

Grundisburgh, Burgh & Culpho Horticultural Society

Minutes of AGM held on 16th November 2025, 4pm, Playing Field Pavillion

Present: Committee Members – Paul Whittingham (Chair), Georgie Keates (Vice-chair), Bryan Laxton (Treasurer), Gill & Alistair Leech, Gill & David Twissell, Brenda Garrett, Chris Doorly, Catherine Laxton + approx. 20 others

1	Chair's Welcome Paul welcomed committee members, volunteers and all to the AGM. All volunteers were thanked and hopefully all will continue to help at next year's events.
2	Minutes of Last Year's Meeting Previously approved and acted upon by the Committee.
3	Chair's Report Paul gave a recap of this year's events: Hidden Gardens had a lower turnout (poor weather forecast). Over 20 gardens opened and gardeners were thanked. Village Show went well although we were let down by the bouncy castle and First Aid – new procedures are in place to avoid this happening in the future. Paul Finch's/Tech Hub's new programme worked very well handling the entries and show day results. Iain Langdon was thanked for enabling the handover. The After Show Party went well and was well attended. The Art Show was less well attended and we welcome ideas for how to use the marquee for the Sunday after the show. The Garden Party tickets sold very quickly and was a fun evening.
4	Treasurer's Report attached.
5	Adoption of Accounts for the year 2024/25 Approved. Proposed by Gill Twissell; seconded by Rosemary Digby. All in favour.
6	Approval of appointment of independent third party to review accounts for 2025/26 Ben Hobby was thanked for reviewing this year's accounts and his appointment for next year was approved. Proposed by John Ellerby; seconded by Iain Langdon. All in favour.
7	Re-appointment of President Nicola Hobbs was re-appointed. Proposed by Robert Hutchison; seconded by David Twissell. All in favour.
8	Re-appointment of Officers Paul Whittingham – Chair Georgie Keates – Vice-chair Bryan Laxton – Treasurer All were re-appointed. Proposed by Helen Ellerby; seconded by Brenda Garrett. All in favour.

9	Re-appointment of Committee Members who aren't officers David Twissell Gill Twissell Sheila Caryer Brenda Garrett Kathy Turner Catherine Laxton Lou O'Kane Steve O'Kane Chris Doorly Gill Leech Alistair Leech Peter Beckett Elaine Beckett All were re-appointed. Proposed by Rosemary Digby; seconded by David Keates. All in favour.
10	Community Fund Established last year for donations to local good causes, maximum £1000, for specific items and open throughout the year. So far applications have been received from the Scouts and Brownies. It was agreed to pay £950 for cooking equipment for the Scouts (which will also be used by Cubs, Explorers, Brownies and Guides). In addition, £264 to the Brownies for uniform for 2 families (4 children).
11	Dates of Next Year's Events Hidden Gardens 13/14 June Village Show & After Show Party 11 July Garden Party August, date TBC Trips TBC
12	AOB Next Committee Meeting Monday 19 th January 2026, 10.30am in the Parish Rooms

Horticultural Society Treasurer's Annual Report for 2024/25

16th November 2025

I am pleased to report that we have had another successful year generally despite making a small loss.

Our overall loss for the year was **£515** and at the financial year end we had £15,608 in our account compared to £16,124 the previous financial year.

This loss was mainly due to increased general costs of £1,872 as we invested for the future. This was largely the purchase of 80 chairs at a cost of £1,140. These were used primarily for the Garden Party as we were told the church had disposed of its old plastic school chairs stored at Keith Birch’s barn. Without these chairs we had no way to seat people for the Garden Party! There is, however, another advantage to these chairs, in that we can now hire 80 less chairs for the Village Show and therefore save ourselves that cost.

We had 29 **Patrons**, contributing a total of £2,735 to support our work.

We had 21 **members** in the year.

Hidden Gardens made a reduced net profit of £1,800 (£2,792 last year) after all costs. This was due to poor weather over the weekend and reduced attendees of 279 (418 in the previous year). This simply proves what we have always known, that we are heavily weather reliant for this and the Village Show.

The **Garden Party** made a net profit of £1,153 (almost identical to last year) and was sold out in a few days to 82 people. It was helpful that we gave the Patrons an early opportunity to buy tickets, which they greatly appreciated.

Trips and Talks The three Trips made a surplus of £270 overall with a total of 85 people attending.

The **Village Show** made an overall loss of £1,480 (similar to the previous year) with income of almost £10,000, but expenses of around £11,500. As always, by far the largest cost was the marquee at over £4,000. The bbq made a profit of £1,057 due to the huge efforts of Chris Shemmings and friends. We worked with the Football Club for them to run the bar and keep the profits. The marquee attracted over 600 paying adults and we had over 700 entries to the show. However, both these numbers are down on last year (750 marquee visitors and 800 entries)

Donations We made a total of £3,250 donations to:

Amount	Entity
-100.00	Brownies
-900.00	Woolverstone
-500.00	Dale Hyde
-500.00	Tech Hub
-750.00	456 Club
-500.00	Food Bags

The P&L (approved by our independent reviewer, Ben Hobby) is below:

GRUNDISBURGH, BURGH & CULPHO HORTICUTURAL SOCIETY						
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2025						
NET INCOME				2025	2024	
		Patrons		2,735.00		1,953.62
		Members		130.00		95.00
		Bank Comp/Adjustment		0.00		0.00
	Per schedule	Hidden Gardens		1,799.52		2,792.74
	Per Schedule	Village Show		- 1,479.17		-1,552.79
	Per Schedule	Garden Party		1,152.95		1,150.43
	Per Schedule	Trips + Talks		269.5		232.00
				4,607.80		4,671.00
LESS:						
	Unallocated Expenses					
		AGM				
		Affiliation Fee				
		General Costs	- 1,872.99		-437.64	
		Charitable Donations	- 3,250.00	- 5,122.99	-1,000.00	-1,437.64
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR				-515.19		3,233.36

The approved Balance Sheet is below:

BALANCE SHEET						
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025						
				2025	2024	
	Current Assets					
	Cash At Bank			15,608.91		16,124.10
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	Accumulated Fund					
	Balance Brought Forward			16,124.10		12,890.74
	Surplus/Deficit for the Year			-515.19		3,233.36
				15,608.91		16,124.10