

BRIMPSFIELD & MID-COTSWOLD GARDEN SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

The Annual General Meeting of the Brimpsfield & Mid-Cotswold Garden Society was held on Saturday 2nd April 2024 in Brimpsfield Village Hall at 11.45am. 20 members attended; apologies were received from 15 members.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 2023 AGM had been circulated in advance and copies were also made available at the meeting. They were unanimously approved as a true record of that meeting.

Chairman's Report

Harvey Mattinson summarised the activities of the Society over the past year, and the background to the increase in membership subscriptions. The year's events had been successful, especially the Birdlip Open Gardens event which had raised over £400 for the Society. This and the increase in subscriptions had enabled the Society to weather the rise in speakers' charges and the financial situation was now much stronger. He expressed thanks to Jan Evans, who was standing down from the committee, as well as to the committee as a whole and to Jane Parsons and her team who had provided the lunch.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented his accounts for the past year, which showed a surplus of £1,000, largely thanks to the increase in subscriptions, the Open Gardens event and the successful charity auction following the Show. There had been no one-off expenditure this year, and despite the ongoing increases in the costs of speakers, the Society's finances were in good shape.

The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved by the meeting.

Charity Donations

Members were asked to vote for a charity to be supported for the coming two years; there was a significant majority in favour of the Brockworth Hedgehog Rescue.

Subscription for 2024-25

The Committee proposed that subscriptions should remain at £8 (individual) and £12 (couple), and the meeting supported this unanimously.

Election of Committee

The existing Committee was standing for re-election with the exception of Jan Evans, who was standing down, and no new members had come forward. The remaining members of the Committee, Judith Cheyney, Frances Ellery, Harvey Mattinson, Jane Parsons, Martin Phillips and Jean Tippet, were elected by the meeting, on a proposal by Charles Tippet and seconded by Liz Oakey.

Election of Officers

Harvey Mattinson, Frances Ellery and Martin Phillips were standing for re-election as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. On a proposal by Liz Oakey, seconded by Gay Chamberlayne, they were re-elected to those offices. Harvey Mattinson declared his intention of standing down the following year. The meeting also approved the appointment of Keith Prentice as Honorary Examiner of the accounts.

Any other Business

There was no other business; the meeting closed at 12.03 and the members proceeded to lunch.