



**Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Buxton International Festival**  
**Registered Charity No. 1184840**

**All Friends of Buxton International Festival are invited to the 2026 AGM to be held at 10.30 a.m. on  
Friday 27 February 2026 at the Lee Wood Hotel, The Park, Park Road, Buxton SK17 6YQ**

Tea & coffee will be served from 10:00

**Draft Agenda**

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 March 2025 (copy available at here:  
<https://buxtonfestival.co.uk/app/uploads/FoBIF-AGM-minutes-7-March-2025.pdf>)
3. Audited Financial Statements, incl. Trustees' Annual Report for Year ended 31 October 2025 (copy  
available here: <https://buxtonfestival.co.uk/app/uploads/FoBIF-Trustees-Annual-Report.pdf>)
4. Proposal to appoint Laytons of Buxton as the charity's examiners for 2026-2027
5. Election of Committee members (trustees) for 2026-2027\*
  - Joan Matthews, Helen Brown and Ettie Williams retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election
  - To elect Lucy Marsden as a committee member (trustee)
6. Buxton Festival Foundation – update from Kate Redford, Chairman
7. Festival 2026 – update from Michael Williams, CEO, Buxton International Festival
8. Provisional Date of next AGM: Friday 26 February 2027
9. Any other business

Please confirm your attendance or send apologies to the Friends Administrator, Lee Barnes, who may be contacted at: E: [friends@buxtonfestival.co.uk](mailto:friends@buxtonfestival.co.uk) T: 01298 70395 or Friends of Buxton International Festival, 3 The Square, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 6AZ.

\*Anyone wishing to put themselves forward for election or re-election as a committee member should submit a form of nomination to the Friends Secretary [friendssecretary@buxtonfestival.co.uk](mailto:friendssecretary@buxtonfestival.co.uk) ) signed by a proposer and a seconder, one of whom should be an existing committee member, at least 14 days before the AGM. Any additional items for the agenda should be submitted to the Friends Secretary again at least 14 days before the AGM.

Following the AGM there will be a recital from harpist Alis Huws at 11.45am; tickets cost £10.00 per person in advance; £12.00 on the door. To book a ticket or tickets, please visit [www.buxtonfestival.co.uk/friends-of-bif/friends-events](http://www.buxtonfestival.co.uk/friends-of-bif/friends-events)

Alis is a former Official Royal Harpist (2019 to 2024) and is a celebrated soloist, orchestral and chamber musician. She performs widely across the UK and internationally, with tours to Japan, Europe, the US, Hong Kong and the Middle East. Alis had the honour of performing at His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation at Westminster Abbey.

The trustees will be staying on at the Lee Wood for lunch and would be delighted to see you there. The price is £20.00; details are on the Festival website through which any booking should be made.

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