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Golden Cap Association (West Dorset)



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Golden Cap in the Snow

President: Chris Walliker

Acting Chairman: Margaret McClellan

Treasurer: Mike Nicks Secretary: Mary Rogers

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FROM THE FORMER CHAIRMAN

I hope you all enjoyed a happy and restful 2024 Christmas, and I wish you an enjoyable, successful and healthy 2025.



I am pleased to report that Margaret McClellan became Acting Chairman on 1st January 2025, and I wish her well.

You will remember from our last September 2024 Newsletter that the committee was searching for a Treasurer to take over my role. There has been much discussion at committee meetings and as it stands at present I have decided to stand as Treasurer for 2025. You will be able read more about this and other issues facing this Association when you read the article written by our President, Christopher Walliker, which highlights our search for volunteers in recent times.

Since the summer there have been two talks, an Autumn lunch and the Fish and Chip Quiz. The September Talk by Paul Atterbury on 'Life in Victorian Britain' was extremely well received and, as usual, Paul was eloquent and very interesting with his use of photographs to highlight the development of life in the distant Victorian past. Sadly, the October Talk had to be cancelled due to the speaker having to attend a funeral. Our Speaker Organiser received a telephone call on the Friday prior to the talk on the Monday which did not leave her enough time to find a substitute. We emailed those members who use this means of communication, but unfortunately we were unable to make some 80 telephone calls to those for whom we do not have an email address. Please accept my sincere apology. The November talk by Steve Belasco did go ahead as planned and it was a unique insight into viewing the Jurassic Coast from the sea, with some exceptional photography.

The Autumn Lunch in October was attended by slightly fewer numbers than in previous years, however, it proved to a very pleasant lunch and the food and service provided by Haddon House Hotel was excellent. Our final event of 2024 was the Fish and Chip Quiz at the end of November in the WI Hall, and as usual, the competitive spirit and the breadth of knowledge was evident for all to see.

Now to the future and into 2025. Talks are arranged for January, February, April, September, October and November, and an outing to Mottisfont in Hampshire in June to see the famous roses in full bloom is being planned, and I am sure there will be a couple of lunches and the traditional Quiz.

The AGM is on Monday 31st March, and after you have read the following comments written by our President you will realise how important this meeting will be.

On my behalf and, also on behalf of all the members of this Association, I thank the Committee for all their help, guidance and hard work over the years of my Chairmanship, which has been very enjoyable, interesting, rewarding and, at



times, quite challenging, particularly during the Covid epidemic. Thank you to Janet Carey, Diana Coleridge, Valerie Gierth, Margaret McClellan, Sarah Nicks, Mary Rogers, Chris Senior, Veronica Smith and Peter Watson.

Finally, on a personal note, I thank our President, Christopher Walliker for the help and guidance he has given me over the years.

Mike Nicks

FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

Our Chairman and Treasurer, Mike Nicks, signalled his wish to retire at the end of 2024 after many years of diligent and valuable service. He became Treasurer almost 14 years ago and followed this by taking on the added responsibility of Chairman 9 years later. During this long period he has both guided and led the Association with total commitment, especially through the difficulties of the Covid years, and we must record our grateful thanks and very warm appreciation of his contributions. Yet this is not the end of the road for him as he has generously consented to remain as Treasurer for one final year, and you will know from the previous page that Margaret McClellan has very kindly agreed to take the Chair from 1st January to see us through the year ahead.

Mike Nicks' retirement from the chairmanship naturally leads us to consider the future of our Association. Since its inception it has demonstrated remarkable successes and members have enjoyed being in a trouble-free club – a regular series of afternoon illustrated talks in the winter months, interesting and unusual coach outings in the summer, and a raft of social lunches throughout the year – all taking place with modest subscriptions. Although membership numbers have declined the Association has made a reasonable surplus every year enabling it to make steady annual donations to the West Dorset section of the National Trust.

Nevertheless, in spite of its continued successes our constant approaches to the membership to come forward to allow some of our long-standing Committee members to retire have fallen on deaf ears. Sadly we have now reached the point when, to use the words of a former Speaker of the House of Commons, "Time's up", and so, after very careful consideration and with much regret, the Committee feels it cannot carry on beyond the end of 2025 and so we shall close down. We are all very saddened at having to make this decision, but regrettably there is no alternative unless a sufficient number of members come forward to volunteer for Committee roles. There will be an Extraordinary General Meeting immediately after the AGM itself at which a resolution to dissolve the Association at the end of 2025 will be put to the membership. May I encourage as many members as possible to come to these two important meetings.



**Chris Walliker
- President**

Membership

I should like to remind you all that **Subscriptions for 2025/26 are due on 1st April 2025** and remain at the current rate of £6.00 for one person and £9.00 for two people living at the same address.

If you would like to pay by **Bank Transfer** please pay

HSBC Bank, Sort Code **40-13-28**

The sum of **£6 / £9**

To the credit of **Golden Cap Association**

Account number **21428284**

Quote your **Surname and Golden Cap membership number**

If you wish to pay by cheque, could I please ask you to use the renewal form on page 5 and forward it to me, together with your payment, **no later than 1st April**. Cheques post-dated to 1st April can be sent now if you wish. A separate receipt will not be sent - your membership card is your receipt and that will be available at the talk on 28th April or posted shortly after with the April Newsletter.

If you already pay by Standing Order please do not complete the renewal form on the next page. You can see on the front of the 2024/25 membership card whether you pay by Standing Order or Cheque. If you're still not sure ring me to check - 01308 424431.

Once your Membership fee has been received, your membership card giving details of the illustrated talks and other events will be issued with the April Newsletter. **If you send your cheque after the April Newsletter has been issued then please enclose a SAE otherwise your card will be sent to you with the September Newsletter.**

The 2025/26 card will be valid until 30th April 2026 or earlier if the Association closes.

Continued Membership of the National Trust or being an active and current volunteer for the National Trust is an essential condition of Association membership. Anyone wishing to see our constitution can find it on the Membership page of our Website: www.goldencapnt.org.uk

Membership details are held on computer for internal use only and will not be disclosed to any third party (see page 22 for our Privacy Statement).

Diana Coleridge
- Membership Secretary

Golden Cap Association (West Dorset) Renewal of Annual Subscription 2025/2026

Title(s) _____ (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Tel No _____

Email address _____

NT Membership No. _____

I enclose £ _____ (subscription)

I consent to the above data being used for communication purposes only by the Golden Cap Association. [It is important that this box is ticked.]

Subscriptions are due on 1st April. Subscriptions are £6.00 for one person and £9.00 for two at the same address (£12.00 for three). Please make your cheque payable to 'Golden Cap Association'. Please hand it in at any Association meeting or send by post to Mrs D Coleridge, 115 Victoria Grove, Bridport DT6 3AE.

If you would like to pay by Bank Transfer please pay

HSBC Bank, Sort Code 40-13-28

The sum of £6 / £9

To the credit of Golden Cap Association, Account Number 21428284

Quote your Surname and Golden Cap membership number which you can find on your 2024/25 Membership Card.

Welcome to the following new members since September:

Maurice Budden	-	Bridport
Shelagh Foster	-	Bridport
Diana Hampton	-	Bridport
Barbara Kinsey	-	Beaminster
Jennifer Morgan	-	Bridport
Roy & Carol Sadler	-	Bridport

The Golden Cap Association (West Dorset) of the National Trust 2025 Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Forty-sixth Annual General Meeting** of the Golden Cap Association will be held on **Monday 31 March 2025** at **2.30 pm** in the Bridport United Church Main Hall, East Street, Bridport.

AGENDA

(Please bring this Agenda with you to the meeting)

President's welcome of members to the AGM

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Chairman's Address
3. Minutes of the 45th AGM held on 25th March 2024 (on page 8)
4. Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda
5. Treasurer's Presentation of Accounts (printed in January Newsletter) including:
 - Approval of the 2024 donation to the National Trust
 - Approval of Committee's recommendations for rate of subscriptions.
6. Election of President
7. Election of Hon. Officers:

(a) Chairman	(b) Secretary
(c) Treasurer	(d) Vice-Chairman

Election of General Committee
8. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner (Auditor)
9. Any other business.

N.B. Nominations for the election of Officers and Committee should be sent in writing to the Secretary to arrive not later than **Monday 10th March 2025** and should be signed by the Proposer, Seconder and Nominee.

The closure of AGM will be followed by an **Extraordinary General Meeting** (see agenda on the next page).

Refreshments will be available and then our Guest Speaker, Hannah Jefferson, General Manager North & West Dorset of the National Trust, will outline work on projects in our area over the last year and show a fascinating video produced by a NT staff member.

The Golden Cap Association (West Dorset) of the National Trust Extraordinary General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an **Extraordinary General Meeting** of the Golden Cap Association will be held on **Monday 31 March 2025** after the 2025 Annual General Meeting in the Bridport United Church Main Hall, East Street, Bridport.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Introduction and discussion of proposal below:

With great regret the Committee proposes that unless sufficient members come forward to take up roles on the committee before the end of September 2025 then the necessary steps will be taken to dissolve the Golden Cap Association on December 31st 2025.
2. **Resolution: To dissolve the Golden Cap Association of the National Trust on 31 December 2025**
3. Disposal of Assets.
4. Any Other Business.

A quorum is 30 members present.

Voting shall be by a show of hands.

The Resolution will be passed if voted for by two thirds of those present and voting.

Election of 2025/26 Committee

I nominate _____

To serve as Chairman / Secretary / Treasurer / Vice-Chairman / Committee Member*

Nominated by: Signed _____ Date _____

Seconded by: Signed _____ Date _____

I confirm that I am willing to serve on the Committee as nominated above.

Signed _____ Date _____

*Please delete as appropriate

I would like to see the activities of the Association continuing and improving and am happy to offer my services as a member of the Association's Committee.

I am interested in becoming involved with _____

Signed _____ Tel _____

Please send nominations to Mrs Mary Rogers, Orchard End, Bright Hay Lane, North Chideock DT6 6JZ to be received by **Monday 10 March 2025**. Photocopies or handwritten copies of this form are acceptable.

Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting of the Golden Cap Association (West Dorset) held on Monday 25th March 2024

Present Chris Walliker – President
Mike Nicks - Chairman and Treasurer
Margaret McClellan - temporary Minute taker.
58 members and 2 visitors

The President, Chris Walliker, welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

1. Chairman's Address – Mike Nicks

This had previously been circulated in the Newsletter Issue 134, January 2024.

The Chairman presented Valerie Gierth with a gift recognising her 20 years of voluntary work for the Golden Cap Association.

2. **Apologies for absence** – these were received from Chris Clarke, Maureen Miller, Barry and Yvonne Welch, Roger and Vivian Hudspith, David and Mary Rogers, Mary Thomas, Graham and Ann Brown, Stephen Baynes, John and Marjorie Broadhead, Sally Moss and Michael Collard.

3. Minutes of the last meeting – 27 March 2023

These were **AGREED** and signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

There were none

5. Treasurer's Report – Mike Nicks

The accounts for the year ending 31st December 2023 were published in Newsletter Issue No. 134 January 2024 and the Treasurer reported that the amount of business was a little less than last year. The accounts were **APPROVED**.

5.1 Donation to the National Trust – £3000 for the final year of the maintenance of the hedges at Seatown and Thorncombe Beacon and an Interpretation Board at St. Gabriel's, Golden Cap and a Sheep Wash sign. This was **approved**.

5.2 Annual subscriptions - He proposed that these remained at £6 for a single membership and £9 for a double.

This was **approved**.

6. Election of President

Chris Walliker was unanimously elected.

7. Election of Officers and Committee

The following were **Agreed**

7.1 **Officers:** Chair – Mike Nicks, Secretary – Mary Rogers,
Treasurer – Mike Nicks, Vice-Chair – Peter Watson.

7.2 **Committee:** Janet Carey, Diana Coleridge,
Valerie Gierth, Sarah Nicks,
Chris Senior Veronica Smith.

8. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner

Ray Chorley had indicated that he was prepared to continue in this role and it was **APPROVED**.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 - Mike Nicks made the following comments.

Welcome Peter Watson and Janet Carey to the Committee.

Welcome also to our speaker Rob Rhodes, Head of Countryside and Rangers for the whole of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and to Hannah Jefferson, General Manager of North & West Dorset NT.


Twelve days ago representatives from Golden Cap Association, Purbeck Association and South Dorset Association met at the Stinsford Centre, Kingston Maurward College. These are the only 3 associations left in Dorset, and there is a dwindling number over the whole country. It was a productive meeting and I wish to highlight some items which were discussed in the hope that our 2 visiting NT employees could take them back to the hierarchy of NT.

One question was 'Why do we volunteer for the NT?'. The unanimous agreement was that the associations raise funds to donate to the NT to help the employees take care of a quarter of a million hectares of land, 780 miles of coastline and over 500 properties. It was also agreed that they do a fantastic job in managing so much, however, there was one plea and that was not to erase the horrible parts of history because history teaches the next generation and the next and so on, and provides a means of education.

We exchanged views about our own associations and it prompted me to look back at our Golden Cap Association.

I want to praise and thank the committee and those who served in previous years, because in the 16 years in which I have been involved we have carried out our objectives, with one exception, the lack of a donation in the 2020 Covid year. Also in that time the subscription rate of £6/£9 has not changed – How do we do this? Is it good management? I know it is!

We do not waste money, we do not follow short term fads and our committee very rarely claim any expenses. It is worth noting a donation has been given to the NT 44 years out of the 46 we have been in existence, and that money comes from the members, which includes the committee who also pay for all the events which are organised. I thank all our members for their support.

Our social activities are based on a core majority, but we do not forget the minorities in our membership of which there are many, such as, married, 

▶ single, with children, without children, different religions, disabled, some have had a stroke or heart attack. We choose not to identify them because we treat all our members with equity, unity, understanding, humour, smiles and, above all, that powerful word respect. We take care of all of them, all of the time.

It is commendable and often appropriate for the NT to support minority groups for a month, week or a day, however, there is the potential to alienate some of the core majority.

I believe that, within the parameters of our area (Bridport and surrounds), subscription rate, times and venues of our activities our membership is as diverse and inclusive as it can be. We do not need to appoint a committee member as a diversity or inclusivity officer.

I maintain the same applies to the NT. NT has 5.34 million members and numerous other visitors paying to enter their properties, for example, Max Gate at £10 and Knightshayes at £15. This is a thirteenth of the whole population of the UK, and therefore NT is as diverse and inclusive as it can be, just like us.

I say to the NT, please take care of the majority and minority all of the time.

After the meeting the members had refreshments followed by a short talk from Rob Rhodes, Head of Countryside Management and Rangers for the whole of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. He spoke about 'The National Trust – the next 5 to 10 years, strategy and planning'.

Marjory Lee

In October 2024 we learned of the death of Marjory Lee at the age of 88. She was our Secretary between 2003 and 2008 and also used her catering experience by creating interesting and tasty home-cooked meals for the members, supported by members of the Social Committee. In later years she and Ron, her late husband, supported us by proof-reading the newsletter before going to print.



Quiz & Fish 'n' Chip Lunch



The winning Team

Towards the end of November members gathered in the Bridport WI Hall for our annual memory test - a quiz set, this year, by Kathy Hince. There was much muttering and whispering amongst the teams of three or four and groans of recognition when the correct answers were revealed. The winning team members were rewarded with a box of chocolates each.

Midway through proceedings staff from nearby Longs' Fish & Chip Shop brought in our much appreciated lunch.



Kathy Hince

Opening Times of nearby National Trust Houses

Clouds Hill: Opens Wed/Thurs 19/20 March then subsequent Saturdays & Sundays, Wednesday & Thursdays until Thursday 30th October.

Hardy's Cottage & Max Gate: Open Tue/Wed/Thurs 18/19/20 March then subsequent Saturdays & Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays until Thursday 30th October.

Booked Visits only: via NT website or ring 0344 249 1895

Hardy Monument: Opens Sat/Sun 5/6 April then Saturdays and Sundays until Sunday 28 September.

Golden Cap Association of the National Trust
Income & Expenditure Account
for the year ending 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income		
Subscriptions	1,368	1,443
Donations	75	90
Contribution from Events		
Outings	119	494
Illustrated Talks	497	160
Social Functions	176	237
TOTAL INCOME	2,235	2,424
Expenditure		
Bank Charges	123	128
Printing and Stationery	517	594
Postage	300	476
Sundries	154	138
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,094	1,336
SURPLUS BEFORE DONATIONS	1,141	1,088
DONATIONS TO NATIONAL TRUST	3,000	1,000
SURPLUS/DEFICIT AFTER DONATIONS	-1,859	88
Reserves brought forward	5,737	5,649
Reserves at year end	3,878	5,737
Represented by:		
Cash at HSBC	3,878	5,737

Notes re: Golden Cap Assoc Accounts for 2024
2024 Donation to the National Trust to be agreed at the AGM
Total donated to the National Trust since 1978 = £132,513

	INCOME		EXPENDITURE
	£		£
OUTINGS			
2 Outings			
Ticket Sales	2,476.00	Fees, lunch tea	1,062.00
		Bluebird Coach	1,295.00
	Total 2,476.00		2,357.00
SOCIAL EVENTS			
3 Social Events			
Lyme Regis G Club - Jun	1,440.00	Food	1,396.00
Haddon House - Oct	1,285.00	Food	1,207.00
November Quiz	510.00	Food, Hall, Prizes	456.43
	Total 3,235.00		3,059.43
ILLUSTRATED TALKS			
5 Talks + AGM			
Entry Fees	1,029.00	IT etc	14.97
Raffles	162.95	Speaker Fees	314.55
		Hire of Hall	365.00
	Total 1,191.95		694.52
ADMINISTRATION			
Print & Stationery		Newsletters	484.20
		Stationery	33.25
	Total		517.45
Bank Charges			123.15
Postage		Newsletters	300.00
Sundries		Committee Meetings	35.65
		Hall Storage	50.00
		Website & IT	67.94
	Total		153.59

Spring Lunch

Greens Restaurant, Lyme Regis Golf Club
Timber Hill, Lyme Regis DT7 3HQ*

Wednesday 9 April 2025 12:30pm for 1:00pm

£32.50 per person (excluding gratuities)

Menu

Roasted Spring Lamb - Served with redcurrant jus, dauphinoise potatoes, braised red cabbage

Corn Fed Chicken wrapped in Parma Ham - with asparagus, lyonnaise potatoes and bearnaise sauce

Pan Fried Hake - Served with saffron Jersey Royal potatoes, sauce vierge and roasted spring vegetables

Mediterranean Vegetable Arancini - Stuffed with mozzarella, served with dressed leaves and parmesan crisps

Pavlova - Filled with summer berries and Chantilly cream

Chocolate Brownie - Served with a chocolate sauce, fresh berries and ice cream

Crème Brûlée - Served with a shortbread biscuit and fresh berries

Cheese and Biscuits - Served with celery, grapes and chutney

Tea and coffee with a chocolate mint

*Follow A35 west at the Charmouth roundabout (this is at the end of the Charmouth bypass); take 2nd left on to A3052; drive up the hill and at the top of the hill the road bears left; keep going for 300 metres and take first left into Timber Hill (signposted to Golf Club). The golf club is a short distance along this road on the left. Ignore the first turning to the Golf Academy and take the second on the left which leads to the Car Park and Entrance.

Valerie Gierth - valerie.gierth@vgmail.me.uk
- 01308 281381

SPRING LUNCH

Wednesday 9 April 2024 - Greens Restaurant, Lyme Regis Golf Club

PLEASE RESERVE ME _____ PLACES(S)

FOR (NAMES OF EVERYONE FOR WHOM YOU ARE PAYING)

BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POST CODE _____

TEL NO: _____ GOLDEN CAP M'SHIP No(S) _____

EMAIL _____

Main Course

Roasted Spring Lamb	
Chicken in Parma Ham	
Pan Fried Hake	
Vegetable Arancini	

Sweet

Pavlova	
Chocolate Brownie	
Crème Brûlée	
Cheese and Biscuits	

PLEASE Tick your method of payment

I enclose a cheque to Golden Cap Association £ _____ (£32.50 pp)

or Online Banking Payment (£32.50 pp):

Account Name: Golden Cap Association

Account No: 21428284 HSBC Sort Code: 40 - 13 - 28

*Quote Reference: **YOURSURNAME/INITIAL/LYME**

Whichever method of payment please return this form with a Stamped Addressed Envelope asap but no later than Wednesday 26 March to:

Mrs Valerie Gierth, Burnside
28 St Andrews Road, Bridport DT6 3BQ

PTO TO LIST PEOPLE
YOU WISH TO SIT WITH

Continued . . . NAMES OF EVERYONE FOR WHOM YOU ARE PAYING

If possible I would like to share a table with some (or all) of the following friends:

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Every effort will be made to ensure you sit on the same table as your friends but this cannot be guaranteed. If you don't give preferences it will be assumed you are happy to sit with anybody.

Please return this form with a stamped addressed envelope as soon as possible but by Wednesday 26 March.

Bookings with full payment are accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

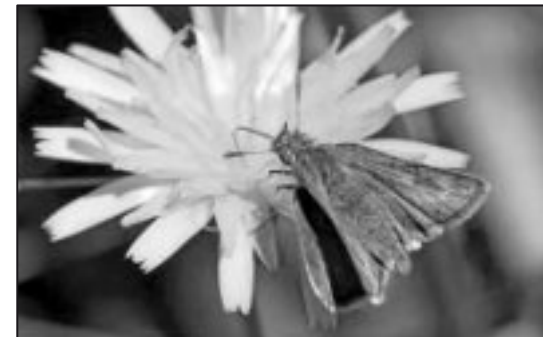
Please remember to enclose a Stamped Addressed Envelope for your tickets.



Mrs Valerie Gierth
Burnside
28 St Andrews Road
Bridport DT6 3BQ

News from North & West Dorset National Trust

Adrian Neil who runs a Butterfly Transect (weekly survey) at Bind Barrow, Hive Beach, from April to September with a volunteer group. 2024's survey results reflected the national trend – a very poor year for butterflies. Lulworth Skipper pictured here is monitored at this site. Adrian welcomes new volunteers to help with this.



Initially contact Ruth Worsley, Property Ecologist by email: ruth.worsley2@nationaltrust.org.



A conservation success story: We are thrilled to report the return of breeding Cirl Buntings at Cogden after an interval of over 50 years. It was once widespread and numerous in farmland habitats across southern England including Dorset. However, the population declined significantly in the 20th century. By the late '80's nearly all remaining birds were confined to just south Devon.

As you can imagine storm Darragh in early December 2024 created extra work for the Rangers clearing up the fallen trees. In the photo below you can just about see Ranger Jon with the pole-saw working on a fallen beech branch.



Visit to Mottisfont, Hampshire

Thursday 12 June 2025

£30.00 per person

Join us for a trip to Mottisfont in Hampshire where the world famous walled garden, full of old fashioned roses, will be at its best. You can also visit the house and walk beside the beautiful chalk stream.

Mottisfont was originally an Augustinian priory founded in 1201, laying the foundations for the 18th-century structure that's now visible. Today, hints of Mottisfont's medieval past live alongside the stylish redevelopment that took place in the early 20th century.

When the Russell family bought the house in 1934 the buildings were in a state of disrepair. Huge changes were made inside under Maud Russell's guidance to create a luxurious, neo-classical setting for their new home. She used her keen eye for aesthetics to oversee the re-configuring and redecoration of the house.

In 1939, she commissioned Rex Whistler to transform the original entrance hall into a large saloon. The results were his spectacular trompe l'oeil murals, painted in a gothic style, light-heartedly reflecting the building's origins as a medieval priory. The Rex Whistler Room was his last and finest piece before he was killed on active service in France.

In the 1970s one of the most important figures in 20th-century British horticulture, Graham Stuart Thomas, designed a rose garden in Mottisfont's historic walled garden, housing many varieties of rose that may otherwise have become extinct. With an artist's eye and consummate knowledge, he combined roses with a mix of perennials to give a season-long display. Today, this is the National Collection of pre-1900 old-fashioned roses.

The coach will leave from Beaminster at 9.00 am calling at Bridport and onward with a stop at The Woodman Pub on the A31 for coffee. We will arrive at Mottisfont at about 12.30pm. June is a busy month for this NT property but there will be additional catering facilities provided and plenty of places to enjoy a picnic. We will leave for home by 4.00pm

Mary Rogers
Janet Carey 01297 489782



APPLICATION FORM

Visit to Mottisfont - Thurs 12 June 2025

BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

PLEASE RESERVE ME _____ SEAT(S)

NAME _____

NAME OF PERSON(S) ACCOMPANYING YOU _____

YOUR ADDRESS _____

_____ POST CODE _____

MOBILE No: _____ GOLDEN CAP M'SHIP No(s) _____

EMAIL _____

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME & TEL No: _____

PLEASE TICK YOUR BOARDING STOP (APPROX. TIMES, PLEASE BE THERE EARLY.)

BEAMINSTER SQUARE	9:00
BRIDPORT Co-OP	9:20
BRIDPORT BUS STATION	9:25

I ENCLOSE A CHEQUE TO GOLDEN CAP ASSOCIATION £ _____ (£30.00 PP)

OR ONLINE BANKING PAYMENT (£30.00 PP):

ACCOUNT NAME: GOLDEN CAP ASSOCIATION
ACCOUNT No: 21428284 HSBC SORT CODE: 40 - 13 - 28
Quote Reference: SURNAME/INITIAL/MOTTISFONT

WHICHEVER METHOD OF PAYMENT PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LATER THAN **MONDAY 7 APRIL** TO:

Janet Carey, 2 Pettycrate Lane, Chideock, Bridport DT6 6LB

From The Director-General

Dear all,

It is with great pleasure that I share our **new strategy for the next decade and beyond**.

Following the largest consultation in our 130-year history, 70,000 people have informed three clear and ambitious goals in response to the challenges we face today, and in the future. We plan to:

Restore nature - not just on National Trust land, but in all kinds of places, from the centre of cities to remote corners. Through partnerships and collaboration, we will create 250,000 hectares of flourishing nature-rich landscape – an area equivalent to one-and-a-half times the size of Greater London.

End unequal access to nature, beauty and history. We'll break down the barriers that prevent people from accessing green space and heritage, both at the places we look after, and far beyond our own gates. We're starting the year by announcing a new partnership with a leading mental health charity.

Inspire millions more people to care and take action. We'll inspire 5 million more people to give their time, voice or money in support of our goals, creating a new generation of advocates for nature, beauty and history everywhere.

These goals form the pillars of our strategy for 2025-2035 and they're our most ambitious yet. They aren't simply organisational objectives, but societal shifts we need to help make if we want to leave the next generation with a thriving natural and cultural world.

They'll be underpinned by world-class conservation of places and collections and by fantastic experiences at places in our care, and further afield.

You can read our new strategy **People and Nature Thriving** at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/who-we-are/our-strategy

We're so proud of what we've already achieved – securing hundreds of miles of coastline, planting swathes of woodland and taking care of historic homes for all. This has been possible thanks to supporters like you. But today, we're facing the greatest challenges in our history – from a rapidly declining natural world and a changing climate to a lack of access to heritage and green space for millions of people.

So, as we celebrate our 130th anniversary this year, we will build on what our founders set out to do in 1895 and adapt to meet the needs of today. But we can't do it alone.

We need your support now, more than ever. Thank you for playing your part in our story so far. We're excited for the next chapter.

Best wishes,

Hilary McGrady, Director-General, National Trust



► News from North & West Dorset National Trust Contd...

The Hillfort Volunteers have done one final push to finish off the erosion repairs at Lambert's Castle we have been working on in 2024.



1: Fill sandbags and use the sandbags to fill in erosion scars, restoring the profile.



2: Cut turf from the rampart ditch. We used the ditch as it is the least botanically interesting. Lay turf over sandbags.



3: Measure chicken wire to size and peg chicken wire over the turf and sandbags so that they are held in place and can stabilise.



4: Put up fence to prevent people/livestock from getting on to the repair until it has bedded in.

Estimated pick-up times for outings - please be early:

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Beaminster Square	9:00
Bridport Co-Op	9:20
Bridport Bus Station	9:25
	Janet Carey 01297 489782




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<h2 style="text-align: center;">Illustrated Talks</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">in the United Church Main Hall, East Street, Bridport at 2:30pm</p>		
Mon 24th Feb		<p>The Royal visit that went wrong by Alan Jenkins</p> <p>Alan is a retired Police Inspector. At one time he worked in the Operations Department. This involved the dog section, traffic, helicopter and marine section. He was also involved in planning and commanding royal visits. On one royal visit in Dorchester everything that could go wrong did go wrong. The talk is an informative and humorous account of that day.</p>
Mon 31st March		<p>Annual General Meeting & E.G.M. Guest speaker: Hannah Jefferson, General Manager North & West Dorset National Trust.</p> <p>Hannah will outline work on projects in our area over the last year and show a fascinating video produced by a NT staff member.</p>
Mon 28th April		<p>The Bankes Family and Kingston Lacey House by Andy Williams</p> <p>Andy is an Historian and Kingston Lacey National Trust guide. He retired from teaching, mainly history, in 2015. He will give a run down of the family history of one of the most powerful families of Dorset who owned vast swathes of the county for over 400 years. He will include unusual facts and details from fighting the forces of Oliver Cromwell to gathering one of the largest collection of Egyptian artefacts and mines.</p>

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