

NOTICE OF THE 100th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of Haslemere Educational Museum
(Company Number 03203702)

To be held at Haslemere Educational Museum
Friday 22nd November 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

AGENDA

Chair : Mrs Melanie Odell

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 2023 AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Remarks
5. Treasurer's Report and Accounts
(The Accounts will be available to view on our website for 3 weeks prior to the AGM)
Resolution 1 : Adoption of Accounts
6. Constitution of the Board of Trustees
Resolution 2 : Re-appointment of Richard Sabin for a term of 3 years
(see note overleaf)
7. AOB
including the Trustees' appointment of Honorary President and Honorary Vice Presidents

The meeting will close

Refreshments will be served

Richard Sabin

Richard Sabin has been Collections Trustee at Haslemere Educational Museum since 2018.

Richard also works full-time as Principal Curator of Mammals in the Department of Life Sciences at the Natural History Museum (NHM), London, where he has worked since 1992. With his activities primarily focused on the study of marine mammals using the Natural History Museum's world-class research collections, Richard is collaborating with colleagues from around the world to generate new scientific data from old Museum specimens.

Caring passionately for his curatorial work, Richard is part of a team of curators who manage, preserve and develop the NHM's Mammals collection. Richard was scientific lead for the redisplay of 'Hope', the NHM's iconic blue whale specimen, spending time in the Pacific to study blue whale feeding behaviour, and translating his observations into the dramatic lunge-feeding pose Hope's skeleton now displays in the NHM's Hintze Hall. Richard was also scientific lead for the NHM temporary exhibition 'Whales: Beneath the Surface' (2017-18), which explored the origins, adaptations, behaviour and culture of cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises). He has published scientific papers in a wide variety of key journals and has written books and chapters in edited works for non-specialist audiences.

He is committed to public engagement and as well as providing regular talks and tours, Richard has worked extensively with the media, giving interviews and making programmes with the BBC (including Museum of Life, Horizon: Dippy and the Whale, Natural Histories and Natural History Heroes) and Channel 5 (Natural History Museum: World of Wonders). He is currently studying the effects of late 19th – early 20th century whaling in the Antarctic on marine ecosystems using the NHM's research collections, and population structure of sperm whales in the Southern Hemisphere. He has worked as an external PhD/MPhil examiner for Oxford and Bristol Universities and is currently supervising an AHRC postdoc and two NERC-funded PhD students. He supports wildlife conservation, UK and international law enforcement through his endangered species identification work and is NHM advisor to the UK Cetacean Strandings Investigation Programme. In December 2023, he was invited to speak at COP28 in Dubai.

He works closely with the arts and humanities to bring new perspectives and meanings to natural history collections and is dedicated to expanding access to collections and diversifying museum audiences.

Richard has served two terms of three years as a Trustee of Haslemere Educational Museum. It is proposed he be appointed as a Trustee for a third term of three years.