

Review of 2023

January Coffee Social and Seed Swap- Having Saturday morning meetings in 2022 was well received by members, therefore the decision has been to continue with them in the winter months of January, February, October and November.

Visit to Cotehele—A joint trip with the U3A Garden and Gateaux group and Dawlish Walkers by train for the Daffodil Festival, all enjoyed the trip despite the rain

The Spring Flower Show and AGM- A great turn out for the show, with many new and regular entrants

Tony Buckland's Garden Festival, Powderham -The society purchased 25 group tickets for the show, which were snapped up

Visit to Stonelands -Saul Walker, the Head Gardener, made us very welcome as usual with an option of visiting in the morning or afternoon and this year we enjoyed tea and cake on the terrace.

Spring plant sale -A very successful plant sale in May outside the Strand Centre

Coronation Street Market—The society had a street stall, promoting the society and selling plants, the weather was not good, however the team managed to keep dry and talk to a lot of people.

Turn the Tide- The society ran a double stall at this environmental event held on The Lawns in May. There was information on sustainable gardening and a demonstration of building a Hedgehog House, and of course plants for sale.

Private visit to Cliff and Chris Curds Garden—Members of the society were able to have a guided tour of Cliff and Chris's productive plot which had been featured on Gardeners World

Dawlish in Bloom—The garden society promoted this virtual event which was sponsored by the Town Council. Members of the Committee also judged the gardens.

Summer Show and plant sale—The Summer Show was very well supported with more entries for the flower classes and crafts

Carnival float—The society invested in a permanent trolley for the Carnival Parade and planted up a mobile flower bed again this year, a fun evening for the whole town

Coach Trip to Forde Abbey—In September, along with the U3A Gateaux and Gardens Group and the Dawlish Walkers, 50 people went to these beautiful gardens and lovely house.

Autumn plant sale—With so many growers in the society now the stock going into the winter held in members' gardens was too large to sustain, so the society held a plant sale in October, which was a great success

Christmas Tree Festival - For the first time the Garden Society entered a tree for St Gregory's Festival in December, with the decorations all in a garden theme and crafted by our members. We also won the public vote for favourite tree.



This year the society also donated money to the Dawlish Garden Trust, planted native trees by the Welcome to Dawlish sign as part of the King's Canopy, and have put a planter at the Manor which it will be maintaining to give pleasure to those using the building. We also gave a donation to Dawlish Community Transport after their arson attack, with our appreciation for everything they do to assist the society and the wider community.

