



## WOOTTON COURTEENAY GARDENING CLUB

### Treasurer's AGM Report 2026

The Gardening Club remains in a healthy financial state, with a balance at the end of 2025 of £2,424.00.

You will notice from the accounts spreadsheet that this balance is £241.81 less than last year's - more money was spent than received. This is an unusual occurrence for the Club but it is due to particular circumstances. The income the club receives is from two main sources: membership fees and the proceeds of the Flower and Produce Show. The membership remains stable, at 50+ members, but the proceeds from the Show were down a little, despite the increase in income. This was due to the purchase of a new trophy cup (the David Lowman Cup), together with the rental cost of the hall for the Show (which was waived in 2024).

The aim of the Club is to use its income to provide speakers and trips, etc, which are of interest to the members, and to that end the Club spent more this year, hosting six talks instead of the usual five. We had an extra speaker in July (cost £150) to celebrate 25 years since the Club was restarted.

The Club also tries to encourage interest in gardening, and the committee felt that the work done by Good Vibe Veg in their contact with schools, and school visits with "hands on" experience at Horner, was of great benefit, so we increased the annual donation to Good Vibe Veg by £100 to £400 in 2025.

We look forward to 2026 with another varied programme of talks and visits, and I am sure the Flower & Produce Show will be an enjoyable afternoon for everyone, as always.

**Peter Stenner**