LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12th NOVEMBER 2025 AT THE KING EDWARD HALL, LINDFIELD

1) Chairman, Richard Harding, opened the meeting by welcoming members. He went on to explain that our President, Neal McNamara, was sadly unable to attend due to the death of his wife, Nita. A minute's silence was held to remember Nita and others whom we have lost in the past year.

2) Minutes of the previous AGM were approved and signed, with the one amendment of the word "Outings" being replaced with "Talks" in item 10. (Proposed by Pat Whetstone and seconded by Sue Stockwell)

3) Matters Arising:
   Item 6 – Richard explained that as our Talks continued to make a loss we would continue to charge both members and guests an entry fee of £2 and £4 respectively.
   Item 8 – He advised that Carolyn Drew has moved from Minutes Secretary to the role of Talks Organiser.

4) Richard referred to his written Chairman's Report which accompanied the agenda, and expressed his thanks to each of the committee members by name. He added particular thanks to Pat Whetstone who is stepping down as Treasurer but will remain on the committee.

5) Secretary, Christine Cawley, summarised the extensive programme of events which had taken place during 2025, including the continuation of various workshops introduced the previous year. She also asked for volunteers to help at these events and for a new Minutes Secretary to replace Carolyn Drew.

6) Jim Stockwell presented the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th September 2025. He mentioned that once again this year a small overall profit has been made, although without the substantial donation received we would have made a loss.

   In the light of this he suggested we increase the individual membership fee from £6 to £10 and the joint fee from £10 to £15 as from September 2026. Proposed by Jacqui Essen and seconded by Debbie Anscombe, this was voted on and carried unanimously.

   The accounts were adopted. (proposed by Gill Jones and seconded by David Crowther)

7) In Neal McNamara's absence, Christine Cawley introduced the election of Chairman, and as there were no other contenders for the post Richard Harding was re-elected to the role. (Proposed by Carolyn Drew and seconded by David Macmillan)

8) Election of Treasurer:
Richard introduced Natalie Lane and Tathiana Santana who have agreed to take on the role of Joint-Treasurers and they were duly elected (Proposed Pat Whetstone, seconded Gill Jones)

9) In addition to the change of Treasurer, Richard advised that Carolyn Drew had taken over from Wendy Dumbleton as Talks Organiser, leaving the role of Minutes Secretary vacant. Otherwise all officers were standing for re-election. The following were elected en bloc to the Committee for the coming year. (proposed by Jenny Harding and seconded by Debbie Anscombe):

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

10) Richard thanked Neal McNamara for his proactive involvement as President, and he was duly re-elected to the role. (Proposed by Sue Stockwell and seconded by Sheila Cheeseman)

11) Gordon Marples, was re-elected as Examiner. (Proposed by Anne Hall and seconded by Jacqui Essen)

12) Any Other Business:
Richard thanked Pat for her contribution not just as Treasurer but in her previous roles as Chairman, Secretary, Show Secretary and main organiser for many years (along with her daughter Debbie Anscombe) of our Christmas Social. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2026

	2026	2026	2025	2025
	£	£	£	£
ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
Balance B/Fwd	14901		13974	
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	-1148		927	
TOTAL FUNDS		**13753**		**14901**
REPRESENTED BY:				
EQUIPMENT				
Written down value for all equipment including:		100		100
Table cloths, Vases, Cups, Trophies, Laptops and Printer				
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank Balances				
Savings Account	9000		9000	
Current Account	5492		6423	
		14492		15423
Cash floats		397		382
Less prepaid subscriptions and outings income		-1041		-904
Creditors (plant sales Autumn show)		-195		-100
		13753		**14901**

In 2015, the Society's Cups and Trophies were valued for insurance purposes at £14450. This sum is not included in these accounts. Insurance is held in the sum of £40000 for all the Society's property, including Shed contents, Equipment, Cups and Trophies carried at nominal value shown above.

Approved by the committee on 21 October 2026 and signed on its behalf by;

R Harding
Chairman

N Lane T Santana
Honorary Treasurers

Independent Examiner's Report

I have examined and reviewed the accounting records and supporting documents of the Society for the year ended 30th September 2026 and I confirm the Accounts presented here have been prepared from these and are in accordance therewith.

David S Crowther
Honorary Examiner

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2026

	Income	Expenditure	Net	24-25 Net
	£	£	£	£
Shows	2015	2934	-919	-752
Sales of Plants & Seeds	3216	1987	1229	1,175
Sundries Centre	0	0	0	-163
Subscriptions Received	1466	0	1466	1,544
Coffee Mornings	747	460	287	289
Social Events	1530	2090	-560	95
Donations	182	0	182	1,011
Interest	98	0	98	125
Outings	5344	4795	549	-189
Talks	268	1332	-1064	-795
Admin, Engraving, Shed rent expenditure	0	816	-816	-599
Equipment	0	627	-627	0
Schedule, Newsletters and printing	0	351	-351	-176
Insurance	0	220	-220	-220
Gratuities & Donations	0	259	-259	-130
Subscriptions and Affiliations	0	143	-143	-188
TOTALS	**14866**	**16014**	**-1148**	**927**