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24th April 2025

Dear Member,

INVITATION TO THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF RIVER MOLE RIVER WATCH

17th MAY 2025 WITH START OF BUSINESS AT 10:00am

AT THE LEATHERHEAD FOOTBALL CLUB, GUILDFORD ROAD, FETCHAM, KT22 9AS

(Ample free parking on site and a short walk from buses and train station)

I am delighted to invite you to the second Annual General Meeting of River Mole River Watch after what has been a very busy and eventful year for our organisation. We hope that you will be able to come and will find the morning interesting and enjoyable.

We will be starting with the formal business of our AGM, followed by a talk from Erica Popplewell, Campaign Manager at River Action, about the newly founded Friends of the Thames and how we can work together to amplify pressure for better water quality and river health throughout the Thames Catchment. We will also receive updates from Lewis Campbell from South East Rivers Trust and Ria Woodfield of SES Water. Jess Neumann, who is one of our trustees and Associate Professor at Reading University, will share exciting news about how we are planning to work with the university in the future.

Those of you who are testers will also have the opportunity to collect reagent top-ups and, for those already notified by Simon, your new test equipment. Finally, Nigel Bond, our Chairman, will give a very short presentation about the Leatherhead stretch of the river as an introduction to a riverside walk for those who would like to join us. Please bring a picnic lunch which, weather permitting, we can eat by the river.

We plan to start the formal business part of the meeting with Chairman's and Treasurer's reports from Nigel Bond and Chris Budleigh who joined us as Treasurer in November 2024. We also take this opportunity to thank Martin Farrell who has now stood down as Treasurer. His contribution to setting up the organisation is much appreciated. The reports will cover our activities over the past year and our hopes and plans for the future. We welcome questions but advance notice would help us to be able to provide better and more complete answers. In addition, all members are entitled to present resolutions to the meeting to be voted on by the membership. If you wish to do so, please let us know before May 2nd so that we can prepare for any discussion of the issue at the meeting.

Transitioning to the new River Mole River Watch CIO

As most of you are aware we are in the process of converting River Mole River Watch from an unincorporated association to a Community Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") and Registered



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Charity. I am pleased to say that we are now at the very last step, which we will be able to complete at this meeting.

A quick update: We have now formed the CIO, also called River Mole River Watch, so no change in name or logo is required. This is Registered Charity Number 1212153, registered on February 14th 2025. If you look us up on the Charity Commission website you will see that all the current trustees are listed as founder trustees of the CIO providing continuity over the transition. This also means that there will be no elections until the first AGM of the CIO which will be in spring 2026. If you would like to know more about our trustees please look at their biographies on the website: rivermoleriverwatch.org.uk.

All that remains to do is to formally wind up the "old" unincorporated association and transfer its assets (money, equipment and membership) to the CIO. This requires two thirds of the members present at the meeting to pass a resolution to that effect. You will find the exact wording of the resolution we will ask you to agree on the attached Agenda.

You may ask what difference the change-over will make. In day-to-day terms we hope it will be little or none. However, one major difference is that we will need to submit reports annually to the Charity Commission. On the plus side, trustees are better protected from personal liability and we have no limits on the amount of money we can raise within a given year.

I have attached the Minutes of last year's AGM, the Agenda for this year's AGM and copies of the Chairman's and Treasurer's Reports.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at rivermoleriverwatch@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day,

Kind Regards,

Sue Bond

Secretary



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AGENDA

- 1) Agree the Minutes of River Mole River Watch's AGM held on 20th April 2024
- 2) Reports from the Chairman and Treasurer
- 3) To consider the following resolution, proposed and seconded by the trustee board:

RESOLUTION OF RIVER MOLE RIVER WATCH

CLOSURE OF CHARITY AND TRANSFER OF ASSETS TO RIVER MOLE RIVER WATCH CIO

We, the members and trustees of the unincorporated association known as River Mole River Watch founded in April 2023, agree to wind up and close the association and to transfer all assets, including money, equipment and membership, to River Mole River Watch CIO, Registered Charity Number 1212153. In doing this we are following the recommendation of the Charity Commission. This decision to be passed on Saturday May 17th 2025 by at least two thirds of the members attending the general meeting today in accordance with the association's governing document (Small Charity Constitution).

The transfer of assets is to the newly founded River Mole River Watch CIO which has identical objects and will continue the work started by the association. This is also in accordance with our governing document. The transfer will be made on or before Monday June 30th 2025 using a General Vesting Order.

- 4) Any members' resolutions

The meeting will conclude with presentations, distribution of testing equipment and reagents and a riverside walk.

Sue Bond,

Secretary.