

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Pinner Local History Society will be held at the St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Pinner, HA5 3AA, on Thursday 7th May 2026 at 8pm

AGENDA – PLHS 53rd AGM, 7th May 2026

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approving the Minutes of 52nd AGM held on 1st May 2025 (Published in Newsletter No. 157 Summer 2025)
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
5. Receiving the Chairman's Report
6. Receiving the Treasurer's Report and Examined Accounts for the period ending 31st March 2026
7. Receiving Report from the Research Group Leader
8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
President
Vice Presidents
Chairman
Vice Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
Members of the Committee
9. Motion to approve amendments to constitution for registered charity no 285842
10. Vote of thanks and reappointment of Tim Owen as the Examiner of Accounts
11. Any Other Business
12. Close AGM

Please note that voting at the AGM is restricted to paid up members only.

The AGM papers including the accounts for 2025/26 will be emailed to members during the week of 11th April.

The Pinner Local History Society welcomes nominations for Officers and the Committee. Members wishing to join the Committee should submit their nominations to the Hon. Secretary by 17th April. The nomination form should have the name of the proposer and seconder, and ideally their membership numbers. The Nomination form can be found here: <https://www.pinnerlhs.org.uk/news/aggm/>.

Alternatively, please email us at enquiries@pinnerlhs.org.uk or call 020 8868 6638 for a form.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION OF REGISTERED CHARITY NO 285842

The Committee has completed a careful review of the Society's Constitution to ensure it reflects how PLHS operates today and reflects current best practice across the charity sector, and propose the following changes. The proposed updates do not change the spirit or purpose of the Society — they simply bring our rules up to date.

The key change that is being made is to the Objects to the Society; all the other changes are minor.

Objects

Following discussions with the Charity Commission about changes to the Objects of the Society, the Charity Commission have approved changing the Objects of the Society:

"Based on the supporting information you have provided we can provide formal consent under s.280A of the Charities Act 2011 (as amended) to change the charity's objects clause to read:

The objects of the Society shall be to encourage the study of and interest in local history and archaeology in all its aspects with a special reference to the history of Pinner and its environs and to achieve these objects the Society shall have the following powers: -

- 1. To promote public lectures, conferences, and visits concerned with history and related subjects.*
- 2. To publish as may be appropriate studies concerned with history and related subjects.*
- 3. To support as appropriate the publication by others of studies concerned with these subjects.*
- 4. To raise, invite, and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscriptions, donations or otherwise provided that the Society shall not undertake any permanent trading activity.*
- 5. To set up and maintain research and archives to support activities of the Society.*
- 6. To receive whether by way of loan, gift, or bequest any books, manuscripts or other historical documents or articles which appear to the Committee to be relevant to the objects of the Society, and the Committee in their absolute discretion shall make such arrangements as seem appropriate for retention and/or display of such items"*

The objects of the Society have been updated to include points 5 and 6 above.

We are also suggesting minor changes to the constitution that have been approved by the Committee Members. The changes are highlighted below for your information.

Changes at a Glance

- Membership is now open to anyone who subscribes — no election required.
- Membership categories updated; "Ordinary Members" renamed to Individual Members.
- Committee structure modernised: Membership Secretary and Editor added; fixed number of "Ordinary members" removed.
- Remote decision-making formally permitted.
- Research & Archives added as an explicit object.
- Gifts section incorporated into Objects.
- AGM reporting updated: Chairman's Report replaces Secretary's Report.
- Subscription concession period extended (January instead of February).
- "Auditor" replaced with Independent Accounts Examiner.
- Requirement added that funds must be held in the Society's bank account.
- Annual General Meeting to be held by 30th of June each year.

Members will be asked to approve the updated Objects at the AGM, but do not require formal approval from the Charities Commission.

Why These Changes?

These updates help ensure the Society remains well governed, transparent, and aligned with current best practice — while continuing to promote and preserve the history of Pinner. If members approve the revised Constitution at the AGM, it will replace the 1982 version currently in use which you can view at <https://www.pinnerlhs.org.uk/plhs-constitution/>.