

Clayton Horticultural Society

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 7th October 2025

Minutes

1. **Present:** Lee Greenwood, Rachel Greenwood, Helen Simpson, Sheila Patchett, Andrew Cunningham, Elizabeth Brooke, Allan Mattocks, Ruth Dowson, Gabriele Milmore, Patricia Crabtree, David Crabtree.
2. **Apologies:** Thelma Horsfall.
3. **Chair's comments.** Thanks to the committee, judges and exhibitors for making the show successful this year, despite the weather.
4. **Last year's minutes:** Agree the minutes of the meeting 8th Oct - agreed
5. **Matters arising:**
6. **Officers appointment:** Chairman: Lee Greenwood
Secretary: Rachel Greenwood
Treasurer: Helen Simpson
7. **Treasurer's report:** accepted
8. **Annual show 2025**
 - 51 people made 272 entries
(27/172 exhibits in 2023, 37/275 in 2024)
 - 10 people entered 60 exhibits in the Vegetable section
(7/27 exhibits in 2023, 11/54 in 2024)
 - 15 people entered 44 exhibits in the Flower section
(12/36 exhibits in 2023, 16/39 in 2024)
 - 20 people entered 68 exhibits in the Housecraft section
(19/57 exhibits in 2023, 21/86 in 2024)
 - 26 people entered 71 exhibits in the Miscellaneous section
(13/38 exhibits in 2023, 20/76 in 2024)
 - 11 people entered 29 exhibits in the Children's section
(4/14 exhibits in 2023, 7/20 in 2024)

9. Annual show 2026

- a) The date for the 2026 show will be **Saturday 5th September** 2026. (judges availability)
- b) The Regulations – no change
- c) Classes – No change

- d) Class 70 – Large flower arrangement Title: Wild at heart
- e) Class 71 – Petite flower arrangement Title: Pink in a plant pot
- f) Class 72 – Photograph 1 Title: Into the woods
- g) Class 73 – Photograph 2 Title:: Village life
- h) Class 80 – Children's Handwriting –
I have a little garden
And many things I grow
Yet every spring
I just want more
I sow and sow and sow.

10. Speakers 2025 Suggestions

David Elcock with plant swap
Rachel Greenwood
Hannah Gardiner
Frances and John Atkinson
Sandra M – flower arrangement
Andrew Cunningham – Dahlia growing

11. AOB

This year's Open Gardens event was very successful with 11 gardens open and it was a free event.

Thoughts welcome as to how we can encourage more people to get involved with the open gardens and the show.

Patricia – in the library, could get children involved with the children's classes to boost numbers.

Santander are introducing bank charges of £4.99n per month.