees (referred to in the Articles as directors) are to be appointed by the eligible membership at a General Meeting, usually the AGM. Trustee nominations will be recommended by the Board of Trustees or a proposal from an eligible Trust member.
  - A third of Trustees will retire by rotation. Trustees are eligible for re-election. After nine years any reappointment would be subject to a rigorous review undertaken by the Chair of Trustees.
  - Council will be disbanded. The functions of Council will pass to the membership for appointment of Trustees (as above) and to the Board of Trustees for the appointment of officers. The additional function of representing and promoting the members' interests will be achieved through a number of forums.
  - Trustees are to make the rules of membership including fees, rights and privileges of such members.

"That the Articles of Association produced at the meeting and initialled by the Chair of the meeting for the purposes of identification be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Trust in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing Articles of Association of the Trust."

6. To elect Trustees

Nominations recommended by the Board of Trustees:

David Cohen

*David was appointed a Trustee and Honorary Treasurer in 2009 and appointed the Trust's Chair in 2016. He is a member of the Trust's Finance Monitoring Group, the Gibraltar Point Joint Advisory Committee and the Trust's Gibraltar Point Team. He retired after a career spanning 41 years with Midland Bank and latterly HSBC. David has been interested in natural history for the majority of his life and became a serious birdwatcher in his mid-twenties. He has been a volunteer for the RSPB and the Leicestershire & Rutland Ornithological Society and is a regular participant in surveys organised by the BTO.*

Clare Harrison

*Clare was appointed a Trustee in 1990. She is a field naturalist and species recorder, Voluntary Reserve Manager for Hatton Meadows nature reserve, an active member of her local Area Group, convenor of the Roadside Nature Reserve Team, a member of the Agriculture Team, Wayside Warden, and Director of the Trust's subsidiary company, Lapwings Consultants Limited. She is a farmer and B&B proprietor.*

Tim Sands

*Tim was appointed a Trustee in 2008. He is currently the Trust's Deputy Chair, convenor of the Conservation Strategy Team, the Trust's representative on the Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership, and a member of the Finance Monitoring Group and the Publications & Displays and Whisby Nature Park Teams. He has 40 years' experience working in wildlife conservation, 30 of which were with The Wildlife Trusts' national office, from which he retired in 2005. Tim held a range of posts, which for a time covered education and publicity, but throughout he was responsible for overseeing national campaigns on numerous conservation issues and for leading on its Parliamentary affairs. He is the author of Wildlife in Trust, the 100-year history of the Wildlife Trusts' movement.*

David Sheppard

*David was appointed a Trustee in 1993. He is currently the Trust's Deputy Chair, convenor of the Nature Reserve Development Team and the Wildlife Watch Team, an active member of his local Area Group and Wildlife Watch Leader. David is a nationally recognised invertebrate expert, formally with Natural England and its predecessor organisations. David is kept busy surveying and monitoring nature reserves and the wider countryside.*

Mark Smith

*Mark is a Trust member. Career includes: currently National Consultancy Manager with Arco Professional Safety Services; formerly Technical Manager (Liability), Sales Manager and Senior Health & Safety Consultant with NFU Mutual Risk Management Services; Business Assurance Partner and Senior Safety Advisor at Mouchel Group plc. Previously an instructor with Lincolnshire Army Cadet Force for twenty-four years and on the Gibraltar Point Joint Advisory Committee as a Lincolnshire County Councillor.*

Other nominations:

Nominations for election to the Board of Trustees, signed by a member of the Trust and countersigned by the nominee confirming willingness to serve if elected, must reach the Chief Executive at the Trust's head office by 5 October 2018.

A full list of Trustee nominations will be placed on the Trust's website from 12 October 2018.

All members have the right to appoint a proxy (someone else voting on your behalf). A proxy is entitled to attend and to speak and vote at the meeting. Written notification of your wish to appoint a proxy to vote at the meeting should reach the Chief Executive at the Trust's head office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Unless otherwise instructed the proxy may vote as he/she thinks fit or abstain from voting.

Copies of the full Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 and the revised Articles of Association are available in advance on request from the Trust's head office and on the Trust's website. Copies will also be available at the meeting.

*The AGM will be followed by an illustrated  
talk by Barrie Wilkinson to mark the launch of his book*

***"The Story of Gibraltar Point"***

*Gibraltar Point is the Trust's first nature reserve  
celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year*

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By Order of the Council  
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Chief Executive

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