AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 6 April 2016 at Gilbert Murrary Hall, University of Leicester (published online – www.bou.org.uk/BOU-2016-AGM-minutes/)

3. Adoption of the Annual Report of Council and Approval of Accounts for 2016 (see notes overleaf)

4. Elections to Council:

   Council proposes that Graham Appleton be elected as Honorary Treasurer to replace Julianne Evans; that Juliet Vickery be elected as Vice President to replace Shelley Hinsley; that Hugh Wright be elected as an Ordinary Member to Chair the Engagement Committee; and that Will Cresswell be elected as an Ordinary Member to replace Karl Evans (see notes overleaf)

   Any further nominations must be received by the Honorary Secretary by 15 February 2017 — Rule 17.2 applies*

5. Appointment of Auditors

6. Any other business (any items should be received by the Honorary Secretary by 15 February 2017 — Rule 10.3 applies*)

   * BOU Rules are available online at www.bou.org.uk/BOU-Rules-2010.pdf or from the BOU Office (below).
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Item 3 – copies of the Annual Report of Council and Accounts for 2016 will be available at the annual conference. They will also be available on the BOU website (www.bou.org.uk/about-the-bou) and from the BOU Office (address overleaf) from 15 March 2017.

Item 4 – Council nominees for election to Council (see overleaf)

Graham Appleton worked for the BTO from 1997 to 2013, initially as a fundraiser and latterly as the Director of Communications. He is now semi-retired, spending much of his time as a freelance writer and science blogger (wadertales.wordpress.com). Prior to working for the BTO, Graham had a career as a mathematics teacher and deputy head, during which time he was a member of BTO Council and its Finance & Operations and Ringing Committees. He has been the Honorary Treasurer of the Scottish Ornithologists’ Club and the Wash Wader Ringing Group and still serves as a Trustee of the BTO Pension Fund. He was co-opted onto BOU Council during 2016. If elected, Graham will serve as Honorary Treasurer.

Will Cresswell is Professor of Biology at the University of St Andrews and has been studying predator-prey interactions, and the ecology of migrant birds for the last 25 years. Current research priorities are to understand the factors determining the density and distribution of Palearctic migrants wintering in West Africa so that we can address their continuing declines in the face of anthropogenic habitat and climate change. As part of the solution he is also involved with capacity building in the region through helping to run the AP Leventis Ornithological Research Institute that trains future African ornithologists.

Juliet Vickery is head of international research at RSPB’s Centre for Conservation Science. Following a DPhil at Oxford University she held research positions at the University of East Anglia, Scottish Natural Heritage, the University of Edinburgh and the BTO. Key research interests include ecology and conservation of farmland and migrant birds, the protection of biodiversity in UK overseas territories, and the link between livelihoods and conservation. She is an honorary research fellow at the University of Cambridge, Chair of the Policy Committee of the British Ecological Society, part of the expert panel for the Darwin Initiative, and on the advisory group for the Cambridge student conference. If elected, Juliet will serve as Vice President.

Hugh Wright is a Marine Protected Areas Advisor at JNCC, working in protected areas science to advise the UK governments on protected areas designations. Hugh has been continuously involved with BOU activities since 2009, sitting on the Meetings Committee (2009-12) as the BOU’s first Early-career Researcher representative, on BOU Council as an Ordinary Member and member of the Engagement Committee (2012-16). Hugh has a background in researching the conservation ecology of threatened bird species and their relationship with agriculture in the developing world. If elected, Hugh will serve as Chair of the Engagement Committee.