

**The 80<sup>th</sup> AGM of Newton Park Horticultural Society is cancelled due to the coronavirus crisis.**

## **SOCIETY REPORTS FOR 2019**

### **1 CHAIRMAN: MR J SALTER:**

**1.1 Current Situation:** I would normally be welcoming you to the 80<sup>th</sup> AGM of Newton Park Horticultural Society on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020, which reports on the activities during 2019. However, during this unprecedented time of Government restrictions due to the coronavirus and with our Trading Shed presently closed, we are having to do many things differently. Our constitution says that we have to report to members each year. With the benefit of modern technology, we can publish these reports on our web site. The normal agenda cannot be followed and the Committee elected at the 2019 AGM will remain in post. Approval of the minutes of the 2019 AGM is now deferred, but those minutes will also be available on our web site as will latest information concerning our Society and newsletters, with copies on the notice boards.

Unfortunately (probably fortunately now we are closed), the Trading Shed is not re-stocked. The Society has sufficient financial reserves to weather this storm. We will be keeping all memberships open and doing renewals when next we can. With your patience I can assure you the Society will be all back to normal as soon as possible. I do hope you will continue to support us whenever normality returns.

**1.2 Reports:** I'm pleased to say that 2019 was generally a good year for our Society. The following Officer's reports will give further details. I would like thank all those who have contributed something in the past year. Especially the Officers who ensure the Society functions smoothly, the Committee Members for their support and Andrea Wrigley for compiling our newsletters and maintaining our web site.

### **2 MATTERS ARISING and ACTIONS from the 2019 AGM:**

**2.1:** The £80 prize money mentioned at the last AGM is now shown on the 2019 accounts (Appendix A).

**2.2:** Plant sale was very successful resulting in a significant contribution to the show account (Appendix A).

**2.3:** The Charity donation suggestion at the last AGM from member Marion Sharp was approved (see 5).

### **3 SECRETARY'S REPORT (MR R J DICKENS):**

Six Committee Meetings were held in 2019: 17<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> September, & 7<sup>th</sup> November. Significant matters were:

#### **3.1 EVENTS 2019:**

**3.1.1 SHOWS:** All of our usual Shows - our own, Harrow in Leaf, & the Federation Shows were well supported by our members. In addition, a few members entered the RHS October Show at Hyde Hall.

Our annual Show (further details in 8.1) at Roxeth Community Church (RCC), was yet again Harrow's best individual allotment society show. Thanks here are due to our Show secretary Chris Salter, ably supported by her husband John Salter and all their helpers. Thanks, are also due to the RCC members who also gave us invaluable help in setting up, and breaking down the Show.

**3.2 Travellers:** The travellers camped three times in Newton Park (and other sites in Harrow).

Coincidentally, during their first visit around Easter, shed break-ins and thefts occurred on our East allotments site. Coincidentally on their second visit Shops in Rayners Lane suffered break-ins to their store rooms, and coincidentally on their third visit in August, shed break-ins happened on our West site including our Trading Hut. Nothing seemed to have been taken from our Trading Shed, although the single wooden door was badly damaged.

**3.2 May Plant Sale:** This event is to raise income to help cover costs of our Autumn Show. Fantastic success, sold out very quickly and raised c. £300 for our Show. Thanks to all those who contribute plants for this event.

**3.3 Christmas Party:** Again, this well-established festive event was a major success. Thanks to all those who contribute food and drinks for this event.

**3.4 Newsletters:** Three newsletters (Spring, Summer & Autumn) were distributed to members. Thanks to Andrea Wrigley our Editor, Gibbs Gillespie our printing sponsor and the road stewards for delivering these.

**4 MEMBERSHIP REPORT (MR C CARR):**

Final membership for 2019 was 146 which included 16 new members. This is compared to 154 and 18 respectively for 2018. Current membership for 2020 is 74 with 3 new members.

**5 TREASURER'S REPORT (MR C CARR):**

Mr Carr has provided signed copies of the accounts for 2019 (see Appendix A).

Last year was a satisfactory year for the Society in which we achieved a surplus of £191.

There was a total of £175 distributed from the Charity Fund. Ignite Trust had been nominated by Marion Sharp and they were given £100. The other £75 was given to the Pinner Association of Churches (a multi-faith group) to support the Christmas Lunch that they provide for those who might not otherwise have one.

**6 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CHAIRMAN for MR J VIAN):**

Mr Vian had given written confirmation of the accounts to Mr J Salter.

**7 TRADING SECRETARY'S REPORT (MR A RACHER):**

You have all heard from Colin Carr that 2019 was a very good trading year. AGMs are a time of thanking people and here I would like to thank Colin for his advice on what to buy, his help in making stocktaking so easy, and for paying the bills. I would also like to thank all those who help with our bulk deliveries to stock the shed. Unfortunately, with the current situation (see 1.1) normal trading is suspended at present, but keyholder volunteers have been able to help members as best they can for some residual stock items.

**8 SHOW SECRETARY'S REPORT (MRS C SALTER):**

**8.1 Our Show 2019:** The reasons why the show is such a success is down to several people whom I would like to thank. Firstly, the exhibitors who bring along their exhibits. The judges always comment on the high quality that is achieved. Secondly, everyone who helps to make it all happen. I won't name any individuals but there is a great deal of preparation and hard work that has to be done: tables, catering, entries, stewarding, produce, etc. It is very much appreciated by all the visitors and exhibitors. Thirdly, Roxeth Community Church for making us welcome. Numbers were up this year with 362 exhibits from 33 exhibitors. This compares to 298 & 31 last year. Congratulations to those who won trophies, but please can I have the trophies back by the end of July for engraving. At present the Society pays for all of our engraving costs which amount to nearly £10 per item.

**8.2 Other Shows 2019:** The Society and our members did very well yet again at the August B/H HiL Show, with NPHS achieving highest points in horticulture. Similarly, our members and Society did very well at the Middlesex Federation Show and a few members entered the RHS October Show at Hyde Hall.

**8.3 Our Show 2020:** Hopefully our show will still go ahead as normal at Roxeth Community Church on the 5<sup>th</sup> September. The Schedule is available from me (copy on the web site) with a few changes to look out for. We are carrying on with some classes being made 'open to all' which hopefully may bring in some more entries (and members) in the domestic and photography classes which feature "A Harrow Scene", "Beside the Seaside" and "Insect(s)". I do hope that and have a good growing season and that we are able to have our show as normal. If not, the trophies will come back in July 2021. Most of all though is that you all stay safe and keep well.

**9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**9.1 Plant Sale:** Following the success of last year's plant sale, preparations have been under way for a plant sale on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 with many members growing additional plants. Unfortunately, it looks as though a traditional plant sale will not be possible as we have to maintain the 'social distancing' rules. Further information will be available on the web site and notice boards nearer the time.

The approval of these reports is deferred until an AGM can take place.

Signed.....  
(Chairman: J SALTER)

Date.....

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**For the Year Ended:  
31st December, 2019**

<u>TRADING ACCOUNT</u>					
	2018	2019		2018	2019
	£	£		£	£
Stock @ Cost, Jan 1st	6,921	6,546	Sales	5,612	5,506
Goods Purchased	3,855	4,340	Stock at Cost, Dec 31st	6,546	5,991
Trading Surplus (carried down)	1,382	611			
	12,158	11,497		12,158	11,497

<u>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</u>					
Expenditure	2018	2019	Income	2018	2019
	£	£		£	£
Postage, Telephone, Printing & Stationery	137	147	Trading Surplus, brought down	1,382	611
Hut Rental	79	79	Subscriptions	285	429
Electricity	182	191	Interest Received	2	3
Affiliation Fees	126	144			
Insurances	205	205	Raffle	158	131
Committee & General Meetings	0	0	Donation Received		
Repairs & Renewals	36	0			
Sundry Expenses	164	217			
Autumn Show (cost)					
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	929	983	<b>Total Income</b>	1827	1174
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	898	191	<b>Loss for the year</b>	1827	1174
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<u>Autumn Show Account, September 2019</u>					
Expenditure	2018	2019		2018	2019
	£	£		£	£
Medals, Cups & Awards	37	34	Surplus Carried forward	0.00	87
Table Hire	0	0	Donations	64	35
Prizes	92	94	Bring & Buy	446	359
Judges Fees	45	45		0	
Refreshments	58	60	Refreshments	67	81
Trophy Engraving	162	179	Entry Fees	59	72
Hall Hire	150	175	Prize Winnings	15	80
Show Cards	0	11	Brought Forward		0
Sundry Expenses	20	30			
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	564	628	<b>Total Income</b>	651	714
<b>Net Surplus</b>	87	86	<b>Net Cost</b>	651	714
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I hereby certify that the accounts presented here represent a true picture of the Society's Accounts

Signed C.M. Carr  
C.M. Carr (Hon. Treasurer)

Date: 26/12/2019

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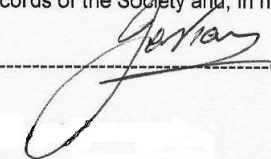
**BALANCE SHEET**

**For the Year Ended:  
31st December, 2019**

	2018 £	2019 £		2018 £	2019 £
Accumulated Fund, Brought Forward	11,848	12,746	<u>Current Assets</u>		
Income & Expenditure Account	898	191	Bank Accounts	6,023	6,586
	<u>12,746</u>	<u>12,937</u>	Cash Float	81	189
			Trading Secretary's Float	400	400
			Debtors and Amounts paid in advance		
			Stock at Cost	6,546	5,991
<b><u>Charity Account</u></b>					
Balance Brought Forward	106	64			
Amount Received	168	173			
	<u>274</u>	<u>237</u>			
Less Donations made*	210	175			
Balance	<u>64</u>	<u>62</u>			
	64	62			
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>					
Show Surplus Carried Forward	87	86			
Subscriptions in advance	153	81			
	<u>13,050</u>	<u>13,166</u>		<u>13,050</u>	<u>13,166</u>

I have scrutinised the books and records of the Society and, in my opinion, these Accounts are in accordance therewith.

Signed  
(John Vian, Scrutineer)

  
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Date 22-1-2020