

# Amersham Gardening Association

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## February 2022 Newsletter

### From the Treasurer

The accounts on pages 8 and 9 show that the Association is in a healthy financial state, with some £3850 in the current account and just over £13,100 in the savings account. However, the current account looks better at the year's end than the true position. In autumn 2020 we took out a 12 month contract with Zoom; when that expired we renewed on a monthly basis until such time as we would be meeting face to face again. For various reasons, I did not claim back the

money paid to Zoom until after the 2021 accounts were closed. At the same time, the deposits for the holiday in Devon in June were paid into our bank account, but Motts had not sent an invoice. So, although the accounts show a profit of over £2000, this will be spent very soon. We now know that we will not be asked to make any contribution towards the cost of audio-visual equipment in the new Drake Hall, but we do not know how much hire of the hall will increase.

### Plant sale Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>

We will hold a plant sale in the forecourt of St Michael's Church in Amersham from 09:00 – 12:00 on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Although we will buy in plants from a wholesale nursery, all donations of seedlings, well-

rooted cuttings and other plants are welcome. Vegetable plants are always popular, so while you are sowing seeds, please set up a few extra pots for sale.

### Annual General Meeting Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup>

Notice is hereby given that the AGM will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, in the Drake Hall, Chilterns Lifestyle Centre, starting at 7:45. The minutes of last year's AGM and the agenda and reports for this year's AGM are on pages 5 – 9 of this newsletter.

The AGM will be followed by a talk by Paul Barney on *25 years of Edulis Nursery: shipwrecks, buggles and bombs*. There will not be tea and coffee, but we will have a break for plant sales. Please bring along plants for sale – remember to put a separate price label with your name on each plant; 10% of each sale goes to the Association.

### Open Garden for NGS Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 14:00 – 17:00

**Orchard House, Tower Hill Road, Coleshill HP7 0LB**

Tea and delicious homemade cakes. This is a garden many people will have visited before, but this year they are opening in spring rather than summer. The 5 acre garden includes several wooded areas with eco bug

hotels for wildlife. Two ponds with wildflower planting, large avenues of silver birches, a bog garden with board walk and a wildflower meadow. There is a cut flower garden and a dramatic collection of spring bulbs set amongst an acer glade.

### Visit to Alswick Hall and Daisy Roots, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

There are still a few places available for this visit, postponed from last year. If you are interested, please

phone Liz Moulton on 01494 748913 or email [libbym6740@gmail.com](mailto:libbym6740@gmail.com)

### Visit to Ordnance House and Heale Garden and Nursery, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June

The booking form for this visit is included with this newsletter. More information on page 4.

## Influencers and house plants

I have come across this definition of an influencer online “someone with sway over your target audience. Influencers have specialized knowledge, authority or insight into a specific subject.” Or, they may just be “celebrities” whose followers on social media believe their opinions are important or meaningful. Either way, one website offers access to 50,000 influencers in the UK – and some of these people make significant amounts of money promoting things. Equally, influencers can be a cause of significant harm by peddling unproven conspiracy theories and hate messages.

Influencers can obviously create fashions, fads and trends. Throughout the Covid pandemic, there has been an increased interest in gardening, and an increased interest in house plants – the latter especially important for people without gardens; house plant sales at garden centres are ~40% up on 2019. The December issue of *The Garden* concentrated on house plants – perhaps an

obvious choice for winter when we are likely to be buying and planting fewer plants outdoors, and perhaps also looking for ideas for Xmas presents. One article discussed variegated house plants and the inflated prices people are paying for them. A variegated *Raphidophora tetrasperma* sold for the equivalent of £14,000 at auction in New Zealand. Single leaf cuttings of variegated *Monstera* have been sold for £80. The creative director of N1 Garden Centre in Hackney is quoted as saying “*Monstera* and *Philodendron*, for example, are ‘Instagrammable’”. OK, so variegated house plants are interesting, but it seems that some people will pay exorbitant sums of money just to be able to share photos of their house plants on social media and show how trendy they are. A quick Google search in December showed a variegated *Monstera deliciosa* for £159.99, a red and green *Calthea* for £26, but *Calthea* white fusion for £50 (a special offer, reduced from £60). That is a lot of money if you are not good at caring for house plants.

## Forthcoming meetings

### February 24<sup>th</sup> Ian Margetts, From mustard to mint

England’s reputation for excellence in mint production has been reinstated, thanks in no small way to Sir Michael Colman. His company, Summerdown Mint, is a unique supplier in the UK of pure, single-estate peppermint oil, distilled on his Hampshire farm from his own crop of traditional Black Mitcham peppermint. “My

family had a traditional, farming background. We prided ourselves on taking care of the crop — from the farm to the producer,” explains Sir Michael. He worked for many years in the family business, Colman’s Mustard, and went on to become chairman of Reckitt and Colman plc. Ian Margetts is the farm manager of Summerdown Mint.

### March 24<sup>th</sup> AGM and Paul Barney, 25 years of Edulis Nursery: shipwrecks, buggles and bombs

Edulis is a specialist plant nursery founded by Paul Barney; it is tucked away in a walled garden in the Thames Valley near Pangbourne. Edulis grows an eclectic mix of rare plants, including a large selection of unusual edible plants as well as many rare shady plants. The nursery was inspired by Bill Mollison in the 1980s, with the aim of growing edible forest garden

plants. This extended to a large range of rare shady plants. Most plants in the nursery are hardy and relatively easy to grow. Paul has searched and selected a good range of edible plants not seen in garden centres.

**Note this meeting starts at 7:45.**

### April 28<sup>th</sup> Sir Roderick Floud, Purchasing Paradise: the money that financed great gardens

Sir Roderick Floud, one of Britain’s pre-eminent economic historians, tells us that gardens have been created in Britain since Roman times but that their true growth began in the seventeenth century; by the eighteenth century, nurseries in London took up 100 acres, with ten million plants that were worth more than all of the nurseries in France combined. His books *England’s Magnificent Gardens* and *An Economic*

*History of the English Garden* look at the history of England’s magnificent gardens as a history of Britain itself, from the seventeenth-century gardens of Charles II to those of Prince Charles today. His ground-breaking study of the history, money, places and personalities involved in British gardens over the past 350 years gives fascinating insight into why gardening is part of this country’s soul.

### May 26<sup>th</sup> Manoj Malde, Designer’s journey to Chelsea

Manoj was born in Kenya and moved to the UK aged four. He attributes much of his love of colour within his garden designs to his Indian ancestry. Now an award winning garden designer, he originally trained in fashion design at the Royal College of Art. He then studied garden design at the English Gardening School and uses much of his fashion experience within his colourful landscape designs. The thought process behind garden

design is not unlike fashion design – the concept still begins with themes, mood boards, colour palettes and textures. Manoj says; “Designing a planting scheme is like creating a beautiful silk print. I’ve gone from haute couture to ‘hort’ couture.” In 2017 he created ‘Beneath a Mexican Sky’ garden at the Chelsea Flower Show; it was awarded a silver-gilt medal.

## In praise of woodchips

Clive Symes sent me a page from the *Daily Telegraph* of November 6<sup>th</sup> – presumably to remind me that *The Guardian* is not the only newspaper (I know there are other papers, but I have been a *Guardian* reader since I was a student, and apart from a brief flirtation with *The Independent* when it was new, see no reason to change). The page Clive sent me featured a review of a book by Ben Raskin called *The woodchip handbook, a complete guide for farmers, gardeners and landscapers*, (Chelsea Green Publishing, £20).

The foot of the page had recommendations for three wood chippers and shredders, ranging from a lightweight electric shredder for £120 (taking branches up to 40 mm thick), through a quiet shredder (“ideal for larger gardens, taking branches up to 45 mm) at £360 to a petrol shredder that will deal with branches up to 80 mm thick “suitable for large gardens, orchards and small-holdings” at £935.

When we moved here in 2004, we were delighted to find that behind our row of 14 lime trees there was a 2m strip of land before the fence that separated us from the farmland – then and now left wild and home to deer (yes, we had to raise the fence), rabbits, foxes and badgers (all of which have indeed been seen in the garden) and chickens that had escaped from Raans farm (no more chickens now that the farm has gone over to sheep). This strip was an ideal place to hide compost bins, containers of bulbs and hardy plants “out of season” and so best out of sight. The area was deeply shaded by the trees and was just a mass of mud. Enter the shredder. We gathered up fallen twigs and branches from under the trees and shredded them to create a path leading to the compost bins. When we ran out of branches, we hopped over the fence and gathered timber from the field. We called this area our “woodland walk”, and it was much improved when we had the crowns of the limes lifted – and the branches that had been removed were shredded and used to improve the pathway.

When we had the conservatory built, and the rather unattractive “municipal” paving stones on the patio replaced with riven Indian sandstone, we used some of the paving stones that were removed to build the conservatory itself to make a path round the side and back of the greenhouse. With great difficulty we managed to move the stones from the pile the builders left for us – it took two of us to move each stone. When the rest of the stones were removed to be replaced with the sandstone, we asked the builders to move them to the “woodland walk” for us. Young James picked up a stone in each hand and walked them to the back of the garden without any apparent effort, laying them as a straight path down the middle of the “woodland walk”.

We still collected fallen twigs and branches to shred, mainly to provide a mulch around the back of the small pond created by burying a 90 gallon water tank (that we had used to transport our koi from the old house) in the



raised bed / rockery that was created from the soil, clay and flints dug out to create the main pond. Then we managed to jam what was by now our second or third shredder beyond repair. We have stopped shredding fallen twigs and branches – small twigs go into the green waste bin and larger branches are moved to the area between the trees and the paving stones along the “woodland walk” to rot down and provide habitats for wildlife. Most of the year this area contains (apart from the fallen branches) mainly suckers from the lime trees, which we strim down each summer – after the bluebells that thrive in the shade have died down. We do our best to avoid the wild arum that also flourishes here when we use the strimmer. When the area behind the small pond needed more mulch, we bought composted bark chips – cheaper than buying a new shredder!

The page from the *Daily Telegraph* also listed 20 uses of woodchips, under the headline “Chips with everything”. Perhaps use of the title of Arnold Wesker’s 1962 play as a headline says something about the demographic of *Telegraph* readers and sub-editors – or perhaps *Telegraph* readers and journalists are well versed in matters theatrical. Some of these uses are obvious – mulching with woodchips aids moisture retention in the soil, suppresses weed growth and reduces mud splash onto plants. Also, the chips rot down slowly, and so increase soil organic matter – and the fungi that rot the chips down can prevent some plant diseases, improve soil health and enhance the growth of plants and trees. Salicylic acid from willow chips used as a mulch in orchards may promote a response in apple trees that reduces damage from apple scab fungus. A fairly thick layer of woodchips provides a much pleasanter surface for pathways in gardens than grave, although it will need replacing more frequently. Chips are often used in places like the RHS Hampton Court flower show to cover muddy patches that would otherwise make walking round the show extremely unpleasant – and they are certainly pleasanter to walk on than the interlocked plastic or metal pathways that are also used.

One downside of mulching with woodchips is that in the early stages they take up nitrogen from the soil as they begin to rot down. Here the answer seems to be to mulch in autumn, when plants require less nitrogen for growth – or perhaps to add some high nitrogen fertiliser such as pelleted chicken manure.

David Bender



# Visit to Ordnance House and Heale House Garden and Nursery near Salisbury Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June

## Ordnance House

Frances Billington writes: I first read about Ordnance House in 'The Garden' May 2021. In May 2020 it won the back garden category and an RHS gold medal in the 'My Chelsea Garden' competition. The garden is only one acre in size but is cleverly designed to make the most of the site, with formal, flower filled beds, birch trees, box balls, a potager and an ornamental parterre. In early June the alliums should be at their best. Unfortunately, they cannot provide refreshments so please bring your own drink.

On the website [www.ordnancehouse.co.uk](http://www.ordnancehouse.co.uk) it says: "Ordnance House is a private domestic garden in Wiltshire that we created from an entirely blank canvas. We moved here in May 2011 but work on the garden only began in August of that year when the hard landscaping was carried out. It is an open site, south facing, sharp draining and chalky. But many plants thrive especially alliums in spring and lavender in summer – both have become signature plants in the garden."



## Heale House Garden and Nursery

Not far from Ordnance House lies Heale House Garden. The website ([www.healegarden.co.uk](http://www.healegarden.co.uk)) says "When visitors step into the garden at Heale House they are immediately transported into a magical and varied paradise of running streams and exuberant planting that they return to time and again to experience its many different moods throughout the seasons."

In this 8 acre garden set in a tranquil location by the river Avon you will find formal gardens near the house but further away the style is more relaxed. Lunch can be preordered in the café (the menu will be sent to those who book for the visit) as picnics in the grounds are not allowed. The nursery is under new enthusiastic management and offers a good range of perennials and shrubs, many chosen to attract pollinating insect .



# Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## conducted by Zoom.

**Logged in:** A total of 53 members were logged in.

- Welcome:** The Chairman, Colin Ross welcomed members and thanked David Bender for setting up the Zoom.
- Apologies for absence:** none had been received.
- Minutes of the previous AGM** held in March 2020 had been published in the February Newsletter. Acceptance was proposed by Irene Glyn-Jones and seconded by Frances Billington and carried nem con.
- Matters arising:** Nothing was raised.
- Officers' reports:** These had been published in the February Newsletter. The Chairman thanked the Officers and Committee for their hard work.
- Treasurer's report.** This had been published in the Newsletter. Susan Jeffery raised the point that the accounts had not been signed. David will sign after the meeting and send to Tim Hillier to sign. Acceptance was proposed by Susan Jeffery and seconded by Ian Attley. Votes 40 Yes, abstain 1, no 0
- President's comments:** The President thanked the Committee for everything they have done to keep the Association flourishing. He felt it was a very successful organisation and hoped it would continue that way. He also thanked David Bender for setting up Zoom for talks and also for the Newsletter.
- Election of Officers:**  
Officers who had declared themselves willing to stand for election were  
Hon Chairman Colin Ross  
Hon Secretary Jean Bowling  
Hon Treasurer David Bender  
Hon Membership Secretary Clive Symes  
Hon Social Secretary (visits) Joan Clark  
Hon Social Secretary (talks) Sue Edwards and Julie Burton  
Hon Activist Carol Barratt  
Votes 44 Yes, abstain 0, No 0.
- Election of Committee members:** Frances Billington. Carol Daw, Irene Glyn-Jones, Liz Moulton and Anne Webb  
Votes 44 Yes, abstain 0, No 0.
- Election of independent examiner for the accounts:** Mrs Sue Humble is willing to act for another year.  
Votes 44 Yes, abstentions 0, No 0.
- AOB:** Colin advised that we have had to cancel the proposed plant sale due to Covid restrictions.

After the AGM we had a talk by Franzi Cheeseman, who spoke about the Stoke Poges Memorial Gardens where she is Head Gardener. The gardens were designed by Edward White who designed them to be different from the Victorian cemeteries at the time. They opened in May 1935 and are unique in England and Grade 1 listed. There was major refurbishment in 2001-04. They consist of a series of gated gardens and parterres.

Franzi then went on to talk about box blight and box moth caterpillars. The gardens have 2000 metres of box hedges which have had problems. There are 2 types of blight, one of which can be dealt with by hard pruning and the plant will recover but with the second type they are likely to lose the plant. Rather than trying

to cure the problem, as there is no real cure, the best course of action is prevention. Good ventilation, avoid using sprinklers, mulch, don't trim more than once a year, don't over fertilise, and maintain general good hygiene.

Box tree caterpillars. These can cause devastation; prevention is difficult but try to remove the eggs which are usually under the leaves. Pheromone traps are useful, steinernema nematodes and DiPel which can be bought on line but is not meant for domestic use. Franzi mentioned several other pests but none which is such a big a problem.

Colin thanked Franzi for her very interesting talk.

# Annual General Meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## Agenda:

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Apologies for absence
- 3) Minutes of the previous AGM held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (by Zoom) (see page 5)
- 4) Matters arising
- 5) Officers' reports (see below).
- 6) Treasurer's report and annual accounts
- 7) President's comments
- 8) Election of officers. The following have declared themselves willing to stand for election:
  - Hon Chairman: Colin Ross
  - Hon Secretary: Jean Bowling
  - Hon Treasurer: David Bender
  - Hon Membership: Secretary: Clive Symes
  - Hon Social Secretary (visits): Joan Clark
  - Hon Social Secretary (talks): Sue Edwards and Julie Burton
  - Hon Archivist: Carol Barratt
- 9) Election of committee members. The following have declared themselves willing to stand for re-election:
  - Frances Billington, Carol Daw, Irene Glyn-Jones, Liz Moulton, Anne Webb.
- 10) Election of independent examiner for the accounts: Mrs Sue Humble is willing to act for another year.

## Talks Secretaries report

As for all of us, the past year has been exceptionally frustrating and in particular when attempting to arrange speakers. Originally speakers had been booked for the year for face to face meetings but because of the pandemic it was necessary to hold Zoom meetings. Sadly, some of our speakers were unable to do Zoom presentations, so we had to find substitute speakers, which proved difficult, with many telephone calls and emails. Thankfully, eventually we managed to find a speaker for each month.

One speaker, Franzi Cheeseman, was so good that she was booked twice. On her first visit in March she covered the treatment of the alarming problems affecting box and in October she described an original and successful garden created in New York on an elevated and disused railway called the High Line - surely an inspiration for our local authorities! In addition, she gave us an insight in Central Park and Brooklyn Botanical Gardens.

In April, Nancy Stevens gave us an interesting talk entitled *Delightful, Delovely, Deranged* on diverse topics as the superbloom of the Atacama, the flying duck orchid of Australia and many other fascinating plants.

In May we were delighted to welcome back Brian Fisher who has spoken to our Association on a number of occasions; this time he introduced the beauty and diversity of plant foliage.

In June, Derek Dexter, a fuschia fanatic, showed the levels he goes to to propagate and grow show exhibits. These included no less than three different levels of winter protection in his greenhouses for his young plants.

In July we heard Ian Bedford who spoke on *Gardens for Us and Them* which was very interesting.

An amusing and entertaining speaker, Darren Lerigo spoke in September and gave his philosophy on gardening without chemicals, encouraging wildlife and various ideas on weeding and pruning.

In November Sara Thornton, a weather presenter, gave a talk on *Gardening in the Changing Climate* and the effect on the planet of global warming.

With no speaker in December, last month we were visited by Pamela Holt and, at last, we were able to have a meeting in the new Lifestyle Centre. She gave an interesting talk with slides of her mountaineering adventures in Bolivia which was fascinating. She was asked and able to collect various specimens on behalf of Kew Gardens who supplied her with plastic bags and envelopes to enable her to send them to Kew. A very intrepid lady.

We now look forward to live speakers in the new community hall.

Jules Burton and Sue Edwards.

## Membership Secretary report

2021 was yet another anomalous year for our members. Membership was free for all those who were existing members. However, for 2022, subscriptions will recommence - £10 single and £17 per couple at the same address. Please remember that renewal subscriptions fell due on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

With the hopeful approach of normality for this coming year and the start-up of live monthly meetings, things

## Visits Secretary report

This year due to the corona virus pandemic we concentrated mainly on local visits. In April we spent an enjoyable afternoon at Chenies Manor. We were given an introductory talk by Charles McLeod Matthews, the owner, giving us some of the history of the house and garden. It was the tulip season at Chenies but, sadly, they had had a few problems as the south border had been attacked by rodents, and the tulips in the white garden had not yet opened. However, the tulips in the sunken garden and round the back lawn were perfect and the overriding impression from the morning was seeing the joy on members' faces as, once again, they were able to see friends they hadn't seen for over a year.

On what was probably the first afternoon in May that we had good weather, 60 of us visited Beech House, the lovely garden in Jordans of two of our members, Sue and Ray Edwards. The front garden has a majestic tree and a linear rockery, but the real delights were in the back garden where there are borders, a pergola that must be a fantastic sight when the roses are in bloom, and a vegetable plot. A birch and other small trees surround the wild flower meadow which was colourful with bluebells, buttercups and red clover among the grasses. We also enjoyed delicious cakes provided by members.

In June we managed to have a really enjoyable 4-day trip to North Norfolk.

First, we went to Fullers Mill Garden which occupies 7 acres on the banks of the River Lark in Suffolk. It consists of a beautiful woodland with a plantsman's collection of unusual shrubs, perennials, lilies and marginal plants.

Our second visit was to Houghton Hall, a walled garden which was redesigned in the original 5 acre walled kitchen garden in 1991. It includes a spectacular double-sided herbaceous border, an Italian garden, a formal rose parterre, fruit and vegetable gardens, a glasshouse, a rustic temple, antique statues, fountains and contemporary sculptures.

The next day we went to Holkham Hall walled garden said to be the second largest in Britain, covering 6

acres. It was originally designed by Samuel Wyatt in the late 1700s, and was undergoing much-needed renovation. Only one large glass house has been restored.

Later that day we went to Sandringham, which is a winter home for the Royal family, especially over Christmas. There is a small formal area near the house and splendid planting around the lake, but this is an estate for walking through woodland rather than admiring flower beds.

The next day we went to East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens which was a blank canvas when the owners first bought it. It has been made into a series of gardens which are a fascinating mixture of formal areas with well-trimmed hedges, topiary, gates and statues, densely planted borders and truly wild areas. Whilst it needed a bit more weeding, I found it one of the most interesting gardens I have seen.

Pensthorpe Natural Park, a 700-acre nature reserve and woodland conservation park, was our first visit on the last day. The lakes and scrapes were teeming with wild fowl, with many ducklings and goslings. This was good for nature less so for garden interest.

We ended our very welcome and lovely trip at West Acre Garden and nursery. This was our last chance to buy plants – and we did.

Many thanks to Jeanne for organising this trip.

On Wednesday 25th August, 47 members visited another garden belonging to two of our members, Richard and Jill Jones' garden in Princes Risborough. They started their half acre garden from scratch six years ago. It is a wonderful plantsman's garden with so much to see and admire. It was immaculate and hours and hours of hard work produced a wonderful vista of flowering plants, trees and shrubs. Jill had made an amazing variety of delicious cakes.

This was our final visit as the visit to Montana in October was rained off. We are hoping to go there this summer.

Joan Clark

## Chairman's report

Last year I started my report by saying how our whole world had been turned upside down, with meetings in the Drake Hall, the holiday, the day trips and the plant sale all cancelled. This year I am pleased to report that things seem to be improving and life is beginning to return to some semblance of normality.

Special thanks again to Sue and Julie, our Speaker Secretaries, for continuing to find speakers who gave us interesting and enjoyable talks using Zoom and to David Bender for ensuring that Zoom worked as it should.

In January we held our first live meeting in almost two years and it was very gratifying that so many of our members came along. The meeting was held in the new Lifestyle Centre and the new 'Drake Hall' looks like it will be a very suitable venue for our future meetings.

In spite of the Covid Pandemic and in addition to the Zoom meetings, the Committee managed to arrange a holiday to North Norfolk and a number of other garden visits. Feedback from participants was very positive

and on your behalf I would like to thank those Committee members and others who arranged these activities.

In terms of future activities, a holiday to Devon has been arranged, it is intended to hold our plant sale on 21<sup>st</sup> May outside St Michael's Church in Sycamore Road, and a full programme of garden visits is being organised.

One casualty of the pandemic was unfortunately the Christmas social but it is planned to hold a social later this year, as an alternative to our usual July meeting.

As things return to normal, please remember that we need to inject some new blood in the committee to ensure that it reflects the current membership of the Association. If anyone would like to get involved, either in a formal position or just informally, please let me or one of the other committee members know.

Colin Ross

## Treasurer's report

### Amersham Gardening Association Income and expenditure account for the year ending 31st December 2021

	2021			2020		
	income	expenditure	balance	income	expenditure	balance
Subscriptions	34.00		34.00	1490.00		1490.00
Deposit account interest	43.61		43.61	98.01		98.01
Visitors and miscellaneous	0.00		0.00	6.00		6.00
Plant sales at meetings	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
Social activities (incl tea)	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00
<b>Activities and fundraising</b>						
Outings	28042.00	-23980.25	4061.75	2851.00	-2774.00	77.00
Raffle and Xmas tombola	0.00	0.00	0.00	293.25	-66.94	226.31
Quiz night	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Plant sales outside	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Other expenditure</b>						
Speaker fees		-1199.00	-1199.00		-507.00	-507.00
Room hire ACC		0.00	0.00		-362.28	-362.28
Venue hire (other)		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Gratuities and gifts		-500.00	-500.00		0.00	0.00
Newsletter and postage		-54.87	-54.87		-36.48	-36.48
Administration and publicity		-218.17	-218.17		-208.37	-208.37
Social activities		0.00	0.00		-124.94	-124.94
miscellaneous						
shows						
<b>total</b>	<b>28119.61</b>	<b>-25952.29</b>	<b>2167.32</b>	<b>4738.26</b>	<b>-4080.01</b>	<b>658.25</b>



Amersham Gardening Association  
Balance sheet as at 31st December 2021

	2021	2020
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash in hand	£8.61	£8.61
Cash at bank (current account)	£3,850.69	£1,726.98
Cash at bank (savings account)	£13,109.67	£13,066.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>£16,968.97</b>	<b>£14,801.65</b>
Balance brought forward	£14,801.65	£14,140.40
surplus for the year	£2,167.32	£661.25
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>£16,968.97</b>	<b>£14,801.65</b>

Signed

Tim Hillier (President)

dated

David Bender (Treasurer)

dated

8/2/22

Independent Examiner's report

I have examined the above balance sheet and attached income and expenditure account with the books and vouchers, and, in my opinion, they present a fair view of the financial position of the Association as at 31st December 2021

Susan Humble

Hon. Independent Examiner

Susan Humble

dated

05.02.22



## Some requests for help

We always need people to meet and greet members and visitors at our meetings.

If you can help, please contact Felicity Vickery Tel: 01494 726284, email [felicityvickery@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:felicityvickery@yahoo.co.uk)

We need people to help with the tea and coffee at our meetings. There is a rota so you are not expected to help at every meeting.

If you can help, please contact Liz Moulton Tel: 01494 784913, email [libbym6740@gmail.com](mailto:libbym6740@gmail.com)

**Please remember the raffle at each meeting.** The profit on the raffles makes a very useful contribution to our expenses; subscriptions alone do not cover the cost of meetings and speakers.

**Publicity.** If you know where you could put a publicity poster please contact [david.bender@btinternet.com](mailto:david.bender@btinternet.com)

At present we have posters in the following places:

White Hill Centre, Chesham  
Van Hage garden centre  
Little Chalfont Library  
Coleshill Village Hall

## Committee and Contact Details

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## Local events

If you know of local garden events, open gardens, etc, please email [newsletter@amersham-gardening.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@amersham-gardening.org.uk) to let us know as early as possible, so that information can go out in the newsletter and on the website.

## Photos from outings

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