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HUGH SUMMERFIELD ELECTED AS HONORARY FINANCE DIRECTOR

At the Kent County Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting on Friday 3rd February 2017, Glyn Charlton, the Society's Honorary Finance Director concluded his nine year term of office looking after financial matters for the Society and the Kent Event Centre.

During his time in the post, Glyn was instrumental in transforming the Cornwallis building into what is now the Emson Conference facility. He was also part of the Board of Directors who instigated the building of the Maidstone Exhibition Hall at the Kent County Show site, Detling, Maidstone and took a keen interest in updating and improving the Society's campsite facility, Scragged Oak Caravan Park.

Kevin Attwood, Kent County Agricultural Society Chairman, recorded a vote of thanks for the work that Glyn Charlton had put into the Society not just during his nine years as the Honorary Finance Director but as a valued member prior to his appointment.

Kevin said, "As Chairman, I enjoyed working with Glyn on a range of issues, often through challenging times for the Society. I always had complete confidence in him and received excellent support from him whatever the task we faced. The measure of Glyn's contribution and what he should be remembered for, is that he leaves the Society in a much better place than he found it".

The outgoing Honorary Finance Director, Glyn Charlton, was awarded the President's Award and was made an Honorary Vice-President for his valuable service to the Society.

The members present at the AGM, elected Hugh Summerfield as the new Honorary Finance Director. Hugh begins a three year term of office and is delighted to be given the opportunity to work closely with the Agricultural Society over the next few years.

Hugh said, "I am looking forward to working with such a strong Board of Directors and will look to continue to build on the solid foundation that the Society is currently enjoying. I am particularly interested in being able to utilise my past experience to develop the business income and reduce overheads. The Kent Event Centre is a wonderful asset for the County of Kent and I will be working with both the staff team and voluntary Board of Directors to ensure that moving forward we can see continued development of the site and return a good level of surplus".

Hugh Summerfield, Honorary Finance Director, comes from a farming family and trained in London as a Chartered Accountant after gaining a degree in Monetary Economics. His career continued at Ernst & Young, where he concentrated on the subject of auditing both international and national companies. The years in the City were followed by a partnership in the provincial professional practice of Finn-Kelcey & Chapman, which merged with Wilkins Kennedy in 2008.

Hugh now acts as a consultant to his own client portfolio and as a representative to other local chartered accountant practices in the county. Hugh holds a number of trusteeships including; The Canterbury Festival, The Canterbury Festival Foundation and The National Fruit Show.

Kevin Attwood, Chairman said, "We are really pleased that Hugh Summerfield takes on the role of Honorary Finance Director. The Society is in a good financial position and his experience and knowledge will ensure that we will continue to develop the Kent Event Centre and just as importantly look to strengthen our charitable objectives".

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