

SHUTTLEWORTH COLLEGE ALUMNI

MINUTES OF THE AGM – Tuesday 12 May 2026 via Microsoft Teams

Present: Richard Infield (Chairman), Tony Abbott, Sarah Perrett (Treasurer), Charlotte Maynard (Secretary), Paddy Godwin (Editor and Database), Nick Badger, Peter Homer (staff), Tim Durrant 76/79, Sam Donald 93/95, Bruce Ashworth 70/72, David Jarman 76/79

Apologies: Eric Yates (staff), Tim Durrant 76/79, Clare Van Leersum HND 81-84), Robert Cowper 70/72, Catherine Lloyd – Vice Principal, Shuttleworth College.

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were accepted and approved.

Matters Arising: There were no matters Arising

1. **Chairman's Report:** Richard Infield

Richard thanked all the officers for all they have done this year. We have had several meetings all online this year and Richard would like to thank everyone for attending these meetings and helping organise the reunion in May, "I thoroughly enjoyed it and I am sure everyone else also did". Unfortunately, due to ill health Bob Cowper would like to resign as Vice Chairman and we would like to thank him very much for his help over the last few years. Richard would also like to thank Charlotte, Paddy and Sarah for all their support this year.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Sarah Perrett

The 25/26 financial year income was dominated by ticket sales for the reunion on 3rd May 2026.

Subs have increased by £165 and the Lottery income has also gone up by £70.

Magazine costs have gone down since last year. This was because the printer's costs for 2025 included digitising the photographs, plus we were able to use a cheaper printer and had fewer magazines printed. With fewer hard copy magazines going out the postage also decreased.

Website costs also reduced because the 2025 costs included putting all the photographs on the website.

Bank charges have increased mainly due to them being introduced part way through last year.

All the reunion expenses appeared either in the 24/25 accounts (deposits on marquee and venue) or will appear in the 26/27 accounts as they were all dated after 31/03/2026.

Debtors are unfortunately still too high at £3,005, although this is £140 down on last year mainly due to Tim Durrant chasing up some people. Any help with contacting debtors would be most welcome.

See the separate Reunion account for all the income and expenses incurred for 3rd May which shows the SCA subsidised the event by £5,354.33.

3. **Secretary's Report:** Charlotte Maynard

Charlotte thanked Richard and the committee for all their time and efforts spent organising the reunion, it was a real team effort and between us all we managed to plan and host a successful

event which a total of 265 Alumni attended. We had additional meetings this year to discuss the reunion plans – all remotely and this seemed to work really well. Charlotte has lent her photos to the College as they have an 80th Anniversary celebration of the college on the 4th June of which all the committee have been invited to, if anyone can think of any alumni who might be interested in attending this event please let Charlotte know and she can extend the invite, the College have advised that there are approx. 30 spaces for Alumni.

4. IT Manager's Report and Editors' Report: Paddy Godwin

Notes regarding the Database and Website for 2025/26.

- We email 611 emails using Mailchimp. This is a useful way of getting information to non-subscribers.
- We print 57 hard copy magazines. This includes 2 Honorary's. Eric Yates and Cyril Thomas. In 2025 this cost us £4.85 per copy to print and send. Very soon it will cost more than the £5 subscription.
- We email 395 newsletters out.
- The total number of those registered as subscribers is 452 this gives a potential income of £2,260. We actually only get £1,980 a shortfall of £280, amounting to 56 subscribers not paying!
- Members change emails regularly and we get approx. 15-20 bounce backs every year. We get notification of this and try and catch up with the incorrect emails, but it takes time!
- The Website is well managed by Rich Hemery and Tim D.
- We did make good use of the attendees of the Reunion to try and persuade more members to subscribe to the Newsletter. We will have to wait and see how many do so!

Note the Alumni web site address is www.shuttleworthalumni.co.uk

The Facebook page is [Shuttleworth College Association](#)

5. Students College Report: Catherine Lloyd

Principal's report to the Shuttleworth College Association AGM – May 2026

This year marks 80 years since Shuttleworth begin delivering education in agriculture. Whilst there have been many changes over the years it is pleasing to be able to report that we have good numbers of agriculture students this year. We are delivering T Level routes in crops and livestock and have expanded the farm, taking on extra arable land to meet student and curriculum needs. The developments at Kingshill Farm have enabled us to work with a wide range of organisations through activities such as hosting events and participating in crop trials. Our red poll herd is doing well and 22 out of our 24 breeding cows have calved so far. We continue to grow oats, wheat, peas and sugar beet. Students are involved in all activities on the farm from lambing, spring crop drilling, grassland restoration, hedge planting and providing nutrient supply to winter cropping.

We continue to deliver courses in other land-based areas; horticulture, land and wildlife, equine and animal care. On the site we also have uniformed public services and outdoor education. Our adult courses in horticulture have been supplemented this year with the addition of garden design which is proving popular. All of our students benefit from a great programme of events such as guest speakers, visits to gardens, farms, animal centres and more, and attendance at National Events such as Your Horse Live or Cereals. Work experience enables them to gain confidence in the workplace

applying the skills they have learnt in a practical setting. Recent open days show strong interest for September.

6. Election of Officers for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Richard Infield - Proposed by Charlotte Maynard, seconded by Tony Abbott

Vice Chairman: Bob Cowper is unfortunately standing down due to ill health, we haven't found anyone to take on this position so it was proposed that we continue this year without a vice-chairman – Proposed by Richard Infield, seconded by Paddy Godwin. Richard thanked Bob for all his help and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Secretary: Charlotte Maynard – Proposed by Sarah Perrett, seconded by Bruce Ashworth.

Treasurer: Sarah Perrett - proposed by Tony Abbott , seconded by Paddy Godwin.

IT Manager: Patrick Godwin – Proposed by Charlotte Maynard, seconded by Bruce Ashworth.

Editor: Paddy Godwin – Proposed by Tony Abbott, seconded by Sarah Perrett

Website: Tim Durrant - Proposed by Richard Infield and Seconded by Sarah Perrett.

Committee members: Nick Drury, Eric Yates, Claire Van Leersum, Tony Abbott, Bruce Ashworth (HND 79/82), Tim Durrant (OND 76/79), Nick Badger (HND 92/95) Peter Homer (ex-Mechanical Lecturer). Proposed by Charlotte Maynard and Seconded by Paddy Godwin and were re-elected ,en bloc '.

New committee members were elected:

Sam Donald - Proposed by Richard Infield and seconded by Tony Abbott.

David Jarman – Proposed by Richard Infield, seconded by Peter Homer

The following committee members stood down from the committee: None

7. Reunion Sun 3rd May 2026

It was a very successful event and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. We think the average age at the event was about 70 years old. Most who attended were at the College in the 1960's and 1970's, others who attended were from the 1980's and a few from the 1990's.

The committee agreed that as we subsidise this event, it is not cost effective to host it every year. We receive approx £1,000 a year (after costs are taken off) which means we could host the event and subsidise it but not annually. The total cost to put on the event was £10,654.33 and the SCA subsidized the event by £5,354.33, the remaining amount was made from ticket sales.

It was agreed we would host the next reunion in 2029, Charlotte and Richard to speak with Shuttleworth to agree a date.

8. Auditing of Accounts

Sarah will organise auditing of the accounts.

9. The annual draw then took place:

1st prize (£250): No 23 - Richard Heath NDA 67/69

2nd prize (£150): No 40 - Philip Haylock FC 80/81

3rd prize (£50): No 31 - John Burgess NDA 78/70

It was agreed that next year we will only have one prize of £250 per annum as we are not receiving enough income to cover the three prizes.

10. Any Other Business

The committee had a discussion about how we can recruit more recent ex students from the College. We sent an Alumni leaflet to Catherine Lloyd a while back with the contact information for people to join the Alumni, Charlotte will chase Catherine to check they have this and will be taking it to the YFC Rally which is this weekend.

Sam suggested sharing mail chimp notifications on Social Media via a hyperlink to try and reach more people.

11. Next Meeting

Next Committee meeting – Tuesday 15th September 2026 via Teams - 7.30pm

Date of 2027 AGM – Sat 8th May at Kingshill Farm, Shuttleworth - 11am

This concluded the Annual General Meeting

Charlotte Maynard

12 May 2026