CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2026

Hello fellow members

Here we are again, another year has flown by and we have the AGM to prepare for. Where does the time go?

It is my privilege to write this introductory note to accompany the necessary paperwork. Once again we have enjoyed a very successful year which included three excellent shows, some very interesting talks, and a good variety of outings.

My thanks therefore to all members of our hard-working Committee. I will not take up space to list them all here, but you can find their names and the important roles they play in the annual schedule.

As I have said before, we are always looking for new committee members. So if you think you might like to join us, please feel free to have a chat with Christine or myself.

Unfortunately I have to tell you that both our President, Neal McNamara, and our long standing Membership Secretary, Jacqui Essen, will not be standing for re-election this year.

Neal has attended most of our events and has been an important presence at our shows for the past few years, presenting the trophies etc. I have enjoyed and will miss our double act immensely.

Jacqui is an invaluable member of our team, and has been collecting your membership money for a number of years, always with a welcoming smile. She would now like to have a more relaxed involvement, and so the good news is that Jacqui will remain on our Committee.

I am however pleased to say we have two candidates to consider as their successors, and I look forward to introducing them to you at our AGM.

That's all from me for another year. I look forward to seeing you on 11th November and/or at our Christmas Social – or both.

Best Wishes

Richard Harding

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Chairman

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2026 AT 7.30pm
AT THE KING EDWARD HALL, LINDFIELD

AGENDA

1) Chairman's Welcome

2) Minutes of previous AGM

3) Matters Arising

4) Chairman's Report (attached)

5) Secretary's Report

6) Treasurer's Report (Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th September 2026 attached)

7) Election of Chairman

8) Election of Vice Chair

9) Election of Membership Secretary

10) Election of Committee:

Christine Cawley – Secretary
Clare Wilson – Show Secretary
Tim Richardson – Assistant Show Secretary/IT
Jim Stockwell – Plant Sales Organiser
Anne Williamson – Catering Supervisor
Heather Hitchcock – Outings Organiser
Jenny Purdon – Publicity Organiser
Carolyn Drew – Talks Organiser
Pat Whetstone

11) Election of President

12) Election of Vice-Presidents

13) Appointment of an Examiner

14) Any other Business