



## Hayling Island Horticultural Society

### Annual Report 2024

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#### Chairman's Report

We started the year with the delivery of our Winter Newsletter and Society Yearbook 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. As anticipated last year the cost of sending via Scout Post has gone up to 40p a person however this still remains the cheapest option for us and helps to support another local organisation.

Our talks, workshops, seed swaps and Trading Centre open mornings have been well attended and my thanks go to the newly formed social sub-committee for putting together, organising and running a great programme of events. We will be holding our second volunteer evening in January where we hope to be joined by distributors, Trading Centre volunteers, show stewards and members of our sub committees. This is a chance for us to say thank you for volunteering with us.



*RHS Hampton Court - July 2024*

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 is the second year of running a community fair alongside our horticultural show and it continues to be well received. We also had lots of first time entrants into the horticultural show this year, with a number of them taking away prizes for their exhibits, it was so lovely to see and I hope you will all continue to enter and support the show.



*RHS Hampton Court - July 2024*

I want to thank the show-sub for all the work that went into this year's show, although we knew what we were doing, the format it is still a relatively new undertaking and an immense amount of work goes into the show with planning meetings and preparation already underway for 2025. My thanks also to everyone who volunteered to help 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.



*RHS Hampton Court - July 2024*

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.

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 pleased to confirm that we have complied with the rules that govern the running of our Society.

**Angharad Pike, Chair**

## **Membership**

We currently have 613 members listed on our data base 94 have not paid this year despite several reminders.

195 members paid by Standing Order and Bacs

125 members paid by card

22 Paid by Cheque

162 members paid by cash

9 free members includes schools, life members and 2 freebies for tombola prizes.

We currently have 38 distributors not all are available for deliveries when needed. Some members have their newsletters by email which has greatly reduced the rounds. We also have 40 Postal members 28 of these receive their newsletters by email.

We are removing all unpaid members at the end of November from the current data base ready for preparing for the delivery of Newsletters and Year books by the Scouts in time for Xmas.

As I am retiring as Membership Secretary, I would like to say a big thankyou to all the help and support I have received from the hardworking distributors. Diane Carter is proposed as taking over the role and I will still be in the background supporting her if needed.

#### **FACEBOOK GROUP**

We currently have 659 members and in the last 258 days we have had 250 posts and comments. The top post was by Mary Peall with her Christmas Cactus in bloom. Richard Goodrick continues to do an excellent job as a Moderator and has a quick eye for deleting inappropriate posts. Thank you to Richard for his ongoing support.

#### **STEAD AND RITCHIE GARDEN**

This garden is still flourishing with many new plants and shrubs added this year, we continue to battle with unpleasant litter strewn over the plots and more recently Graffiti daubed on fences and walls.

However, Jenny Docherty and myself receive many compliments from the members of the public of our hard work keeping this garden looking well cared for. Thank you, Jenny for your hard work and commitment to this project.

I understand that the Men's Shed is repairing the Horticultural Societies notice board and making some new benches to replace the damaged ones.

**Lesley Tyrell, Membership Secretary**

#### **Treasurers Report**

This year has seen another successful show with a small profit and surplus funds bringing our end of year balance to £34,281.83. Our membership remains stable. Organised events and outings have been well attended and lead to a profit.

Notes:

1. The Trading Centre savings stand at £13696.58 (held in TSB Account 2), plus interest of £197.00.
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**

# **HIHS – General Account – Balance Sheet – As At 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

| <b>ASSETS</b>                 | <b>2023</b>             | <b>2024</b>             |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Cash</b>                   |                         |                         |
| Treasurer                     | 41.50                   | 91.53                   |
| Membership Secretary          | -                       | 20.00                   |
| Social Secretary              | -                       | 20.00                   |
| <b>Total Cash Float</b>       |                         | 131.53                  |
| <b>Deposits</b>               |                         |                         |
| Current Account               | 1,473.39                | 3,297.17                |
| Savings Account               | 44,990.28               | 44,746.71               |
| <b>Total Deposits</b>         | 46,463.67               | 48,043.88               |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>           | <u>46,505.17</u>        | 48,175.41               |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>            |                         |                         |
| Trading A/C Share             | 13519.58                | 13,696.58               |
| Trading A/C Share of Interest | 177.00                  | 197.00                  |
| Future Outings Fund           | 197.00                  |                         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>      | <u>13893.58</u>         | 13893.58                |
| <b>NET TOTAL</b>              | <u><b>32,611.59</b></u> | <u><b>34,281.83</b></u> |

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: 23/11/2024

Name: C S Knights  
Treasurer

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: 23/11/2024

Name: A Pike  
Chairman

# **HIHS - Income and Expenditure Account - For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

|                                  | <b>2023</b>             | <b>2024</b>            |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                    |                         |                        |
| Interest                         | 352.88                  | 625.59                 |
| Outings and Holidays             | 18,338.50               | 7,061.00               |
| Subscriptions                    | 3,094.87                | 3,784.21               |
| Year Book                        | 1390.00                 | 1,190.00               |
| Meetings                         | 930.29                  | 1,577.27               |
| Show                             | 2095.80                 | 3,292.55               |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>              | <b>26,202.34</b>        | <b>17,530.62</b>       |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>               |                         |                        |
| <b>Administration</b>            |                         |                        |
| Affiliations and RHS Tickets     | 55.00                   | 10.00                  |
| AGM                              | 229.15                  | 379.79                 |
| Committee Administration         | 77.18                   | 35.92                  |
| Insurance                        | 175.00                  | 190.00                 |
| Membership                       | 751.46                  | 1,075.88               |
| Year Book                        | 1,039.00                | 1,124.00               |
| Publicity                        | 134.50                  | 155.00                 |
| Website                          | -                       | 612.00                 |
| <b>Total Administration</b>      | <b>2,461.29</b>         | <b>3,582.59</b>        |
| <b>Other Expenditure</b>         |                         |                        |
| Club Meetings                    | 943.87                  | 1,619.23               |
| Donations/Flowers                | 60.00                   | 75.00                  |
| Jubilee Grant/Water Butts        | 290.40                  | -                      |
| Material/Property/Other          | -                       | -                      |
| Show                             | 1,926.77                | 2,969.75               |
| Trading Centre Interest          | 176.44                  |                        |
| Outings and Holidays             | 17,312.85               | 6,239.81               |
| Trading Centre Till              | 364.33                  | -                      |
| Volunteers' Party                | 642.94                  | -                      |
| Newsletters                      | 1,358.00                | 1,374.00               |
| <b>Total Other Expenditure</b>   | <b>22,899.16</b>        | <b>12,277.79</b>       |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>         | <b>25,360.45</b>        | <b>15,860.38</b>       |
| <b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>         |                         |                        |
| Balance Sheet at Start of Period | 31,769.70               | 32,611.59              |
| Surplus/Deficit                  | 841.89                  | 1670.24                |
| <b>BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD</b>  | <b><u>32,611.59</u></b> | <b><u>34281.83</u></b> |

## Trading Centre and Trading Finances

The Trading Centre has had a very good year over the last 12 months.

The trading year started last February with an open morning involving representatives of the main Committee, a plant stall and welcome hot drinks and biscuits. Although the weather could have been better it was a good opportunity to meet the people who run the Society in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. With free tea/coffee and biscuits a good time was had by all. A similar event will be held this year when the Trading Centre opens on Sunday 2nd February 2025. Everybody is welcome to come and see what the Trading Centre has to offer and meet the members of the HIHS Committee. In addition, enjoy a free cup of tea/coffee and perhaps find a bargain at the plant stall.

The impending demise of peat-based composts this time last year fizzled out in the last couple of months of 2023. Although no official statement was issued at the time, peat-based composts are still available and will be for the foreseeable future.

However, recognising that there is an increasing demand for peat-free composts we increased the number of varieties we have on sale.

As usual, the Trading Centre has introduced a number of new products throughout the year. With changing regulations there are always a few products that are withdrawn from sale due to their ingredients. We always attempt to replace these items with something similar. We also take note of any new items that are highlighted at the Society talks. At the March talk, Roses Grow On You, Elizabeth Sawday mentioned she used a particular type of gauntlet glove for her work on roses. We took the hint and the gauntlets are a regular seller amongst our range of gloves.

We have also introduced special offers appropriate to seasonal demands and the occasional 10% off day, that has proved particularly popular.

This year, the Trading Centre has purchased a laptop computer to store and manage all the documents etc needed to maintain the business. In the past, all these documents were held by the Trading Manager on his/her private computer. This obviously was not the best solution so now there is a central computer that will remain with the Trading Centre in the event of changes in leadership.

A significant change will take place at the Trading Centre from February 2025. The trading days will change to Sunday and Thursday only, we will no longer open on a Wednesday. The reasoning behind this is that on a Wednesday we are in competition with the seafront market. We have also been having problems recruiting sufficient staff to properly man Wednesday such that some members have been doubling up their shift in order to keep viable teams. Looking at the takings for Wednesday and Thursday, we are now taking more money on the Thursday.

I have conducted a poll on Facebook, the newsletter and the e-newsletter and the majority of responses have been in favour of closing Wednesday and extending the opening hours on Thursday.

Many thanks to all our volunteers and customers, without you the Trading Centre would not be possible.

**Martin Clark, Acting Trading Manager**

# Hayling Island Horticultural Society – Trading Centre

## Balance Sheet

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### ASSETS

|                                                         |                   |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                                         | £3,890.34         |                   |
| Bank - Community Account at 30th September 2024         |                   |                   |
| - Savings Account at 30th September 2023                | £13,519.58        |                   |
| - Savings Acc. interest to 30th Sept 2024               | £312.79           |                   |
| - Community Account - transfer to Savings               | £0.00             |                   |
| Cash - Trading Centre - Float (2 x £60.00)              | £120.00           |                   |
| - Petty Cash                                            | £100.00           |                   |
| Income not credited to Community Account - 30 Sept 2024 | £423.41           |                   |
| Stock held at 30th September 2024                       | £12,504.79        |                   |
| Creditors                                               | £0.00             |                   |
| Refunds & Donations not included in Community Acc.      | £0.00             |                   |
| Store Building - Depreciated Value                      | £600.00           |                   |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                     | <b>£31,470.91</b> | <b>£31,470.91</b> |

### LIABILITIES

|                                  |                |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cheques issued but not presented | £109.78        |                |
| Stock received but not paid for  | £518.55        |                |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>         | <b>£628.33</b> | <b>£628.33</b> |

**Total Members Assets at 30th September 2024**

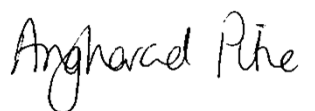
**£30,842.58**

### NOTES

- 1 Stock was checked on 3rd October 2024.
- 2 The Trading Centre Savings Account is held within the HIHS Savings Account.



M. W. Clark  
Acting Trading Treasurer



A. Pike  
PP Trading Manager

# HIHS – Trading Centre - Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

| Year to<br>30th Sept<br>2023 |                                              | Income     |            | Year to<br>30th Sept<br>2024 |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------|
| £9,982.61                    | Stock held at 30th September 2023            | £9,897.98  |            |                              |
| £14,072.73                   | Stock Purchased                              | £21,118.35 |            |                              |
| £0.00                        | Stock received but not paid for 2023/24      | £518.55    |            |                              |
| £0.00                        | Less stock received but not paid for 2022/23 | £0.00      |            |                              |
| £24,055.34                   | Sub-Total                                    | £31,534.88 |            |                              |
| £9,897.98                    | Stock held at 30th September 2024            | £12,504.79 |            |                              |
| £14,157.36                   | Value of stock sold                          | £19,030.09 | £19,030.09 |                              |
| £17,874.30                   | Trading Centre Sales                         | £22,030.01 |            |                              |
| £17,874.30                   | Total sales                                  | £22,030.01 | £22,030.01 |                              |
| £3,716.94                    | Total sales less value of stock sold         |            | £2,999.92  |                              |
|                              | Bank Interest - Community Acc                |            |            |                              |
|                              |                                              | £0.00      |            |                              |
|                              | - Saving Acc                                 | £312.79    |            |                              |
|                              | Refunds - Kings Seeds                        | £387.58    |            |                              |
|                              | Donations                                    | £0.00      |            |                              |
|                              | Liabilities from previous year               | £0.00      |            |                              |
|                              | Creditors                                    | £0.00      |            |                              |
| £364.33                      | Income                                       | £700.37    | £700.37    |                              |
| £4,081.27                    | Total Income                                 |            | £3,700.29  |                              |
|                              |                                              |            |            |                              |
|                              | <b>Expenditure</b>                           |            |            |                              |
|                              | Account balancing sum                        | £3.31      |            |                              |
|                              | SumUp charges                                | £309.76    |            |                              |
|                              | Printing, post & stationery                  | £0.00      |            |                              |
|                              | Telephone                                    | £65.00     |            |                              |
|                              | Electric                                     | £903.93    |            |                              |
|                              | Travel                                       | £0.00      |            |                              |
|                              | Rent                                         | £600.00    |            |                              |
|                              | Insurance                                    | £843.44    |            |                              |
|                              | Repairs & renewals (Computer £320.80)        | £431.90    |            |                              |
|                              | Gratuities                                   | £0.00      |            |                              |
|                              | Miscellaneous                                | £109.78    |            |                              |
|                              | Bank charges                                 | £0.00      |            |                              |
| £3,596.23                    | Total Expenses                               | £3,267.12  | £3,267.12  |                              |
| £485.04                      | Excess (Income – Expenditure)                |            | £433.17    |                              |
| £29,924.37                   | Members Assets at 30th September 2023        |            | £30,409.41 |                              |
| £30,409.41                   | Total Members Assets at 30th September 2024  |            | £30,842.58 |                              |

## Social Committee Report

It has been another successful year with a variety of talks, outings and events. Annie Guilfoyle gave us our first talk in January, on designing a small garden. February brought us Ben Pope, who was full of ideas on a winter garden, using planting with movement and different shapes for shrubs and hedges. Elizabeth Sawday from Appledrum Roses followed in March, with an enlightening talk on roses, all aspects of rose care and their needs. It was excellent. In October, Martin Hampton certainly challenged our ideas for gardening for wildlife. He was very well received and may return with a talk for designing and showcasing wildlife friendly planting.

Our Show was excellent, the attendance was far more than the previous year with more community groups and stalls on display, and we welcomed many first time exhibitors, some of whom won their classes. We are aiming for the show next year to surpass this one with more classes for you to enter.



*Hever Castle*

Our outings, arranged by Kim, were really enjoyable and we were so lucky with the weather! Hever Castle was amazing; Hampton Court Flower Show, a popular destination as always; Hyde Hall was a long journey but well worth it to see the long borders and interesting planting schemes, and the journey didn't seem too bad as Kim had set a quiz to keep us all occupied.

Wisley Glow is still to come on Monday 2nd December and is fully booked, with a waiting list. The self-drive visit to West Dean was also a success but that, unfortunately, did not have the best weather. Tom Brown, the head gardener, gave us a wonderful tour and showed areas

which were still a 'work in progress' for later in the year. Those of us who paid a return visit, were amazed by the transformation of the 'builder's rubble bed' into a spectacular display of summer blooms.

Kim's last 'Hurrah' is the holiday next year to five 'Gardens of the North', visiting gardens in Rutland, Lancashire and Yorkshire. It looks really good! Thanks to Kim for her hard work over the last 3 years of outings. We now have a new Outings co-ordinator, Sue Allen, who is planning some interesting trips for next year.

Workshops were well supported and enjoyed. We plan more for next year. Seed Swaps were also popular and will start again in the spring at the Repair Café on Saturday 22nd February from 10am at URC Hall, Hollow Lane.

A plea for volunteers is the main goal for next year. Please offer your support if you can. There are many opportunities as a one off or joining one of our teams. Please contact any of us on the Committee or at Events and Talks.

**Gill Swift – Social Manager**

## Community Projects



The containers at the front of the Health Centre draw many compliments from visitors to the centre and the gardens at the rear of the building are appreciated by the staff, as are the atriums in the middle of the building.

The containers are currently receiving new plants to keep them looking their best for winter and thankfully won't require as much watering with the current weather pattern.

The two borders at the rear of the building, in their second and third years, are filling out nicely and we are now in the fortunate position of being able to thin out the planting - a long way from when we first started and were grateful for all the donated plants to fill up the newly created borders.

This year we've done well with free plants from propagation e.g. *Stachys byzantina* off cuts (from Jan Mitchell), *Pulmonaria* self-sown seedlings rescued from the gravel path, *Carex Ice Dance* offshoots, *Ballota* grown from a cutting taken at Angharad's workshop on propagation, self-sown *Forget me Nots* and self-



sown Foxgloves seedlings along with a few more donations. Next weekend we are working on the long privet hedge along the eastern border, its annual trimming back to a tidy shape.

We are always happy to welcome new volunteers so please get in touch if you would like to join us.

**Judy Taylor and Kim Gardner**

## Publicity

Throughout the last year, articles continue to appear each month in the Hayling Herald, The Hayling Trader and the PO9/PO11. These articles offer gardening advice, news about our activities and publicise our events and what is going on at our busy Trading Centre. We also produce larger features on the Community Fair and Summer Show, our community projects and more recently on The Growing Together Project and their important role in the local island schools.

Our events are also posted on the Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies website and on posters that are distributed at key points around island. We also produce an events flyer which carries full information on all our events, trips and activities.



*Alan Mak's Community Fair*

The Society also gets involved in local events and had a stall at the Lion's Donkey Derby where we ran a successful Horticultural themed Tombola and at Alan Mak's Community Fair.

Our Community Fair and Summer show is our largest and most high profile event, but this will be covered in another section of this report.

**Liese Holden, Publicity Officer**

## Show Report

This year saw the HIHS Show settle down at the Hayling College for what was its third year, with Covid and 'Lockdown' a distant memory. How time flies when your having fun!

The original plan when we relocated to Hayling College was to broaden the appeal of the Show by reorganising the horticultural element and increasing the community involvement, and this is still important.

We are enjoying working with the College, and the Growing Together project, and all the extra space. This season the Community Service Team has been helping, with a minibus load of helpers arriving at the College pretty much every Sunday to help with gardening or general maintenance.



This year attractions included Classic cars, Abstract Dance & performing Arts, and Southern Water all of whom proved very popular.

In addition the Plant sale and tombola were very busy, raising over £400 between them and the teas and cakes were excellent as always raising £638.

Altogether the Show took over £800 through the gate on the day thanks in part to an increase in the ticket price on 2023.

The income and costs of the Yearbook are now included in the Show accounts and when combined they balance and so operate at no additional cost to the Society which is quite an achievement.

A huge thanks goes to the all the Show-subcommittee and our volunteer helpers for all their hard work both on the Show weekend but also throughout the year.

For 2025 we will again be running with one Annual Show, which will take place on Saturday the 28th June.

We look forward to closer working with the College, the other Hayling schools and external partners to ensure that the next one is bigger and better.

If you would like to help in any way with the organising of this event then please contact me on [timspeller@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:timspeller@hotmail.co.uk)

**Tim Speller, Show Manager**



## **100 Plus Club**

The 100 plus Club has 105 members this year which is really good, and means the prizes have been better!

As always I would like to increase this number so that there is larger prize pot and better donation to the main account.

The monthly prize money is currently £25.50 for the first number drawn out and £15.50 and £10.50 for second and third respectively. £650 was transferred to the Society's main account in July, and this money makes a difference to the cost of running the 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 - [100.club@hihs.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.hihs.org.uk).

**Hazel Phillips, 100plus Club organiser**

## **Growing Together Project**

The Growing Together Project continues its 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**