

Brimpsfield and Mid Cotswold Garden Society

Chairman's Report 2024 -2025.

This year, thanks to hard work by the Committee, another successful Open Gardens Day in Birdlip, and judicious selection of Speakers, our finances are healthy (see Treasurer's Report).

The talks throughout the year have been very varied and of a high standard. Subjects covered garden produce preservation, the wonder of trees, a very entertaining walk through WWII gardening, garden scents and uses and finally our own Pam Turner on Alpines of Crete, All were very interesting and well received. The garden visit to the Little Orchard, Slad in June was very interesting and enlightening. The ever evolving garden, was an excellent demonstration of garden building on a slope with a tight budget and use of a lot of reclamation products. The Open Gardens Day in Birdlip was again successful, but down in visitor numbers. The Annual Show in September was its usual success. The standard of garden produce was very high, however, the number of entries was lower. The Children Classes were cancelled as there were no entries.

I would like to thank my Committee and Catering Volunteers for their hard work and support throughout the year which added to our success. I have a strong suspicion that the cake at meetings is more important than the garden knowledge covered!

Finally, I would like to say it is with some sadness that I must resign as Chairman and Committee Member due to excess commitment elsewhere, I have enjoyed my three years as lead. I will continue to support the BMCGS and as I love gardening and enjoy members company and knowledge, I will see you all at future meetings.

Very best wishes, Harvey Mattinson Chairman BMCGS