

Clayton Horticultural Society
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 18th October 2023

Minutes

1. **Present:** R Greenwood, L Greenwood, J Heppleston, A Mattocks, E Brooke, A Cunningham, N Walters, E Edgley, F Atkinson, J Atkinson, H Simpson, J Andrew
2. **Apologies:** S Patchett, J Williams, J Andrew.
3. **Last year's minutes:** Minutes of the meeting 19th Oct 2022 were accepted
4. **Matters arising:** Trophy for runner up in the Childrens section bought and used this year. Named the centenary Shield (commemorating the 100th show)

Trophy in the name of Mary Brown on hold.
5. **Officers appointment:** Chairman: Lee Greenwood proposed, 2nd, voted in.
Secretary: Rachel Greenwood proposed, 2nd, voted in.
Treasurer: Helen Simpson proposed, 2nd, voted in.

As Jennifer Andrew and Sheila Patchett step down from this year, we all wished to express a sincere thanks to them for their service and dedication to the show.

6. **Treasurer's report:** The accounts presented were accepted. The society has £2731.96 at the close of the year.
Entry fee of £1 will remain the same, refreshments of £1 will remain the same, Class entry fee of 25p will remain the same.

S Patchett has requested that as she is leaving the committee she is removed from the account as a named signatory and Rachel Greenwood replaces her.

7. Annual show 2023

- 27 people made 172 entries (31/233 exhibits in 2022)
- 7 people entered 27 exhibits in the Vegetable section (11/57 exhibits in 2022)
- 11 people entered 36 exhibits in the Flower section (12/50 exhibits in 2022)
- 19 people entered 57 exhibits in the Housecraft section (17/55 exhibits in 2022)
- 13 people entered 38 exhibits in the Miscellaneous section (21/55 exhibits in 2022)
- 4 people entered 14 exhibits in the Childrens section (4/17 exhibits in 2022)

8. Annual show 2024

- a) The date for the 2024 show will be **Saturday 7th September** 2024. (judges availability)
- b) The Regulations – remain the same
- c) Classes – 3 courgettes to be moved into the main vegetable section
 - 4 Jam tarts to be replaced by 4 tray bake
 - knitted or crocheted item to be changed to garment
 - in miscellaneous, to add one wonky vegetable
 - Showcase of vegetables – it was agreed to add a trophy or shield – showcase shield
 - in the Childrens section – add ‘anything you have grown’.
- d) Class 68 – Large flower arrangement Title Natures Hedgerow
- e) Class 69 – Petite flower arrangement Title Sparkle
- f) Class 70 – Photograph 1 Title My favourite flower(s)
- g) Class 71 – Photograph 2 Title Hills and Dales
- h) Class 78 – Childrens Handwriting - Rain n the green grass
And rain on the trees
Rain on the housetop
But don’t rain on me

9. Speakers 2024 Suggestions

David Elcock with plant swap
Baker Mike
Rachel Greenwood

10. AOB

This year’s Open Gardens event was very successful with 12 gardens open and over £200 raised for the village hall.

Thoughts welcome as to how we can encourage more people to get involved with the show. Perhaps more posters and publicity is needed.