

FRIENDS OF EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS  
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP - COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2025 AT 11AM - VOLUNTEERS CABIN

AGENDA

The meeting commenced at 11.05am

PRESENT

Catherine Dann, Denise Reed, Jo Oliver, Paul Lake, Tony Swan, Keith Barnard, Chris Groom, Sue Smales, Susan Toms, Malcolm Penny, Joan Butfield

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Christine Lake, Sue Place

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2024 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - KB

General Current Account balance	£15,197.85
Reserve Savings Account balance	£ 5,162.47

Tree Dressing 30th November 2024

Raffle	£80-00
Teas including sum-up	£156-03
Sale of calendars	£60-00
Audrey Gifts	£10-50
Craft	£200-00

Total Income	£506-53
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Expenses

Tea and cake stall	£59-16
Song sheets, Engraving Hinman Shield	£25-95

Total Expenditure	£85-11
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Grand Total/Profit. £506-53-£85-11	£421-42
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2025 EVENTS - DATES/LEADERS

Main events

Summer Fete 7th June - CG and KB

KB said that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and past mayors have been invited to the Hillingdon Picnic in the Park on 7th June.

After consultation with CD, it was agreed that KB would contact the Mayor's Office requesting CD's presence at our event and also that she wears her navy blue robes.

It was also agreed that David Simmonds MP should be invited.

Heritage Day - 14th September -ST, JB and KB

KB said that London Bus, Brooklands, had approached him offering to bring a heritage bus . It was agreed that a small single decker bus would be suitable.

Community Shield - JB suggested and it was agreed that Robert and Barbara Green should be asked to be the recipients of this year's Community Shield.

KB will contact Mayor's office to book Mayor.

Tree Dressing - 29th November PL and C Lake

KB will book Mayor

Forest School - 1st April - CL

In November 2024 letters were sent out to all primary schools in the London Borough of Hillingdon and to several Harrow schools in our vicinity inviting them to take part in the training day on 1st April 2025. In total, 22 places have been requested: 17 Hillingdon schools and 4 Harrow schools, plus the Hillingdon Council Education Officer.

I am delighted with the response. In early March I will send out more detailed information about the day to all the participants. Jo Oliver will be assisting with the catering on the day.

Another aspect of the day will be to enlist the expertise of the Forest Schools trainer regarding potential improvements for our outdoor classroom.

London in Bloom - JO

Dates to be announced

Volunteers Lunch - SP

Date to be announced

EHS Shows - SP

Dates for 2025 are Saturday 15th March, Saturday 14th June and Saturday 6th September. Preparations are underway for the spring show. I am away but Jane Neave will be leading. Show schedule is already available on the EHS website and I will be communicating with the team shortly

Dovecote Opening -ST

12th April, 10th May, 12th July, 9th August, 25th October plus main events except Tree Dressing

Plant sales - JO

12th April, 10th May, plus fete and Heritage Day

Book Sales -SS

12th April, 10th May, 12th July, 9th August, 25th October plus main events except Tree Dressing. When it is the anniversary of VE Day it should provide an opportunity to promote our WW2 books.

Craft Sales - SS

12th April 10th May, 12th July, 9th August, 25th October plus main events.

Our craft stall at the last event of 2024 ,Tree Dressing, made a profit of £152, £82 in cash and £70 card. however only a relatively small proportion of goods were sold so this year we will aim to keep it smaller and simpler.

AGM - CW

Other Events

CG suggested a Quiz Night in February . He will ask TB to compile the questions and it was agreed participants would bring their own drinks and food.

Outdoor Classroom CL

Sub-committee needs to be set up after the 1st April - CL, PL, JO and Mark Lemon

First Aid - CL

At 3.30am on 3rd 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.

Bank Card Readers - MP

Worked ok at the Tree Dressing when £45. was collected. It was agreed to purchase another card reader but without the printer.

Box Hedging - JO

More money needs to be spent on the box hedging. More work is also required on the topiary.

CG agreed to contact GE to see when he would next be coming to the gardens as heavy pruning, especially in the orchard is required.

New Footpaths

MP and KB were sent information by CG on Pitch cane black rubber mats. Approximate outlay £750. CW will bring sample from his golf club. Maybe the Council will fund the cost of the labour. KB to approach Josh Wallington to meet and discuss.

Dovecote/paths/stables - outstanding repairs

CW will again get in touch with the Councillors as no progress has been made.

AOB

SS said that there was a need for 2 new wheelbarrows.

The meeting ended at 12 noon

