

FRIENDS OF EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS  
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025 at 12.30PM

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The meeting commenced at 12.30pm.

PRESENT

Catherine Dann, Chris Groom, Irene Groom, Keith Barnard, Tony Swan, Malcom Penny, Jo Oliver, Linda Furnell, Janet Green, Audrey Newell, Rosemary Bucksey, Gill Peters, Susan Toms, Philip Toms, Gerry Edwards, Paul Lake, Christine Lake, Denise Read, Liz Gambier, Jackie Solomon, Christine Gregory, Andy Weller, Sue Francis, Joan Butfield, Kay Rowlands, Richard Doughty.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Sue Place, Steve Place, Sue Smales Tony Bucksey, Margaret Ray, Sue Francis, Becky Haggard

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Approved

MATTERS ARISING

None

TREASURER'S REPORT CG FOR KB

Copies of the audited Income and Expenditure account for the year 2024/25 have been given out prior to the start of the meeting so I hope everyone has an opportunity to see one.

I would like to explain further what you have in front of you. Firstly, our financial year is from the 1st of May to the 30th of April 2025 so this audited account does not include this year's cancelled Summer Picnic or the Heritage Day which will be presented at next year's AGM.

To bring the Annual Income and Expenditure Account report closer to the end of our events it may be better to hold the AGM in May instead of October/November.

Under the Expenditure heading Other which is a large number, this year includes the Forest School event, London in Bloom entry, maintenance of the website, teas, coffee and biscuits as well as Tool insurance.

Budget costs for Insurance, teas, coffee, etc. are £550-00 in total, all other expenditure as and when required.

Income from public donations, the donation box in the cafe, etc. remains high. Obviously, we must be doing the right thing for our community.

As you can see at the end of our financial year the current account balance as £14,905-00 a very good position to be in.

Currently the balance at the 1st October 2025 is £15,367-00 which includes the donation of just over £300 in memory of Doris.

Although not strictly relevant to this report, I would like to mention two of our events held after the end of this report, as mentioned earlier, which will be included in next year's AGM income and Expenditure Report.

Firstly, the Annual Summer Picnic, which was cancelled due to a poor weather forecast, we did really well with our scaled down event. Despite having little income from stallholders, the book sale, craft, publications, cakes, raffle plants and Estate Agents boards made a profit after expenditure of £1,271-00 without much effort.

The Heritage Day and Classic car show generated a profit after expenditure of £1,401-00 with a lot more effort.

This current year at all events we have had the use of the card readers which has been a great help. Thank you, Malcolm, for operating the system and forwarding me the amounts taken in each event.

KB informed the meeting that the current account £16,000+ reflects £700 donated by Doris' son and daughter. The committee are to discuss what to do with the £700. The donations in memory of Doris from Friends of £300 was spent on a bird bath.

Finally, I would like to thank our Honorary Auditor, Steve Dunn, for his continued support in auditing out accounts.

The accounts were then approved by the meeting.

CG then made a proposal to change the AGM to the end of May. This was approved by the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - CG

We have a large number of speakers to get through this afternoon, so I will have to keep my report even shorter.

I could never have managed over the last year without your fantastic Committee and the many members of the Friends who have worked so hard throughout the year to make The Gardens such a resounding success. Some of you will not realize how much work goes on behind the scenes to keep Eastcote House Gardens at such a high standard. To all your excellent Committee and wonderful volunteers, we cannot thank you all enough for the exceptional work you have all carried out during the last year, and for some of you, for many years.

IF, you have read last year's minutes, some people may note that, up to this point, I said much the same last year – but, sincerely, I still mean it.

Our three main events of the year will be covered separately, but I must make some special mentions. Starting with the Tree Dressing, which had great attendance and was so well organized by Paul and Christine. For the Summer Fete and Picnic, Sadly, despite all the extensive preparation work there was an horrendous weather forecast for the day and the Summer Fete and Picnic was cancelled, but more on that later. On the Heritage Day and Classic Car Show in September, there was record attendance, record profits and record numbers of classic cars on display. Well done, Joan, Susan Toms and Keith. There were also record scores in London in Bloom but more of that later.

Now for some more general matters possibly not covered in other reports

Thanks to Paul Lake for his organization of the 2026 calendars and to FEHG members who submitted some excellent photos. Don't forget we will need photos for the 2027 edition which will soon be on the drawing board. Please be out and about the gardens with your cameras.

We held our Volunteers Lunch in the Stables in October, and our thanks go to Sue Place and her team for their excellent organization.

As mentioned in previous years, the serving of treats at break times is an important task and these are much appreciated by us all, a good cuppa, biscuits and gossip are enjoyed by everybody. To our 'Tea ladies' Margaret and Audrey, I am sorry if we do not say thank you to you often enough but we do greatly appreciate you both.

You will hear many great things in the reports that follow so you will be pleased to know that I will now finish but I must again thank everyone for their support throughout the year in keeping our wonderful gardens at a standard of which we can all be proud.

#### PRESIDENTS' REPORT- CD

During the past year there have been a few changes at the site which you will all be aware of.

The Gardens are no longer locked at night which could result in vandalism. The floral display stands just outside the Stables were removed. The Green Flag and the pole were removed. The pole has now returned minus the flag and hopefully we will see a more suitable flag representing the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens soon. It was a disappointment that the picnic had to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions expected.

I can understand if you were frustrated with these various changes. But you did not give up but carried on looking after the Gardens.

I am grateful to you for allowing me to be your President. I do not want to be someone you do not know that is why you see me around at times. I also find your committee meetings interesting.

I hope you all realise the important role you have as a Volunteer here. Thank you for your commitment throughout the year working in various weather conditions whilst looking after the Gardens. Also, for the many other events you organise which are enjoyed by so many people.

Congratulations on the many awards you have won in the past year.

#### SUMMER FETE AND PICNIC 2025 - CG

Luckily, we had a fine day for this year's Summer Fete and Picnic in June.

Oh, No, wrong year, that was last years report or was it.

As we all know it was more or less a fine day. But prior to the event the weather forecast was terrible, and stall holders had started to cancel, so we, after much discussion and with regret decided to cancel the event. However, our valiant crew managed to turn disaster into a reasonable triumph. On the day our mini summer DO was a great success, with Crafts, Books, Publications, Plants, Raffle, etc some of which made record profits. We were fortunate that the band, ferrets, etc did not charge, so, overall, we did make a very good return for the day. All I can say, is thanks to all who put in so much effort prior to and on to the day.

Let us all hope we have a fine day next year.

## HERITAGE DAY /CLASSIC CAR EVENT 2025 - ST

After the disappointment of having to cancel most of our annual Picnic Day in June it was a great relief that our Heritage Day/Classic Car event went ahead, although we were keeping our fingers crossed that the forecasted rain would come after 4pm.

Despite the unpredictable weather, 60-70 classic cars booked in to be admired by the many visitors. This year we divided the proceeds of the registration fee to enter a classic car between two local charities: the Centre for ADHD and Autism Support and the Hillingdon Brain Tumour Trust. We were able to donate £200 to each charity.

Visitors also enjoyed sampling home made cakes from the tea tent, finding a bargain at the plant or second hand book sale, looking for an early Christmas present at the craft stall or hoping to buy the lucky ticket for the raffle. Throughout the day Simply Gray entertained everyone with their three sessions of toe tapping music.

The two indoor areas also attracted many visitors. The dovecote was very busy with a record number of 328 visitors including one who had come all the way from Bromley because there is not a similar building in that part of London. Inside the Stables there were displays by the Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society, Neighbourhood Watch, Eastcote Residents Association and publications of the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens.

At 1.15pm. the Mayor Philip Corthorne presented the Community Shield to this year's winners Robert and Barbara Green in recognition of all their work in providing plants to many community groups including the Friends.

Unfortunately, the anticipated rain started during the Dog Show but it did not deter the owners and their dogs from completing the contest. The rain did contribute to an early finish to the outside activities, but everyone agreed that it was a successful day, which was only possible as ever due to the hard work of many volunteers.

## TREE DRESSING - PL

### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

After a damp and gloomy start to the day, the sun broke through just in time to shine down on our festive community event.

We hosted children from three local schools: Warrender Primary, Coteford Infants and Lady Bankes Primary School. Each school brought a choir and entertained us with festive songs.

Our three guests of honour – the Worshipful the Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr Colleen Sullivan; the Mayoress, Anne Robinson; the President of the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens, Catherine Dann – led the dressing of the tree.

In the Stables, there were beautiful crafts and also tea and cakes for sale. Other activities – including a raffle, a Teddy Bear Hunt and a "Name the Snowboy and Snowgirl" competition – made sure there was plenty for everyone to do.

We owe a huge thank you to everyone who helped before, during and after the event to make it such a success: our tea stall helpers, our very talented craft team, raffle sellers, Teddy Hunt organisers and outdoor stewards – plus Audrey on the baubles and table decorations.

Our historic yew tree was adorned with hundreds of Christmas decorations – and many more were added later by visitors to the Gardens.

Each year we present the Hinman Shield – named for George and Margaret Hinman, who saved Eastcote House Gardens and Long Meadow from development in the 1930s – to celebrate young people's involvement in community work. This year, the shield was awarded to Lady Bankes Primary School.

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

This year we should be blessed with a bumper crop of schools, with no fewer than five wishing to take part.

Along with regulars Warrender Primary, Coteford Infants and Lady Bankes Primary, we are welcoming two newcomers: Breakspear School (with whom we now have a link since they attended the Forest Schools event) and Newnham Infants (who have finally managed to hold their winter fair on a different weekend).

Another addition this year: Hannah Le Good, who works with Fiona Sweet at LBH, will be running a children's bauble-making stall. Hannah also attended the Forest Schools event and is keen to develop links with local families through the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens.

I have invited applications from all five schools for the Hinman Shield – closing date is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

MP suggested a trip to Chorleywood Common to see their wooden sculptures and their playground would give us an idea of how we may be able to enhance our outdoor classroom

## GARDEN REPORT - JO

We are now at the end of another gardening year. I am glad to say we have welcomed several new volunteers. I would like to thank both new and old for your time supporting the gardens, particularly after the long hot summer, even I got fed up with watering! Sue Francis was a great help, at the weekends.

Earlier in the summer we lost the queen of box, Doris, we all miss her. As a memorial to her we have bought a stone bird bath which we will place in the topiary bed.

The box has suffered again; we wait until the spring to see if it recovers.

We had another successful year with London in Bloom, we entered a new category Heritage Park, I am pleased to say we achieved gold. Once again thank you for all your hard work helping to keep these standards. My thanks go to Sue Francis, Denise, and Richard for regularly coming to the extra gardening sessions.

Our plants sales again have proven to be popular and profitable we have potted up and are ready for next year's sales. It has been a tricky year dealing with Hillingdon Council, thankfully Keith has badgered and managed to get them to repair the pump to the underground reservoir near the cafe. There was some confusion over the planting of the troughs during the summer. From now on we will maintain them. On a positive the Council have reseeded the wildflower area. I hope you are all looking forward to another gardening year in 2026, as the weeds will always be there.

#### **WEBSITE - PL**

Using the absence of complaints as my benchmark, I believe the website is functioning well. I endeavour to keep the content up to date (chiefly posters for forthcoming events and post-event photos, reports, etc.). Our website manager and IT guru is Dave Kidner (gxcomputers.co.uk), who continues to offer prompt support in removing obsolete messages and uploading new content.

As the committee is aware, Dave offers his time and effort free of charge. His charges for this year were just £70.00, which consisted of £30.00 to renew our domain name (up £3.00 from the previous year) and £40.00 towards Dave's annual hosting fees (no increase from the previous year). I regularly assure Dave of the Committee's gratitude, but I would like approval to spend £30.00 on wine as a thank you from us all. Approval was proposed and agreed by the meeting.

#### **Monthly numbers**

October 2024 - September 2025

Web traffic is healthy, but naturally fluctuates throughout the year:

- Total clicks – a little over 10,000
- 5 months recorded over 1000 clicks (up from 2 the previous year) – April (1070), May (1420), June (1330), August (1150) and September (1420)
- December recorded the fewest clicks – 283
- Other months fall in the 350-800 range

#### **Pages**

- The vast majority of clicks (about 70%) are for the Homepage
- The Diary Dates tab consistently scores second highest (about 20%)
- Next comes the Contacting Us tab in the Information section (less than 3%)
- These 3 pages score the highest totals every month – this means that none of the other content on the site achieves more than the occasional click

#### **Devices used**

- The vast majority of visitors (63%) access the website on their phones
- Next come desktop PCs – 32%
- Finally tablets – just 5%

#### **Overseas interest**

Over the year, the website has had visits from the following countries:

1. Ireland – 11
- 2= Canada – 9
- 2= USA – 9
4. Australia – 5
5. Bangladesh – 4
- 6= South Africa – 2
- 6= France – 2
- 6= Morocco – 2
- 6= Germany – 2
- 6= India – 2
11. Italy - 1

## PUBLICATIONS -AW

A quieter year since my last AGM report, 34 recorded sales with an income of £235. Total sales since I embarked on this journey are just a few short of 1,700.

Philip asked me to cover sales of the most popular FEHG cards. 121 cards sold. Taking into account printing costs, a profit of £159.78

## CRAFT GROUP/BOOK SALES - SS

We held six craft and seven book sales, starting in April and ending in October.

### Book sales report

The local community continues to support us. We have regular donors of books in excellent condition and on a wide variety of subjects; we have regular visitors, and we are still being 'discovered' by local residents.

Book sales in 2025 raised £831.20, £227.20 of which was taken on Heritage Day, just below the figures for last year.

My thanks to everyone who supports us by donation or buying books, to Sue Francis who helps with the sorting, and to Margaret Ray and Dave Plummer for the sales.

### Craft Group report

We lost valued members this year and welcomed new ones; our current membership is 16. General attendance during the summer was very low so no craft sessions will be held next year during July and August. During colder months attendance is around 12 or 13.

Takings for this year for craft items is over £1,200

Our FEHG tote bags continue to sell well at £5 each.

We took £149 at last year's tree dressing, and we are hoping to raise a similar amount this year.

Thank you to the talented group of crafters who have created so many beautiful items and helped with the sales and to everyone who has supported the Gardens with their purchases.

## REAL ALE CLUB - AB

My apology's once again for not being able to attend the AGM due to another engagement but I am pleased to present this report on our activities over the last year.

After 8 years, the Real Ale Club still thrives and has attracted some new members during 2025. The evenings format remains unchanged; we meet at a pre-agreed local venue on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month and provide the EHG Volunteers, partners and other supporters the opportunity to socialize away from the gardening sessions and fund-raising events.

The evenings are very informal and there is no expectation for anyone to attend every meeting. You are not expected to contribute to 'whips' or buy a 'round'. You don't even have to drink real ale, arrive at a set time nor stay all evening. But, without exception, our meetings provide the opportunity to engage in pleasant and diverse conversation, and generate smiles and laughter whilst enjoying the liquid refreshment.

Throughout 2025 we have enjoyed the hospitality of the following venues: The Woodman, Coach & Horses, The Hop & Vine (twice), Lowlands Tennis Club, Eastcote Cricket Club (twice), Oddfellow Arms and The Case is Altered.

Our next meeting will take place tonight, 6<sup>th</sup> November. The agreed venue is our second visit of the year to the Coach & Horses, Ickenham. It's very close to the tube station and all here are welcome to join us.

If any volunteers or supporters of Eastcote House Gardens and/or their partners would like to join us at future meetings then please get in touch and ask to be included in the email distribution list.

## BOOK GROUP -AB & RB

The FEHG Book Group continues to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month to discuss our personal views on the book selected to read during the previous month. Over the last year, we have experienced a wide range of genres, including murder mysteries, futuristic science fiction and historical fiction attracting a wide range of opinions from "excellent" to "why did I bother!" Or indeed on some occasions I didn't get past the first chapter!

And of course, we always find time to have a good natter and put the world to rights, discussing local and national news, and our recent or current TV and film viewings, as well as enjoying the excellent refreshments provided by each member at their respective home.

The staff at Eastcote Library continue to provide us with an excellent service and usually manage to ensure we have our next book available when needed.

## FOREST SCHOOLS TRAINING DAY - CL

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens hosted a training day for local primary school teachers given by Archimedes Forest Schools. Twenty participants spent the day learning how to make more effective use of the natural outdoor environment.

The day was led by two Forest School trainers, who shared both their underlying philosophy and a range of ideas with the teachers.

The day was entitled Outdoors and Up For It and consisted of practical activities for the teachers to use in their school grounds or in local green spaces. At the end of the day, each participant was given a booklet of ideas to share with their colleagues.

The day was an outstanding success, with every participant expressing an interest in taking further training. Feedback from teachers included how they felt more confident, had been inspired and now had a greater understanding of how to educate in the outdoors. They also expressed their intention to share their learning with colleagues, senior management, headteachers and governors.

The sun shone throughout the day and the Gardens looked particularly beautiful.

The day – including lunch – was funded by the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens with money they have raised from community events. The Committee felt that working with primary schools was an excellent way to ensure that future generations will continue to enjoy and care for the outdoor environment.

## FIRST AID/DEFIBRILLATOR - CL

### First Aid

- Other than one or two minor injuries – stings and cuts – there have thankfully been no incidents to record.
- September 2025 – All 3 First Aid boxes in the Gardener's Cabin were checked in preparation for Open House Heritage Day.
- I think we would all agree that the attendance of qualified external first aiders at public EHG events is very reassuring.
- Special thank you to Tony Swan for taking such a personal interest in our stock of plasters!

### Defibrillator

- At 3:30 a.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025, I received an email informing me that the London Ambulance Service had given out the location of our defibrillator. Once this information has been given out, the status of the defibrillator on the Circuit changes to *Unavailable*.

Later that morning I checked the condition of the defibrillator. It had not been used, and was in perfect working order. I updated the status back to *Available For Use*.

It is to be hoped that the person who contacted the ambulance service received the help they needed.

- Recently, we noticed that the light in the defibrillator cabinet was not working. Bulb replacement did not solve the problem, but Alex in the Gardens Café mentioned that LBH personnel had recently disconnected some electrical cables. Once we notified the council, they moved very quickly to reconnect the cabinet.

N.B.: at no time was the defibrillator itself out of service. It is powered by its own battery and does not require mains electricity.

- The last quarterly defibrillator check was in September 2025, and all was well.

## DOVECOTE OPENING - ST

The decision to open the dovecote once a month on Saturday morning from April to October continues to be a success and generates many positive comments.

The number of visitors is as follows:

April 67 visitors

May 101 visitors

July 34 visitors.

August 47 visitors

October 53 visitors

The extra high visitor numbers for May were due to a very popular exhibition in the Stables on the same day commemorating VE Day. The exceptionally low attendance in July was probably down to a heatwave spell.

The dovecote was also very busy for the two main events organised by the Friends. Unfortunately we had to cancel all the outside activities for our Picnic in June, but the dovecote still attracted 185 visitors. The Heritage/Classic Car Day in September was definitely our best with a record attendance of 328.

None of the above would be possible without the commitment and enthusiasm of our small group of volunteer stewards who enjoy sharing their knowledge with the public. It never ceases to amaze me how often we have visitors who have lived in the area for years but had no idea the dovecote was here or its purpose and history. I would like to thank all the dovecote stewards for their hard work and issue an invitation to anyone who would like to join the group. However, there is one downside. At present we do not seem to have the same level of commitment to our historic buildings on the site from the local authority. There are several repairs outstanding for the dovecote and yet there has

been no action on them in some cases for years. We realise the authority is under financial pressures but it would be reassuring to see more evidence that they recognise the historical importance of the site.

#### LONG MEADOW INSECT/BUTTERFLY REPORT

This year's survey took place between May and September although several weeks were missed because of bad weather. This was the second year running when the weather in April was unfavourable for recording purposes.

The butterflies were very scarce during May. Numbers reached their peak during June and July and then tailed off throughout August and September.

Some species like the Whites and Speckled Woods were more or less present throughout the whole period while others such as the Common Blue, Gatekeepers and Meadow Browns were seen over several consecutive months. In comparison, others like the Skippers, Marbled Whites and Ringlets were in flight for only three to five weeks.

Populations varied between the species. Those with the highest numbers were the Gatekeepers, Meadow Browns, Common Blues, Whites, and Ringlets. Those with the lowest populations were Commas and Red Admirals. And, unfortunately, Brimstones, Orange Tips, Painted Ladies, and Peacocks were totally absent.

We contributed to the Big Butterfly Count this year. The count is made by spending 15 minutes in a sunny spot and recording what and how many butterflies you see. The results are then sent to Butterfly Conservation. This year we covered three areas: the roped-off area in Long Meadow, the Prairie Bed, and the Walled Garden. One of the conclusions that can be drawn from the results is that the Walled Garden does not support many butterflies, perhaps because there are insufficient food plants for them.

We will put the detailed records on the website as in previous years.

The main survey was undertaken by Christine Wallace and myself and I'd like to thank those who also participated in the Big Butterfly Count, which is an event we propose to repeat again next year.

#### EASTCOTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOW REPORT FOR 2025 - SP

The day of the Spring show heralded rather chilly weather but with bright sunshine. The Friends of Eastcote House Gardens team entered 42 exhibits covering daffodils along with hellebores and other plants. We were awarded the following:

1<sup>st</sup> x 9

2<sup>nd</sup> x 9

3<sup>rd</sup> x 8

Highly commended x 1 (Total 27)

We were also awarded a Silver Medal and rosette for the best exhibit in Section B – other horticulture for our hellebores floating in water.

At the spring show trophies are awarded for points accumulated during 2024 and the Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr Colleen Sullivan was present to present these awards. FEHG were awarded two cups, The Highmead Cup for the highest points in apple classes throughout the year and the TG Morris Memorial Challenge Cup for the highest points in fruit classes. The summer show falls at a difficult time when some plants have finished flowering and others are yet to flower. The Friends of Eastcote House Gardens team entered 28 exhibits and we were awarded the following:

1<sup>st</sup> x 3

2<sup>nd</sup> x 7

3<sup>rd</sup> x 8 (Total 18)

At this show we were awarded the RHS Banksian medal for the highest number of points accumulated during the three shows in 2024.

The Autumn show this year followed a week of rather wet weather. However, the Friends team managed 23 entries into the show. We were awarded the following :

1<sup>st</sup> x 9

2<sup>nd</sup> x 6

3<sup>rd</sup> x 3 Total 18)

We were also awarded a Gold medal diploma certificate for the "highest points in other flowers" (excluding chrysanthemums and dahlias). These include grasses, ferns, perennials, flowering shrubs but not the herbs which fall under vegetables.

I would like to thank my brilliant regular team of Jane Neave, Janet Green and Linda Wells and this year we were assisted at various times by Linda Furnell, Rosemary Bucksey and Tom Neave for picking, staging and clearing away afterwards which we undertake on behalf of the Friends of Eastcote House gardens.

Sue Place was again asked to help with stewarding, which this autumn was interesting as there were new judges

#### FEHG VOLUNTEERS' PICNIC LUNCH - SP

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 30 volunteers from the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens gathered in the stables for a volunteer's picnic lunch. This event enables gardeners and other volunteer's such as from the craft group to get together for a social and to find out the results from the London in Bloom judging.

#### LONDON IN BLOOM – JO/CG

Chris Groom and Jo Oliver attended the award ceremony at RHS Wisley on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>. FEHG had been entered for 5 classes. This year we entered a new Heritage Park/Garden category.

The results were:

Our community – Gold Award

Walled Garden – Gold Award

Park (5- 10acres) – Gold Award

Your Neighbourhood Award – 5 Outstanding (the highest level)

A new class for us this year – Heritage Park/Garden – Gold Award

It was a very successful event, and everyone was pleased with our results.

#### AOB

JO requested small cakes for the Tree Dressing

KB queried the number of calendars that should be printed in future given that we have approximately 50 surplus this year; possibly due to the cancellation of the summer picnic. More may be sold at the Tree Dressing.

CG to discuss with CL.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2025/26

The following members were proposed and approved:-

##### OFFICERS

President	Catherine Dann
Chairman	Chris Groom
Deputy Chairman	Malcolm Penny
Treasurer	Keith Barnard
Secretary	Joan Butfield

##### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jo Oliver - Head Gardener

Sue Place

Tony Swan

Sue Smales

Paul Lake

Christine Lake

Susan Toms

Denise Read

##### OTHER ROLES

Hon. Auditor - Steve Dunn

Advisor - Gerry Edwards

Council Liaison Officers: Joshua Wallington, Green Spaces; Fiona Sweet, Museums and Historic Buildings.

By invitation: Cllr.Nick Denys & Cllr . Becky Haggar

The meeting closed at 1.25pm.