

OLD CESTREFELDIANS' TRUST 2026 A.G.M and TRUSTEES' MEETING.

The Old Cestrefeldians' Trust held its **Annual General Meeting** at mid-day on 25th August at 12 Tennyson Avenue, Chesterfield. The A.G.M. took place alongside a Trustees' meeting to which any Members present were invited to join.

All four Trustees, Frank Gorman, Tony Hine, Rob Woodhead and Martin Tither were present, and they were very pleased to be joined by Trust members Derrick Priestley, John Hammond and Brian Heathcote. Proxies had been received from Messrs Hallett, Wilmott, Smith, Parsons, Barnes and North.

The minutes of the previous A.G.M. held on 19 August 2025 were circulated and agreed as a true and correct record and signed by Chairman Frank Gorman.

The Report and Accounts to 31st March 2026 were received and accepted.

The two Trustees retiring by rotation, Frank Gorman and Martin Tither were re-elected.

Amongst other matters, the **Trustees' meeting** discussed:

Treasurer, Tony Hine reported that the **Trust's finances** were secure for the moment but prudence suggested that further income will be necessary in the future if the Trust's work was to continue. Frank Gorman pointed out that the subscription was set at £10 (minimum) in 2015 and perhaps the time had come to increase it to £20. Tony Hine produced figures which demonstrated that only a small minority of members continued to pay the minimum and he would encourage all members to pay more.

There was also discussion as to whether the criteria for granting **Education Awards** should be changed e.g. recommendations might not be routinely accepted, their value might be reduced. It was felt that such changes would be regrettable and might reduce their profile / make them seem less worthwhile. In order to spread the outlay, it was noted that payments could be deferred to the following financial year. It was also noted that grants could be used to part-fund an existing project and this should be explained in invitations to bid.

The availability of funds held by **Foundation Derbyshire** is to be pursued.

The **transfer of artefacts to secure storage** at the Brookfield Community School is to be progressed.

Membership remains static. Further promotion among attendees of the OCS Reunion is proposed.

A provisional booking for the **Old Cestrefeldians' Society Reunion Dinner** is in place, the date to be confirmed dependent on football fixtures.

The **Remembrance Service** has been booked with Chesterfield College.

Following a unanimously agreed proposal, **Tom Roberts** accepted his nomination to be the **Trust's Honorary President**.