



THE HEATHER SOCIETY
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Dear Member(s)

Please find enclosed an agenda for the 2020 AGM of The Heather Society (THS) to be held at 2.00pm (BST) on Saturday 19th September 2020. As a consequence of the current Pandemic the AGM will be held on-line using Zoom Conferencing. Also enclosed is an unsigned copy of the 2019 Annual Report & Accounts, the Minutes of the 2019 AGM and a copy of the Rules. The 2019 Annual Report & Accounts has been examined by the Independent Financial Examiner and a signed copy will be made available on the website. If you wish to take part in the AGM, please indicate your interest by Friday 5th September 2020 via the contact details above so that connection details can be provided.

At the 2017 THS AGM there was an amended proposal that the Society would cease to be a registered charity within three years (*Within three years it is the proposal of Council that The Heather Society will cease to be a registered charity in England and Wales*). The proposal was accepted. Members were asked, by letter dated 08/08/19, not to renew their membership to THS after 31st December 2019, but that they would remain on the THS membership database until de-registration. Any membership payments paid into the THS accounts during 2020 have been and will continue to be treated as donations to THS and will be included in the dispersal of funds as defined within Clause 2 of the rules (2019). Any funds remaining at de-registration will be dispersed according to Clause 21 of the rules (2019). For accounting purposes THS will continue to complete the 2020 financial year which ends on 31st December 2020.

De-registration of THS is the closure of the Society. To maintain the legacy of the Society, a not for profit Unincorporated Association has been formed to provide information and cultural advice on heathers. The Association, known as Heather Society (HS), will operate via a website and will be open to all. HS will not have members, but will accept voluntary donations to meet expenses, with any excess monies being used to fund heather related projects the details of which will be disclosed on the website. HS is required to operate under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and therefore is not able to solicit individual donators directly. Any potential donators will need to give permission for their contact details to be kept by HS if they wish to receive ongoing communications. **It is not assumed that members of THS will automatically become donators to HS.** Donations to the HS bank account can be made via standing order, bank transfer or cheque. Credit/debit card donations will be available via PayPal from the website. The HS bank account is held with the Bank of Scotland: Account No. 20068061, Sort Code 802260. No financial details on donators will be stored. The existing website, which is not owned by THS, will be the point of contact and will be modified accordingly to reflect the status of HS. Access to the previous members only data area will become freely available. Other modifications will be made to keep the website current and reflect the ongoing work of HS.

It is with regret that THS is being wound up but without volunteers willing to become Trustees and manage an organisation within the constraints required by being a registered charity then Council has no choice but to de-register the Society. However, if you wish to become involved in the administration of HS then please express your interest using the contact details above. Given the number of enquiries via the website there is still much interest in heathers.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman
The Heather Society