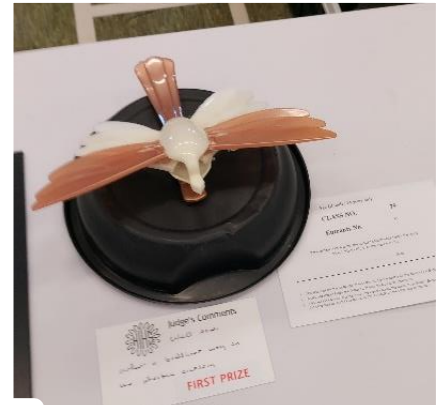




Hayling Island Horticultural Society

Annual Report 2023



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Chairmans Report

It feels as though as a society we have finally shaken off the effects of COVID and are back up and running again. This year has seen a full schedule of talks, outings, our summer show and a holiday. We started the year with the delivery of our Winter Newsletter and Society Year Book by 3rd Hayling Scouts. Our thanks to the scouts for agreeing to take on the delivery of this, this allows us to ensure every one of our members hears from us at Christmas and receives their year book giving plenty of notice of the upcoming trips and most importantly pick the classes they are going to enter at the show. The cost of sending via Scout Post is just 30p a person – I have heard a rumour this may go up in 2024, but for now this still remains the cheapest option for us and helps to support another local organisation.

The club meetings have been well attended and my thanks go to the newly formed social sub-committee for putting together a great programme of events. We held our first volunteer evening in February where we were joined by distributors, trading centre volunteers, show stewards and members of our sub committees, it was a lovely evening of food and music and a chance for us to say thank you for volunteering with us. Given the success of this event we plan to make this an annual event.

Kim Gardner, outings organiser, has arranged some fantastic outings this year and hosted the holiday to Cornwall, which from the feedback I received sounded like everyone had an enjoyable trip. Many of our outings have sold out this year and next year Kim has offered to run even more.

The show sub-committee hosted a very successful show this year. The introduction of more stalls, charity stalls and performances from local youth groups was well-received and the horticultural show element had a footfall of around 750 people. This was the first year of hosting a show in this way, with a view to making it much more of a community event and I want to thank the show-sub for all the work that went into this new format, and for running the day. The show sub committee is currently just 5 permanent members and this was a brilliant achievement for them. My thanks also to everyone who volunteered to help out in the run up to the show, setting up, during the show and to the last few standing to help us pack away, an exhausting but very rewarding day.

The society remains in good financial health thanks to ongoing subscriptions from our members, and non-members attending talks, outings and those attending and entering the show. The increase in membership this year has enabled us to ensure we are covering the costs of all our member activities (newsletters, workshops, talks and so on) without using our reserves. The society has invested in some new items and equipment for the show, and helped purchased the new till for the Trading Centre, these are all one off capital costs.

I want to thank everyone involved with the society, those who make up the management committee and various sub committees and all those volunteers who help out. It is a huge team effort and everyone's contribution is valuable. Many people work quietly behind the scenes using their talents for the benefit of the society and I wish to particularly thank those this applies to.

We remain affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society and Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies. I am please to confirm that we have complied with the rules that govern the running of our Society.

Angharad Pike, Chair

Membership

We currently have 560 Members this includes 65 who have joined this year, regretfully 151 did not renew their subscriptions. More than half of our Subscriptions are now regularly paid by digital methods and now has greatly reduced the need for doorstep cash collections, members can also renew their subscriptions at the Trading Centre during opening times.

A big thank you to our hard-working distributors we appreciate everything you do, please let me know by 31 st January if you are unable to continue with your round over the next year.

The Facebook group continues to flourish with 465 active members with new members joining weekly. This is a good way to find out special offers from the trading centre and tips and advice from our expert gardeners also reminder of all our upcoming events. We also get to enjoy lovely pictures of our members gardens and allotments, with 4930 views in our group in October.

Lesley Tyrell, Membership

Treasurers Report

This year has seen a successful show with a small profit and surplus funds bringing our end of year balance to £32611.59. Our membership remains stable, plus events and outings increasing.

Notes:

1. The Trading Centre savings stand at £13519.58 (held in TSB Account 2), plus 50% of the accounts interest which equates to £177.00.
2. The successful Community Fair and Show showed a small profit of £169.03.

Going forward the Society remains in a healthy financial state.

Chrissi Knights, Treasurer

HAYLING ISLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - GENERAL ACCOUNT
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

<u>2022</u>			<u>2023</u>
		ASSETS	
		Cash	
	32.91	Treasurer	41.50
32.91		Total Cash Float	41.50
		Deposits	
	5,080.74	Current Account 1	1,473.39
	40,549.63	Current Account 2	44,990.28
45,630.37		Total Deposits	46,463.67
45,630.37		TOTAL ASSETS	46,505.17
		LIABILITIES	
	8,600.19	Trading A/C Share	13,519.58
	-	Trading A/C Share of Interest	177.00
	4,919.39	Returned Cheques	-
	174.00	Cheques Yet To Be Presented	-
	200.00	Holiday Fund/Outings	197.00
<u>13,893.58</u>		TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>13,893.58</u>
<u>31,736.79</u>		NET TOTAL	<u>32,611.59</u>

Signed:

Name: 
C S Knights
Treasurer

Dated:

8th November

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE MEMBER OF HIHS:

I have examined the books and records of Hayling Island Horticultural Society (General Account) and confirm the accounts are in accordance with the books and records and other information and explanations given to us.

Signed:


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Dated:

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Name :

C N Clarke ACA
For and On Behalf of
C J Driscoll Chartered Accountants

HAYLING ISLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - GENERAL ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

<u>2022</u>			<u>2023</u>
£			£
	INCOME		
87.09	Interest on TSB Account	352.88	
45.18	Outings Etc	18,338.50	
2,875.12	Subscriptions	3,094.87	
750.00	Year Book	1,390.00	
-	Meetings	930.29	
-	Shows	2,095.80	
600.00	Holiday Deposits	-	
1,278.20	HCC Jubilee Grant	-	
<u>5,635.59</u>	TOTAL INCOME		<u>26,202.34</u>
	EXPENDITURES		
	<u>Administration</u>		
65.00	Affiliations and RHS Tickets	55.00	
159.41	AGM	229.15	
140.80	Committee/Administration	77.18	
175.00	Insurance	175.00	
2,133.70	Membership	751.46	
879.00	Year Book	1,039.00	
135.00	Publicity	134.50	
576.00	Website and Post Code Publicity	-	
4,263.91	Total Administration	2,461.29	
	Other Expenditures		
866.25	Club Meetings	943.87	
50.00	Donations/Flowers	60.00	
859.47	Jubilee Grant/Water Butts	290.40	
468.70	Material/Property/Others	-	
561.89	Shows	1,926.77	
-	Outings & Holidays	17,312.85	
26.86	Stead and Richie Garden	-	
29.03	Trading Centre Interest	364.33	
(.89)	Adjustments	-	
-	Volunteers' Party	642.94	
-	Newsletters	1,358.00	
2,861.31	Total Other Expenditure	22,899.16	
<u>7,125.22</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>25,360.45</u>
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
33,259.33	Balance at Start of Period	31,769.70	
(1,489.63)	Surplus/Defecit		841.89
<u>31,769.70</u>	BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD		<u>32,611.59</u>

Trading Centre and Trading Finances

The Trading Centre has had a relatively successful year, in spite of a number of setbacks.

Vanessa James resigned as Trading Manager, effective from the end of July 2023. Vanessa had been running the Trading Centre for about 18 months. She made a significant contribution towards the introduction of the new Point Of Sale terminal that has replaced our aging and obsolete till, produced a User Manual and trained the staff. I would like to thank Vanessa for the work she put in during that period.

Our old till, that was about 20 years old, was no longer maintainable and likely to fail at any time. The decision was made to replace it with a modern screen-based terminal. To support this, a wireless Internet router has been added. The total cost for the system was £728.66. The HIHS very kindly paid half towards this cost. For which we are very grateful.

Like the rest of us, the Trading Centre has suffered due to the significant increase in the cost of electricity. The annual cost has gone up from £741.11 (2021/22) to £1,012.39 (2022/23) and this only includes the increased cost for 3 of the 4 quarters. Unlike our domestic tariff, that is starting to reduce, the Trading Centre is on a fixed price 2 year agreement so we can look forward to another year at these inflated prices.

The UK Government had planned to phase out peat-based compost for use in the amateur gardening sector by 2024, we took this to mean the end of 2023. We have seen a letter from DEFRA, dated 14 th June 2023, that states “The detail of the legislation is yet to be set out; the retail ban is likely to come in at the end of 2024.” Consequently, the Trading Centre will continue to sell both peat based and peat free composts during next year until the ban comes into effect.

Looking at the Trading Centre accounts; the Members’ Assets have increased by £485.04.

This was only possible because the HIHS contributed £364.33 towards the POS and the increase in electricity costs did not affect us in the 1st quarter (average about £90/quarter). Had it not been for these two items we would have just about broken even. I would like to thank all the volunteers who work at the Trading Centre. Without the dedication of the team members, we could not continue to offer the service we provide.

A special thanks go to those team members who are retiring at the end of the year. Most of them have supported the Trading Centre for many years and have helped shape the way we are today. We wish them all the best for their future.

The Trading Centre is always looking for volunteers to work in the shop or in the compost shed. This is a great way to meet new friends and have a sociable morning on a Sunday or Wednesday. Shifts are on either a 5 week or 3 week rota.

We are also looking for a new Trading Manager. There is ample time to train and familiar yourself with the role as the post does not come up for re-election until the 2024 AGM.

For further information on these opportunities, please apply at the Trading Centre, the HIHS Secretary or Email tradingcentre@hihs.org.uk for further information.

Martin Clark, Acting Trading Manager

HAYLING ISLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - TRADING CENTRE
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

			£
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Bank -	Community Account at 30 September 2023		6,286.49
	Savings Account at 30 September 2023		13,519.58
	Savings Account Interest at 30 September 2023		-
	Community Account transfer to Savings Account		-
Cash -	Trading Centre -	Float	100.00
		Petty Cash	100.00
	Income not credited to Community Account - TC 30 September 2023		-
	Stock held at 30 September 2023		9,897.98
	Creditors		-
	Refunds and Donations not included in Community Account		-
	Store Building - Depreciated Value		<u>600.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			<u><u>30,504.05</u></u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
	Cheques and SumUp issued but not presented		-
	Stock received but not paid for		-
	Petty cash balancing sum		94.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES			<u><u>94.64</u></u>
TOTAL MEMBERS ASSETS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023			<u><u>30,409.41</u></u>

Stock was checked on 29 September 2023

The Trading Centre Savings Account is held within the HIHS Savings Account



M W Clark
Trading Treasurer


A Pike
pp Trading Manager

Accountants Certificate

I have examined the books and documents of the HIHS Trading Centre and certify the accounts to be in accordance therewith and correct



Colin Clarke ACA
For and On Behalf of C J Driscoll Chartered Accountants

HAYLING HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY -TRADING CENTRE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

<u>2022</u>			<u>2023</u>
£			£
	<u>INCOME</u>		
10,022.47	Stock Held at 30 September 2022	9,982.61	
17,261.25	Stock Purchased	14,072.73	
-	Stock Received But Not Paid For 2022/2023	-	
-	Less Stock Received But Not Paid For 2021/2022	-	
27,283.72	Sub total	24,055.34	
9,982.61	Stock Held at 30 September 2023	9,897.98	
17,301.11	Value of Stock Sold		<u>14,157.36</u>
<u>20,311.22</u>	Trading Centre Sales	<u>17,872.80</u>	
<u>20,311.22</u>	Total Sales		<u>17,872.80</u>
3,010.11	Total Sales Less Value of Stock Sold		3,715.44
-	Bank Interest - Community Account	-	
29.03	- Savings Account 177.00	-	
-	Card Testing	1.50	
-	Donations HIHS Contribution - POS Terminal	364.33	
<u>29.03</u>		-	<u>365.83</u>
3,039.14	Total Income		4,081.27
	<u>Expenditure</u>		
256.57	SumUp Charges	241.80	
12.50	Printing and Stationery	29.44	
-	Telephone	35.00	
741.11	Electric	1,012.39	
600.00	Rent	600.00	
649.43	Insurance	789.82	
232.16	Repairs and Renewals	803.08	
-	Gratuities	10.00	
68.75	Miscellaneous - Victuals & Hire of Hall	74.70	
12.50	Bank Charges	-	
<u>2,573.02</u>	Total Expenditures		<u>3,596.23</u>
<u>466.12</u>	Excess (Income - Expenditure)		<u>485.04</u>
<u>29,458.25</u>	Members Assets at 30 September 2022		<u>29,924.37</u>
<u>29,924.37</u>	Total Members Assets at 30 September 2023		30,409.41

Talks, Workshops and Socials

We had four excellent speakers this year on a variety of subjects. Ben Pope gave us an excellent talk on 'Containing the Unusual' which was presented with absolute enthusiasm, as it Ben's style. We are having him again next year to talk about making 'Movement in a Winter Garden' which should inspire us to garden for the whole year!

Brent Lodge gave us an inspiring talk on their work with injured animals of all descriptions and how we can make our gardens animal friendly, particularly hedgehogs who are becoming endangered. A food for thought presentation.

Peter Rogers gave us a very in depth talk on how to grow our vegetables grow vegetables, we none of us have an excuse now not to get it right. It Definitely showed us how he is such a prize winner at all the shows.

Finally our local florist Martina Clark, from Florence Lane Flowers told us how she grows all her own flowers in her garden to produce wonderful bouquets, sprays, wedding flowers in fact everything floral. Her talk contained advice on how to grow the right flowers in each season and when to pick them for a perfect arrangement which was extremely useful.

This year we have tried to open up our events with workshops and we have too. The Propagation workshop was a great success with most of us coming home with cutting that are thriving. It was presented by our Chair Angharad Pike who did a sterling job aided by Tony Athill. We are planning more of these next year. Look out for details in the newsletters, Facebook and the web site.

The wreath workshop is fully booked and takes place in December.

We held another Gardeners Question Time which was an excellent event but sadly poorly supported. We plan to have another one this year but later in the calendar.

Once again, our Quiz night turned out to be an excellent evening with about 90 people stretching their brain cells. Thanks to Liese and Gerry for doing the quiz and the other volunteers. Who we could not do without.

All these events and talks rely on the help of volunteers and we would love more of you to come forward to help even if its just one event!!

Gill Swift, Social Manager

Outings

We started our outings year in April, with a trip to Arundel Tulip Festival and were rather lucky with the weather. The tulips were stunning and were presented in various arrangements giving us new ideas for our own planting schemes. Inside the castle there was much to admire, from the portraits to the furniture to the gorgeously stocked private library. There was just enough time to enjoy an ice cream beside the river before boarding the coach back home.

June brought us warm and dry weather for our garden-packed holiday to Cornwall, visiting the Ottery Nurseries on the journey down, then a day at the Eden Project, a day at the Lost Gardens of Heligan and a visit to RHS Rosemoor on the journey home. The hotel was on the headland above Newquay, giving us views of either the sea or the estuary. The food was delicious, service efficient and they seemed to cope very well with all our dietary needs. Our enjoyment was further enhanced by the dry humour of our young

coach driver for whom nothing was too much bother. We also enjoyed getting to know members of Lavant Horticultural Society and Southampton Horticultural Society who joined us on the trip.

Wisley Flower Show was a very hot day in September but we still managed to “shop til we dropped” and enjoyed the gardens coming into another season – I particularly enjoyed seeing the grasses maturing in the dry garden.

Next year we are planning to visit Hever Castle, Hampton Court Flower Show, RHS Hyde Hall and RHS Wisley Glow. If you would like to express an interest in any of these trips, please email outings@hihs.org.uk.

Kim Gardner, Outings Organiser

Publicity

The profile of the Society with its membership and the local community is promoted through several channels. Articles continue to appear monthly in the Hayling Herald, PO9 PO11 publications, and the Hayling Trader. These articles aim to give advice on gardening and to discuss themes relevant to the horticultural world –such as the importance of the move to the use of peat free compost and natural pesticides - to the benefits of gardening on our well-being and improving mental health. We also try and highlight the work done by our volunteers in the local schools and in our community spaces such as the Stead and Richie Garden and the health centre.

Much of our publicity is aimed at getting more people involved in the work of the society and in particular in our Trading Centre.

The Facebook page has continued to grow its membership (currently 465 members) and is an important vehicle for getting information out to our members and also to the local community by links with other pages.

Information about events is also promoted through the Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Society website and around other local societies. Posters and banners are also produced to publicise our talks and our annual Community Fair and Horticultural Show in the Summer. Our annual Yearbook and quarterly newsletters also keep our membership up to date with everything going on and are an excellent source of news and information. We also designed and printed a new pop-up banner to use whenever the society is present at an outside event.

This year we supported Alan Mak’s Community Event, the Northney Family Fun Day and the Hayling Flower Club.

The Community Fair and Horticultural Show held in June 2023 was a huge success and attracted a large number of visitors, raising awareness of the Society and plans are to improve upon this success with another event in June 2024. Local organisations, charities and businesses who supported the event have all expressed an interest in being involved again next year. We are focussing our publicity on getting more people interested in entering into the horticultural show and plan to produce an entry pack to achieve this goal.

Copies will be available at key points such as local schools, the library, our Trading Centre and some local businesses.

Liese Holden, Publicity Officer

Show Report

'A Horticultural Show & Community Fair all in one place'....so said the posters and fliers. And after a hectic afternoon that saw 7-800 people, twice the normal number, pass through Hayling College I think that is what we achieved.

Hayling College was the venue for the second year and this time the Sports Hall was used to provide much needed additional space.

The heart of the Show remains the horticultural entries and these were a little down on last year, affected no doubt by the prolonged dry weather. There was however a strong floral entry thanks to the sterling efforts of the Hayling Flower Club. In addition there were enough local craft and community stalls to fill the whole Sports Hall, supported by regular performances from local dance and activity groups in the Assembly Hall. Outside we had lots going on including the Growing Together project, plant sales, the tombola, vintage cars and even an engine from the Hayling Fire Service. The tea and cakes were in the School Canteen and ice creams were available in the Sports Hall.

The extra car parking spaces were essential and at our busiest there were not far short of 200 cars on-site.

Income wise the Show brought in over £2K and this included £609 from the teas and cakes, £347 from the plant sales and £147 from the tombola. Overall we made a small profit which is always a key aim.

In the end the event was far busier than we had hoped and plans are already in place to bring in more help for next year. It was a mammoth effort by the Show-sub committee and all our helpers, and we now have a format that will be sustainable for the HIHS as well as Hayling College, and look forward to next year's event on Saturday the 22nd June 2024.

If you would like to help in any way with the organising of this event, then please contact me, or any other members of the Show-sub Committee.

Tim Speller, Show Manager

100 Plus Club

The 100plus Club has only 90 members this year so rather less than previous years! Obviously I would like to increase this number as that increases the prize pot and the donation to the main account.

The monthly prize money is currently £25.00, which is the minimum prize for the first number drawn out, and £12.00 and £8.00 for the second and third respectively. The more members we have the higher the prize money.

£500 was transferred to the Society's main account in July, this money goes towards the cost of running the annual show.

The renewal letters are mostly sent out by email which saves on printing and postage costs. If you did not get an email but you are happy to receive your renewal letter this way, or have changed your email address recently, please let me know by emailing me - 100.club@hihs.org.uk

It costs just £12 a year. The club year starts in March but to join, tonight, for the rest of this year the cost will be £3. I have membership forms for anyone who is interested in joining. Membership forms and more information is also available on the web site www.hihs.org.uk.

Hazel Phillips, 100plus Club organiser

Growing Together Project

The Growing Together Project continues it's association with The Lions Club of Hayling and Positive Pathways of Community First with whom we owe our thanks.

We continue to work with all five Schools on Hayling and all their gardens surplus supplying the Hayling Pantry and community fridge with fruit and vegetables every week during the growing season.

Mill Rythe Juniors only rejoined in April after the pandemic and the removal of a building which destroyed the existing garden, so we started from scratch and managed to have vegetables etc to enter the Flower Show and won the 1st prize for vegetables grown and displayed on a tray "I grew it myself" category, all the Schools entered the show, a great success!

Mengham Infants Community Garden was opened by the Mayor on 5th May.

My thanks go to all the GTP teams who have transformed the gardens, including the Stead & Richie gardens. There are more projects to start as soon as the weather lets us.

So if you have any spare time we would love you to join us.

Ray Jones, GTP Coordinator