

# Upwey Society

## Annual General Meeting 2020 – Calling Notice

The 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Upwey Society will be held at 7:30 pm on 12 March 2020 at Upwey Old School Village Hall, Church Street, Upwey, DT3 5QE.

The business to be conducted will be:

1. Chair's Report
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Membership Secretary's Report
5. Amendment to Constitution and Rules (see note 1)
6. Election of Officers and Committee (see note 2)
7. Election of Accounts Examiner
8. Update on planning matters
9. Use of retained funds (see note 3)
10. Future of the "Silent Soldier" (see note 4)
11. Any other business

### Notes:

#### **1. Amendment to Constitution and Rules**

It is proposed to add the elected office of Vice Chair. This is to generally support the Chair, amongst other things when the Chair cannot be present at meetings. Correspondingly the maximum number of non-officer committee members would be reduced from 13 to 12. A copy of the Constitution and Rules showing draft amendments has been circulated alongside this notice.

If the amendments are accepted then a Vice Chair may be elected at the meeting (see below).

#### **2. Election of officers and members of the committee**

The constitution and rules require that all officers and members standing for election should be nominated and seconded in writing by a member of the Society and that the nominee should indicate their willingness to stand. The existing officers and committee members are all willing to stand for re-election.

All members wishing to stand must arrange for the completion of the form sent out alongside this notice. It must identify whether they are standing for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or general committee member. It must be returned to the Secretary no later than one week before the meeting.

Election to the post of Vice Chair will only take place if the proposed amendments are carried at the meeting.

### **3. Use of retained funds**

After maintaining a reserve of £3,500, the Society has (in round terms) £4,000 that can be used, in line with the constitution, “to maintain and improve the amenity and special character of the Village of Upwey and its surroundings”. The Committee is very keen to gather members’ views, so there will be an open discussion of ideas for the use of the money. Please give the matter some thought in advance.

### **4. The future of the “Silent Soldier”**

The Silent Soldier paid for by the Society is presently on the small triangular green in Church Street (near Westbrook House). Originally a British Legion initiative to commemorate WW1 and support relevant charities, the Committee is aware that many, but certainly not all, such soldiers have been taken down. They were not intended to be very long term memorials. The Committee would be very interested in members’ views on its immediate future, including leaving it where it is. If a clear choice emerges the Chair may put the matter to a vote at the meeting.