THE ARTS SOCIETY HONITON

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held on Tuesday 10 June 2025 at 1.30 pm

Apologies for absence were received from Caroline Forbes, Gillian Clarke, Marian Beenham, Annetta Luscombe, Jean Falconer, Frances Bateman.

1. **The Minutes** of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 11 June 2024.

   Acceptance was proposed by Ali Pedar, seconded by Helen Wale, and agreed unanimously.

2. **The Society's Accounts.**

   The Society's signed Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2024, having been approved by the External Examiner, were recommended for acceptance by the Hon Treasurer.

   Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Andy Blake, seconded by Lady Anne Boles, and agreed unanimously.

   The Treasurer reported that the accounts were in good order, emphasised the need for as many as possible to do Gift Aid and thanked Nick Lewis, the External Examiner.

   One question from Lady Anne Boles – where does one sign up for Gift Aid. Treasurer explained it is on the membership form.

3. **Committee Annual Report:**

   Acceptance of the report of the Society's activities 2024-5 was proposed by Richard Howe, seconded by Celia Meadley and agreed unanimously.

4. **Election of Officers and Committee of the Society:**

   (a) Election of President

   The re-election of Lady Anne Boles as President was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by the Secretary, and unanimously agreed.

   The President took the chair at this point. The President said she doesn't know anyone more suitable for Chairman than David Ward. She thanked the Society for re-electing her as President, and took the opportunity to praise the Committee for their hard work during the year. The Art Society was a great opportunity to meet like minded people and hopes our organisation continues for a long time. Lady Anne encouraged members to join the committee in any capacity and all would be welcome. There is another year of interesting speakers to expland our knowledge. She thanked all for coming to the meetings and the AGM.

(b) Election of Officers.

(i) The President proposed the re-election of David Ward as Chairman. Heather Penwarden seconded the proposal, which was unanimously agreed.

David resumed the chairmanship of the meeting.

(ii) The following nominations having been received:

Hon Secretary:	Vacant
Hon Treasurer:	Lynda Price, proposed by Ali Pedlar, seconded by Amanda Preston.

both proposals were agreed unanimously.

(c) Election of Committee.

The following Committee members have agreed to stand for re-election:

Membership Secretary	Jane Yates
Programme Secretary	Janet Ward
Events and Visits Secretary	John Greenfield
Committee Member	Amanda Preston

Their re-election was proposed by Ali Pedlar, seconded by Peppi Shaw, and agreed unanimously.

The Chairman thanked Amanda Preston for her role as Assistant Treasurer and welcomed her back onto the Committee. The Chairman thanked Vanessa Smith for her year as Secretary and her previous year as events secretary and asked for any members to come forward to take on this role.

5. Appointment of External Examiner

External Examiner - Mr Nick Lewis, was proposed by Majorie Anne Howe and the proposal was seconded by Lynda Price, and agreed unanimously.

6. Any other business.

No resolutions had been received.

John Greenfield, Events Secretary, spoke about a trip to Salisbury in October to include a coach journey to and from Honiton, a visit to the recently restored Doom Painting and a guided tour of the Cathedral and asked for initial interest in this, about 20 raised their hands.

The meeting closed at 1.45 pm.

Vanessa Smith, 10th June 2025.

Signed by The Chairman ………………………………………………………..

Date: ………………………………………………………………………………………..