



NHLS News

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Big Changes at the AGM

Important changes were made at the AGM on Saturday 26th March which will impact on the running of the Society for several years and should lead to a more efficient management and administration.

The new Constitution was adopted by a unanimous vote and reduces the management committee from forty members to thirty. It was only necessary to elect the committee members at the AGM, the allocation of jobs now being done at Committee level allows the work to be divided around the committee and should enable them to exploit the administrative skills of individual members. Another major change was a new secretary. Allan Portas stood down after six years in the post and John Vickery from Devon was appointed secretary and trustee. John is not entirely new to the job as he was one time secretary of the Blackdown Hills Hedgelaying Association. There were other new comers to the committee including Dean Dyer from Buckinghamshire.

The full complement of the management committee is now:

Trustees:

Andrew Adams President, Robin Dale Chairman, Phil Rowell Treasurer, John Vickery Secretary, and Clive Matthew.

The rest of the committee consists of:

Nigel Adams Oxfordshire, Rob Bell Cumbria, Steve Budding Leicestershire, Nigel Carter Warwickshire, Joe Craig Cumbria, Andrew Crow Lincolnshire, Dean Dyer Buckinghamshire, Richard Finley South Yorkshire, Valerie Greaves Worcestershire, Derrick Hale Derbyshire, Phil Hart East Sussex, Andrew Hollis Warwickshire, Geoff Key Derbyshire, Emily Ledder West Yorkshire, Roger Parris Devon, Christine Rowell South Yorkshire, John Savings Oxfordshire, David Smith Leicestershire, Derek Smith Leicestershire, Phil Strugnell Surrey, Shirley Strugnell Surrey, Robert Thompson Leicestershire,

New Construction technique revolutionises construction of affordable homes.

“Build on Basics” a new UK construction consortium, has secured a government contract to provide affordable homes to Local Authorities throughout the UK. A spokesman for the company explained that the new construction technique makes use of “Hazel Rods” a material which is in plentiful supply in Southern England where there is the largest demand for housing. The new construction system has been developed after many years of research. An industry expert commented that this will mean that Hazel will be in short supply for other uses such as hedgelaying, it is expected that the government will introduce a premium tax on Hazel supplies which are not used for construction purposes. Shares in BOB the builder will be available from April the first.

**The 2011
National Championship
will be held at Arlingham in
Gloucestershire on
Saturday 22nd October.
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A view of some of the experimental construction work done by “Build on Basics” before launching their new initiative.