

Dear Member,

### **Royal Horticultural Society Council Elections**

Thank you for enquiring about standing as a candidate for election to the Council of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).

I am pleased to enclose an application pack, which provides further information about the election, details of what is expected from a Member of Council (trustee) and a nomination form.

In particular, I would draw your attention to the requirement for you to obtain the signature of a proposer, seconder and six supporters – all of whom must be members of the RHS. I also remind you that the formal nomination form, with accompanying supporter forms, must be received by 1 March 2022.

However, **if you wish to seek the support of Council for your nomination, you must submit an expression of interest by 17 October 2021.** You will need the support of Council in order to be considered for all or any of the proxy votes by which other members give the President discretion to cast their votes.

To submit an expression of interest, please send me a statement (maximum 500 words) summarising your relevant experience and achievements, the reasons for your interest in taking a position on the Society's Council, the skills that you have to offer, your horticultural interests and any other information in support of your expression of interest, such as a CV. Please also include your contact details and RHS membership number.

The RHS's current practice (whether you apply directly for election or seek the support of Council) is to expect all those interested in joining Council to first spend some time on an RHS Committee. This gives candidates greater knowledge of the breadth and depth of our work, which is invaluable if and when they join Council.

If you require further information, or have any questions about the nomination form, election process or expression of interest process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Stacey Bailey  
Company Secretary