

Dear HPS Dorset Group members

As you may know Debbie Steel is nearing the end of her fourth year as chairman of our Group. Before this, she was Group treasurer for three years. Debbie is happy to stand as chairman until the 2022 AGM, but will then be standing down. So, for the year 2021 -2022 we are looking for a Vice chair to learn the ropes and take over the chairmanship from February 2022. Basic duties for a chairman would include; representing and promoting the Group to outside bodies; chairing committee meetings, currently about five times a year; preparing an annual report for presentation at the AGM and hosting speakers at Group meetings.

As members, you will know that Debbie does a lot more than the above, including setting up and running our excellent website. She would like to relinquish this job at the forthcoming AGM, so as well as a Vice chair, we are also asking for someone to come forward and take on the role of webmaster, as of the February 2021 AGM. It is not an onerous job, with Debbie having done the hard work in setting up the website in its current format. The role now mainly involves keeping the website up to date, adding new information, photographs, etc., but there is scope to enhance & improve what we already have and for the new Webmaster to put their stamp on it, as they wish. Full support will be given to anyone wishing to take this on. It is not necessarily a committee role, although this would help to keep in the loop with planning and development of the Group.

The committee is appealing to all members to consider taking on these rôles or recommending to us anyone outside the membership who may be suitable such as a partner or friend; neither the vice chairman nor webmaster have to be gardeners!

Let us continue the work undertaken by Debbie and her committee over the last four years and maintain the high standard which the Dorset Group enjoys.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss either role further and the committee really hopes someone will come forward and volunteer!

Best wishes

Penny Cleaver, Group Secretary.