

Edgworth & District Horticultural Society

46th Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 20th November, 2019

7.30 pm at The Barlow, Edgworth

	The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming members to the 46 th AGM and detailing the papers on the tables, 2018 AGM Minutes, Financial Reports, Suttons Seeds, details of the 4-day holiday and a list requesting volunteer cake makers.
	Members Present: 73 members attended this meeting
1.	Apologies: Audrey Hudson, Enid Ashton, Ian Harvey, Gay Chadwick and Jean Turner ⁽²⁾
2. a)	<p>Minutes:</p> <p>The Minutes of the 2018 AGM, which had been displayed on the website all year, were distributed on tables and accepted as an accurate record.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed by Penny Clissold ○ Seconded by Sue Brohi ○ All agreed <p>The minutes were signed by the Chairman.</p>
b)	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Kerry Holt asked for item 7(b) to be clarified. It was explained that in 2018 Blackburn-with-Darwen BC refused permission to place planters on the footpaths as they considered it a possible trip hazard. Permission was finally granted in 2019 following a site meeting with Phil Broughton and an officer in the Highways Department of Blackburn-with-Darwen Borough Council .</p>
3.	<p>Chairman's Report on 2019 - Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This AGM marks the end of Keith Shatwell's 3-year term as chairman and he thanked members for allowing him the privilege. ○ He said it has been a very interesting and busy period for the committee. This year's project has been 'Flowers in Edgworth', a joint venture with North Turton Parish Council who have match funded the placement of 50 planters around the village. These were supplied and planted with summer bedding plants by Myerscough College. Phil Broughton and Heather Dowle oversaw positioning of them and local people maintained them throughout summer. ○ The next joint project with NTPC is the rest garden in Chapeltown. It has already been tidied up and some tree lopping has taken place ready for the next stage of the project. ○ The Annual Show was another successful event. Keith thanked everyone who had some involvement whether as a helper, exhibitor or a visitor. ○ The 4-day holiday to Hampshire was enjoyed by all. Plans have already been made for the next 4-day holiday next June when we will visit gardens of the Scottish Borders. ○ He thanked Pat Whalley who always manages to produce an interesting and varied programme. 2019 was no exception. ○ He also thanked the committee members and also members for their support during the last 3 years. ○ Finally, he once again issued a plea for extra members to join the committee.
	Membership now totals 216 including life members. <i>Chairman's report is attached Appendix a</i>

<p>4.</p> <p>a)</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report on 2019:</p> <p>Copies of the Financial Report (<i>appendix b</i>), Show Report (<i>appendix c</i>) and Summary Report (<i>appendix d</i>) to 30th September, 2019 were available on every table at the meeting.</p> <p>The Treasurer explained the 3 ways in which the Society's money is invested.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Petty Cash - used for day to day expenses 2. Current account - through which all activities are funded. 3. Investment account – We try not to use this, it has earned £2,500 interest in 2019 but of course this could fall as well as gain in the future according to the current market. <p>There was a surplus of £830.02 mainly due to the success of this year's Show. Visits were also profitable as the coaches were fully booked.</p>
<p>b)</p>	<p>The Annual Show raised £780.25 as shown on appendix b (attached). It is made up as follows:-</p> <p>£798.24 Surplus before assets spend - <u>£ 17.99</u> Expenditure on Show assets <u>£780.25</u> Total (excluding raffle donation)</p> <p>The Raffle, including gift aid, enabled a donation of £291 to be donated to 'The Evelina Children's Heart Organisation Ltd'</p> <p>Show Expenditure included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Printing costs - £744. 40 ○ Hire of the Barlow - £650 (to increase in 2020)
<p>c)</p>	<p>Thanks were given to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The plant stall staff who work tirelessly whatever the weather. The total sales this year was particularly high at £671.35. Thanks to all who helped by donating plants and those who helped on the day. ○ All who helped at the Show or came to view the exhibits.
<p>d)</p>	<p>Legacy</p> <p>Gained £2,500 on the year, £1,500 of which has been spent as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To pay the gardeners for their work on the Tebay Memorial Bed and The Barlow bed. ○ The budget for the planters in Edgworth was £1,000, this is match funded by NTPC This covered 50 planters planted up with summer bedding by Myerscough College. These plants were later replaced with bulbs and a few spring bedding <p><i>Attached Treasurer's Financial Reports: appendix b, Financial Report to 30th September, 2019 appendix c, Financial Report for Show 2019 and appendix d, Summary Report</i></p>
<p>5.</p> <p>a)</p>	<p>Election of Officers for 2019</p> <p>Jean Turner⁽¹⁾ has been proposed by the committee to become chairman. Treasurer, Phil Broughton has agreed to stand for re-election. Secretary, Irene Spencer has agreed to stand for re-election There were no other nominations for these posts so the proposed Officers for 2020 are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairman - Jean Turner ○ Treasurer - Phil Broughton ○ Secretary - Irene Spencer <p>All three officers were elected for the coming year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed by the committee ○ Seconded by Barbara Kenny ○ Agreed by all

b)	<p>Election of committee for 2019</p> <p>Jo Southam and Marie Boulton agreed to join the committee and were unanimously accepted. The following members were re-elected /elected to the committee to serve in 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keith Shatwell Sue Brohi Martin Cox David Spencer Pat Whalley Heather Dowle Angela Swallow Jo Southam Marie Boulton <p>Agreed by all Angela Swallow will replace Carol Murphy as Membership Secretary for 2019</p>
6.	<p>Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts:</p> <p>John Sharp has decided not to stand for re-election as Independent Examiner of Accounts (previously referred to as Auditor). Katie Hopkins has volunteered to take over.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proposed by Phil Broughton ○ Seconded by Anna Harvey ○ Agreed by all
7.	<p>2020 Plans</p> <p>a) Events Secretary's Report- 2020 Programme Pat Whalley detailed the upcoming programme for 2020. The chairman thanked her for one again producing an interesting and varied programme.</p>
b)	<p>Using the Bequest</p> <p>Local scouts have helped to replace summer bedding with bulbs and spring bedding plants in the planters in Edgworth. £1,000 is budgeted to increase the number of planters and expand the areas covered next year.</p>
c)	<p>The gardeners will continue to maintain the Tebay Memorial and The Barlow beds.</p>
d)	<p>Work will continue on restoring the Rest Garden in Chapeltown. Some tree trimming has already been done by the Parish Council and the intention is to clear and prepare the ground ready for planting.</p>
e)	<p>Anna Harvey asked members if a donation of £300 could be made to the Turton Tower Kitchen Garden to cover the cost of raised beds. Many members seemed to be in favour but the chairman explained that it would have to be a committee decision. She was asked to send in an official request prior to our next meeting. It will be added to the next committee meeting agenda.</p>
8.	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Barbara Kenny praised the Society for a very positive attitude commenting on the number of people attending meetings and the success of the Show. She thanked the committee for their hard work and dedication. The Society is one of the few societies which continues to grow whilst others are closing down through lack of support.</p>

	Members were encouraged to put their name on the lists for tea duty and cake making. The lists were on every table.
	Phil Broughton thanked Keith Shatwell for his service as chairman over the past 3 years. Keith has agreed to remain a committee member.
	More exhibitors at the Show would be very welcome.
9.	Close The meeting closed at 8.20 pm. It was followed by a social evening with a quiz and potato pie supper.

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