

MINUTES OF NORTHUMBRIAN CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION (NCA)  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Wednesday October 2, 2024

Lit and Phil, Newcastle upon Tyne

1. Apologies for absence

*Apologies were received from Nick James, Jenny Lewis, Andrew Young, Gilbert Cockton, and Colin Dunnighan.*

2. Minutes of previous AGM, October 4, 2023

*These were accepted as an accurate record.*

3. Matters arising

*None were noted that would not be covered elsewhere in the agenda.*

4. President's Report

*The NCA President, Heather Cordell, read out, with some elaborations, her report that is available online at <https://www.northumbrian-cambridge.co.uk/2024-AGM.php>*

*Given the difficulty that we have had in recruiting possible successors to the current NCA President, Secretary and Treasurer positions, it was noted that one possibility would be to make these joint/shared roles, so that more than one person could hold the role simultaneously, thus sharing out the burden. If that would be something that would be of interest to anyone, they were requested to contact the current committee.*

5. Hon. Secretary's Report

*The NCA President, Heather Cordell, read out the report from NCA Secretary Gilbert Cockton that is available online at <https://www.northumbrian-cambridge.co.uk/2024-AGM.php>*

6. Membership Secretary's Report

*The NCA Membership Secretary, Susan Austin, read out, with some elaborations, her report that is available online at <https://www.northumbrian-cambridge.co.uk/2024-AGM.php>*

*Members were urged to consider looking out for any potential new recruits to the NCA and doing whatever they could to publicise the society. Any suggestions of how to improve our publicity and advertising should be passed on to the current*

*committee. A suggestion was made of clarifying in the advertising that guests of NCA members were always welcome at NCA events.*

#### 7. Hon. Treasurer's Report

*The NCA Treasurer, Susan Austin, read out, with some elaborations, her report that is available online at <https://www.northumbrian-cambridge.co.uk/2024-AGM.php>*

*It was noted that the Hon Auditor position was currently vacant. Michael Lewis volunteered to take over this position, on the understanding that he would probably not be available to look over the accounts until the November of each year.*

*It was noted that the Association is in a sound financial position and most events were costed on a break-even basis, with a few exceptions such as the Freshers' Welcome Event.*

#### 8. Election of Officers and Executive Committee

*It was noted that all members of the current Executive Committee were willing to stand for another year. The reappointment of all current committee members for another year was proposed by Teresa Saunders and seconded by Bill Telford; all present voted in favour.*

*The appointment of Allan Colver as an additional Executive Committee member was proposed by Heather Cordell and seconded by Peter Cleland; all present voted in favour of the appointment.*

*The appointment of Michael Lewis as Hon Auditor was proposed by Heather Cordell and seconded by Jane Lewis; all present voted in favour of the appointment.*

#### 9. Any other business

*It was noted that the next NCA Event would be a trip to the Glasshouse to watch the film "Psycho" with a live orchestra on 31<sup>st</sup> October; the deadline to join the block booking has passed, but anyone that wants to come can always book their own tickets (if there are still tickets left) and join us for coffee or snacks beforehand.*

*Members were urged to watch out for announcements about the Christmas Lunch on 29<sup>th</sup> November (for which the booking period would be very short) and the Festive Tea and Film on 14<sup>th</sup> December.*