

Clayton Horticultural Society

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 8th October 2024

Minutes

1. **Present:** Helen Simpson, Rachel Greenwood, Lee Greenwood, Jenifer Andrew, Frances Atkinson, John Atkinson, Alan Mattocks, Tony Martin
2. **Apologies:** Mary Brown, Elizabeth Brooke, Sheila Patchett, John Andrew
3. **Chair's comments.** Thanks to the committee, judges and exhibitors for making the show successful this year.
4. **Last year's minutes:** Agree the minutes of the meeting 18th Oct 2023 proposed, second, passed.
5. **Matters arising:** None
6. **Officers appointment:** Chairman: Lee Greenwood
Secretary: Rachel Greenwood
Treasurer: Helen Simpson
7. **Treasurer's report:** A list of income and expenditure was provided and accepted. As of 30th Sept the accounts show a balance of £3098.53.
8. **Annual show 2024**
 - 37 people made 275 entries (27/172 exhibits in 2023)
 - 11 people entered 54 exhibits in the Vegetable section (7/27 exhibits in 2023)
 - 16 people entered 39 exhibits in the Flower section (12/36 exhibits in 2023)
 - 21 people entered 86 exhibits in the Housecraft section (19/57 exhibits in 2023)
 - 20 people entered 76 exhibits in the Miscellaneous section (13/38 exhibits in 2023)
 - 7 people entered 20 exhibits in the Children's section (4/14 exhibits in 2023)
9. **Annual show 2025**
 - a) The date for the 2025 show will be **Saturday 6th September** 2025. (judges availability)- still to be confirmed
 - b) The Regulations – no changes
 - c) Classes – couple of typing errors

13 – 6 pods of peas to add (any variety)

Guide notes – peas, take out ‘well filled’

Guide notes – 52-54 Jams and Jellies, change to ‘Exhibit in a glass jar with an air tight lid’

d) Class 70 – Large flower arrangement Title Summer Bonnet

e) Class 71 – Petite flower arrangement Title Autumn Basket

f) Class 72 – Photograph 1 Title After Dark

g) Class 73 – Photograph 2 Title Fabulous Fungi

h) Class 80 – Children’s Handwriting –

Grow, grow, grow a plant

Starting with the seed,

Give it soil, sun, and water

That is all you need.

10. Speakers 2024 Suggestions

David Elcock with plant swap

Rachel Greenwood

Hannah Gardiner 28th Nov at 6pm

Frances and John Atkinson

11. AOB

This year’s Open Gardens event was very successful with 15 gardens open and over £270 raised for the village hall.

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