



## NEW FOREST PONY BREEDING AND CATTLE SOCIETY

### COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2025 – REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are invited for election to NFPB&CS Council from March 2025. Six members of the Council are due to retire by rotation and all are eligible to stand for re-election.

#### **The Council**

The Council is the Society's governing body, and is responsible for the strategic direction of the Society and monitoring its operations and overall performance. The Society is both a registered charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee, and a Council Member is both a charity trustee and a company director. More about the role and responsibilities of charity trustees can be found at the Charity Commission website: [www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk)

The Council normally meets four times a year, which are a mixture of live and online meetings, although the aim in 2025 may be to hold these mainly as live meetings in Lyndhurst. In addition, Council Members are expected to attend the AGM, the breed show and certain other events as may be determined from time to time by the Council. The General Purposes Committee, of which all Council members are members, meets monthly except when Council meets. These were by Zoom in 2024 and this is likely to continue for the majority of meetings in 2025. Council members normally sit on at least one other Committee, and may also be invited to serve on working groups.

Members elected to the Council serve for three years before retiring by rotation. There is no maximum consecutive term.

#### **The Election Process**

1. Only paid-up members of the Society are eligible for election. In accepting nomination, each candidate declares that they are not disqualified by law from acting as charity trustee or company director.
2. Nominations may be made only by paid-up members of the Society and must be seconded, also by a paid-up member.
3. Nomination forms may be requested by email to [secretary@newforestpony.com](mailto:secretary@newforestpony.com) or by telephoning the Society office, 01425 672775.
4. Nominations must be made on a proper form and shall include the candidate's brief biographical details, and election address, including the contribution which they consider they can make to the Society, not exceeding 250 words.
5. The closing date for nominations is 31 December 2024
6. If the number of nominations does not exceed the number of vacancies, all of the candidates shall deem to be elected.
7. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies, details of each candidate, together with a voting paper, will be circulated with the AGM agenda papers to all members who are entitled to vote.
8. Only correctly completed voting papers shall be valid and no other form of vote will be valid. The validity of any voting paper shall be determined by the independent scrutineer, appointed by the Council, whose decision is final.
9. The election result will be announced at the AGM.



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**NOMINATION FORM FOR COUNCIL MEMBER**

Nominee .....

I accept the nomination for membership of the Council of the New Forest Pony Breeding and Cattle Society for the term March 2025 – March 2028. I confirm that I am not disqualified by law from serving as a charity trustee or company director. I confirm that I am a fully paid-up member of the Society.

Signature .....

Date .....

Nominated by .....

I confirm that I am a fully paid-up member of the Society

Signature .....

Date .....

Seconded by .....

I confirm that I am a fully paid-up member of the Society

Signature .....

Date .....

**Closing date for receipt of nominations: 31 December 2024**

**Return form to:  
The Secretary, New Forest Pony Breeding and Cattle Society,  
Deepslade House, Ringwood Road, Bransgore, Hants BH23 8AA**



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**NOMINATED CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT**

Nominee .....

**BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS**

**ELECTION ADDRESS, including the contribution the candidate believes they can make to the Society (maximum 250 words)**

Signature .....

Date .....