



## Turner Syndrome Support Society (TSSS)

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**12<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

### **Turner Syndrome Support Society UK Annual General Meeting**

This year we are unable to host our AGM in person as we would do normally, having had to cancel all face to face events until spring 2021 at the earliest.

The Trustees and Committee members discussed how we could host our AGM and ensure you were updated and informed in as much detail as you would have been in person. We are offering a wide range of options for our members and to meet our legal requirements.

Therefore, we are going to publish our Full Annual Report and Trustees standing for election on the members Facebook page and on the TSSS website.

You will be able to read the report and details of the trustees who are standing for election. There will be a link to a site which will give you the option to vote, on the trustee elections and your approval of the annual report.

We will also publish an Executive Summary of the Annual Report and Financial Statement in the newsletter with a link to vote.

Any questions can be e-mailed to the TSSS office in advance of the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**Minutes of AGM 2019  
TSSS Annual General Meeting  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Park Hall Hotel, Chorley, Nr Preston, Lancashire PR7 5LP**

<b>Present:</b>	Stephen Wall	Chairperson/Trustee
	Susie Wall	Chairperson/Trustee
	Arlene Smyth	Executive Officer
	Jackie O'Keeffe	Treasurer/Trustee
	Sam Cubitt	Secretary
	Kerry Bruerton	Trustee
	Jane Raper	Fundraising Officer/Committee Member
	Kylie Smyth	Committee Member
	Ali Andrews	Committee Member
	Matt Andrews	Committee Member
	Charlotte Raper	Committee Member/Young Adult Representative
	Meg Cubitt	Committee Member/Young Adult Representative
	Ella Phillips-Ansell	Committee Member/Young Adult Representative
<b>Apologies:</b>	Simon Holden, Vice Chairperson	



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### Welcome:

Stephen Wall welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked everyone for attending the Society's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

The minutes from 2018 AGM were proposed by Les Walker and seconded by Hayley Cleaver and additional copies of the AGM could be printed if requested. There were no trustees or committee members up for re-election this year.

A copy of the Annual report was given out which has also been put onto the Society's website for anyone to read. Again, if anyone wanted extras copies it was available to be printed. The report talks about the Open Days and other events/activities the Society has been doing during the last financial year. Arlene has attended a few other conferences during the year and has been very busy travelling from one end of the country to the other and also travelling overseas to Europe.

A tremendous amount of work happens behind the scenes with lots of miles covered and continuous work at the office including preparation for the International Conference in 2020. The register of interest and accommodation details went out for the International and the Society is beginning to get feedback.

Every year Jackie spends hours putting numbers into the computer and balances the accounts. The profit has gone down slightly due to a slight increase in the expenses. It was explained that all the money seen in the bank accounts was not just available for use of the Society's running costs but some is reserved and some restricted. The Society receives money from benefactors who restrict the money when donating and sometimes specify what the money is to be spent on, for example, producing fact sheets, open days, International conference, our annual Conference, heart cards, Aspects etc. Money which is kept in the current account is for the day to day running of the Society, wages, stationery, light and heat, telephone, repairs to the office, etc.

Stephen again would like to thank all the volunteers, trustees and committee for all their continued help, without them the Society would not happen and also thanked the members for continually fundraising and donating and they should be applauded.

There will not be the normal Conference next year at Park Hall due to the International taking place but there are ideas of having a party to celebrate the Society's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.



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Stephen asked if anyone had any questions, but there was none. He also said if anyone would like more information on how the Society is run or would like to volunteer then to approach any of the trustees or committee. There are 6 trustees who are the main responsibility for running the Society and are Stephen Wall, Susie Wall, Jackie O'Keeffe, Sam Cubitt, Kerry Bruerton and Simon Holden. To become a trustee you have to have been a committee member for a period of time first.

Finally, the confirmed date for the International in Stirling is 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and a draft programme has already been put together.

Stephen officially closed the AGM and wished everyone a great weekend.

Arlene thanked the trustees and committee for all their continued support.

### **Agenda**

**Apologies**

**Minutes of 2019 AGM**

**Annual report**

**Trustee Elections 2020**

**Any Other Business ?????**

### **Trustee Elections 2020**

Trustees standing for re-election are: Kerry Bruerton , Simon Holden and Jackie O'Keeffe



Hi, I am Kerry Bruerton, I am a woman with Turner Syndrome, I was diagnosed at about the age of 8 and in the late seventies early eighties there was little or no information available for my parents or myself. I am a Business Support Administrator with the local authority. I am proud of what the society and members have achieved over the last 21 years. Supporting anyone with a connection to turners whether it is a diagnosis a parent grandparent carer to teachers and employers.



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Hi, my full name is Jacqueline O'Keeffe, but everyone calls me Jackie and have been with my husband, Shaun, for 30 years. We became members of the Society back in 2000 when our daughter, Shona, was diagnosed with Turner Syndrome at 3 months old. Straight away we received amazing support from Arlene and the Society who helped us through some very difficult times.

After a couple of years I wanted to give something back to the Society so decided to become a committee member. After time I got more heavily involved and later became a Trustee followed by taking the position of Secretary. Our second daughter, Ciara, was born in 2005 and she immediately joined the TS Family. After another couple of years the Society's lovely Co-Chair, Susie Wall, due to health reasons took the difficult decision to resign as Treasurer and I was asked if I would take over the position. I had a very hard act to follow but said 'yes'. My family continue to get help and support and we have made many life long friends through the Society. 20 years later I continue to juggle my home, family and work life with that of the being Trustee and Treasurer of the Turner Syndrome Support Society but wouldn't want it to be any other way.



Hi, I am Simon Holden, I have been honoured to have been a trustee of TSSS UK over the last several years and to have witnessed the incredible growth of the Society and to see the amazing levels of support it offers to its members. The TSSS family and team is a fantastic one & I am proud to have contributed, in however small a way, to it over the years.

I am married, have three children and am a chartered surveyor working in the construction industry. We live in Nottinghamshire. I am a southerner living up north. My eldest daughter, Amy, was diagnosed with TS in 2001 and since then my wife & I, together with our family, have been involved with the Society in several ways and have benefitted from the support and guidance offered by every one of its members and friends. I have been a committee member, I stepped in to edit the ASPECTS newsletter for a while and was then invited to be a trustee – a position which I was delighted to accept. I am currently Vice Chair of the Society.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the annual report please e-mail Arlene @ [turner.syndrome@tss.org.uk](mailto:turner.syndrome@tss.org.uk) or post to the TSSS office.