

Edgworth & District Horticultural Society
Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, 16th November, 2022

1.	<p>Apologies for absence: Pat James, Kathleen Ashworth, Julie Walsh, Enid Ashton, Carole Frudd, Jean Wise, Eileen Bailey, Lynn Stokes, Geoffrey Minshull, Anna Harvey, Geraldine Cardwell and Gill Pegman.</p>
2.	<p>Members Present: 57 members were present. 59 subscriptions for 2023 were paid.</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of AGM held on 16th November, 2021: These minutes were accepted at the 2022 AGM as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Sue Brohi Seconded by Keith Shatwell</p>
3i.	<p>Matters Arising:No matters arising were tabled</p>
4.	<p>Chairperson’s Report Summary: Jean Turner (chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting. She stressed the small size of the committee and the very real need to fill committee vacancies. Committee members were asked to stand up so that members could see who they are and they were invited to ask any committee member about what they can do to help. She would welcome volunteers willing to help with specific tasks such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintaining the planters in the villages • Understudies to work alongside those organising the accounts, the day trips and the holiday • updating the website on a regular basis and keeping the facebook page up to date. • Help with setting up the microphones at meetings • Strong, able-bodied people would be most welcome on occasions. • Without more help there is a risk that the show in 2023 could be the last. Help could come from family members, not necessarily gardeners.
	<p>Jean then reviewed the Society’s activities. Numbers at meetings were quite low in January but gradually increased as time went by. Bunny Guinness was our celebrity speaker this year and her presentation “Highgrove and My Grove” was greatly enjoyed.</p>
	<p>Names are being taken for the 4-day holiday. The very first holiday arranged by the society was to the North-east of England 16 years ago, we are re-visiting the area in 2023 and 2 of the gardens, Alnwick Castle and Bide-a-wee Cottage were both new then so it will be nice to see how they have developed. This is open to friends and family</p>
	<p>Annual Show.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering this was the first show since Covid, it was very successful with 322 adults paying to enter and 542 exhibits on show. • The café did very well despite the difficulties. • The tombola raised £140.90 with gift aid added, for Urban Outreach. • Jean thanked all who helped at the show particularly Pauline Shatwell, Heather Dowe and the Barlow facilities team.
	<p>She ended by thanking members of the committee for their hard work in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • programme planning, • setting up chairs & microphones, refreshments at monthly meetings • organising days out, the holiday, village planters and administration of the legacy fund. • Thanks to Tony Murphy, Lesley King and Barbara Kenny and The Barlow facilities

	team for all their help.																
5.	Treasurer's Report:																
	<p>The Treasurer produced a Summary Report to 30thSeptember, 2022</p> <p>Closing Balance Shows:-</p> <table> <tr> <td>Cash</td> <td>£ 311.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NatWest current account</td> <td><u>£ 3,446.98</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Cash + Bank</td> <td>£ 3,758.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Invested Funds</td> <td>£44,990.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Provisions & stock brought forward</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Provisions & stock carried forward</td> <td><u>-£ 1,177.44</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>£47,571.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Annual Change</td> <td><u>-£ 4,053.59</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>Show tombola: donation to Urban Outreach £170.00(includes Gift Aid)</p>	Cash	£ 311.16	NatWest current account	<u>£ 3,446.98</u>	Total Cash + Bank	£ 3,758.14	Invested Funds	£44,990.51	Provisions & stock brought forward		Provisions & stock carried forward	<u>-£ 1,177.44</u>		£47,571.21	Annual Change	<u>-£ 4,053.59</u>
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	<p>Phil Broughton talked through a power point presentation with bar charts explaining how the investments had performed over the past 12 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He thanked Howarth's Financial Services who manage the investment and also thanked Lesley King who once again reviewed the accounts. • Janet Faulkner asked if withdrawals incur a penalty but was informed there is no charge but it takes 2-3 weeks to access the cash. • Value of the legacy has fallen by £6,000 this year but £2,500 was withdrawn in 2021, gardeners have been paid for maintenance work on the Barlow bed and the Tebay Garden. • £7,000 has been awarded to local horticultural projects. • Annual Show- Attendance higher than usual, income helped by 50p increase in entry fee. • Junior participation was very poor in all classes. Publicity will be widened. • Plant Stall- £509 was taken minus cost of plug plants. The bulbs all sold at double the cost price • Annual Show- Attendance higher than usual, income helped by 50p increase in entry fee. Despite this expenditure and market volatility the Legacy is only slightly down from the original investment. • Schedule – All monies have been received from the advertisers' fees. PB thanked the advertisers and Sue Brohi for visiting them and collecting the money. • Café – Thank you to Pauline Shatwell and all who helped her to provide cakes and serve drinks at the show and all who help with refreshments. • Meetings: Subs have increased to £5.00. Members attending is slowly increasing but these do not cover the cost of meetings. 																
6.	Election of Officers																
	<p>The three officers were all re-elected for 2023</p> <p>Chairperson - Jean Turner</p> <p>Treasurer - Phil Broughton</p> <p>Secretary - Irene Spencer</p> <p>Proposed by -Barbara Kenny</p> <p>Seconded by -Alison Hoyle</p>																
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	<p>The following committee members have been re-elected</p> <p>Pat Whalley, Events Secretary</p> <p>Angela Swallow, Membership Secretary</p>																

	<p>David Spencer Sue Brohi Keith Shatwell Heather Dowle Proposed by David Bonser Seconded by Kerry Holt</p>
8.	<p>Appointment of Reviewer of Accounts</p> <p>Lesley King has been re-elected to review the accounts in 2023. Phil Broughton thanked her for reviewing the 2022 accounts. Proposed by David Spencer Seconded by Barbara Kenny</p>
9.	<p>Event's Secretary's Report – 2023 Programme</p> <p>Pat Whalley reported on the interesting and varied programme she has arranged for 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January - Winter, the Season of Surprises • February - Incredible Education-Community Forest • March - Sweet Peas • April 1st - VISIT TO RHS GARDEN, BRIDGEWATER • April - Small Trees for small spaces • May - EVENING VISIT to Jack Green Cottage, Brindle • June 11th - LATE SPRING VISIT to Eggleston Hall & Winton Park Gardens.. • June - Plants for ponds & damp gardens • July 6th to 9th - 4-DAY GARDEN HOLIDAY • July - 50 Shades of Green • July 22nd - SUMMER VISIT to Norton Priory & Ness Botanic Gardens • August - ANNUAL SHOW • September - National Collections at Holehird • October - Getting Ready for Spring • November - AGM, Social evening with potato pie supper & quiz
9.	<p>Open Forum – Members Views & Suggestions</p> <p>No issues were raised at this point but a discussion was held during the chairperson's report when several suggestions were made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create own facebook page & keep it updated (Heather Berry has volunteered) • Keep website up to date (Lesley King has volunteered) • Try to get schools involved • Appeal directly to individuals • Be clearer about what we need help with
10.	<p>The meeting closed at 8.40 pm</p>

Signed..... Dated.....