

Chairmans Report 2025

Hello again, fellow members. Another year has flown by, and it's once again time for me to give my annual report.

I'd like to start by welcoming all new members and expressing thanks to all those who continue to renew, and of course our life members. As a result we are very lucky to have close to 300 members. Hopefully you all get something from the variety of events we offer.

This has been yet another very successful year for LHS. We have enjoyed three excellent shows, three exciting new events, a profitable Village Day in the sun, and a very festive and tasty Christmas party. There were a variety of interesting speakers, some special places organised for our outings, and our coffee mornings have been well attended.

All of this is down to the hard-working members of an excellent Committee. I will not mention them all individually here, but you can find their names and their roles in our schedule. We must not of course forget those members who have also contributed but who are not on the Committee!

I should also add a huge "thank you" to all of those participants in our shows who now stay and assist with the essential clearing up that is necessary afterwards. This is very welcome, and much appreciated. Whilst on the subject of help, please don't be shy in coming forward. Your assistance is always welcome, either at our shows or at our coffee mornings, even if it is only to clear empty cups.

You will no doubt have seen from the agenda that all of the Committee have agreed to continue, with one notable exception. I refer of course to Pat Whetstone who is stepping down from her role as Treasurer. But firstly and most importantly, you will be pleased to note that she is staying on the Committee.

In over 30 years as a member of LHS, Pat's contribution to date has been immense. Not only serving as a Committee member, she has also had a variety of roles within the society. Amongst others, she was Chairman (yes it was this in her day!!) Show Secretary, Secretary, main contributor (with daughter Debbie) in organising the Christmas social, and more recently Treasurer. Unfortunately Pat has now decided to "park-er pen", but we are delighted she will continue on the Committee, and so I for one can tap into her wealth of knowledge. Thank you, and continue the good work Pat.

That's my lot for now. Please say "hello" if you come to our do at Christmas. If you will not be there, I guess I have to be one of the first to wish you Seasons Greetings, best wishes for the New Year and perhaps see you at our events in 2026.

Richard Harding, Chairman

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
LINDFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2025 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 2025 attached)
- 7) Election of Chairman
- 8) Election of Treasurer
- 9) Election of Committee:

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) Election of President
- 11) Appointment of an Examiner
- 12) Any other Business