

**Alresford and District Horticultural Society**  
**80th Annual General Meeting 2026**

The Chairman, Mrs Janet Pooley, was indisposed so Mr Stephen Morley was in the chair. Apologies were received from Janet Pooley and Pauline Cherrett.

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome address.**

Stephen Morley explained the form that the evening would take, i.e. the formal business of the AGM, a talk from Roger Harrison and a shared supper.

**2. Minutes.**

The 2025 Minutes had previously been circulated to Members and were displayed on a screen. Adoption was proposed by Vivienne Isemann and seconded by Benny Brundish and received no objections so were adopted.

**3. To Receive the Chairman's Report.**

In the absence of the Chairman, Stephen Morley read the Chairman's Report which had previously been circulated to Members.

**4. Adoption of the Financial Statement and examined Balance sheet to 31st December 2025.**

Vivienne Isemann read the Financial Report and explained that the unusually large financial gain for the year ending December 2025 had mainly been owing to the sale of silver cups inherited from Alton Horticultural Society. We also made a profit from the Plant Sale of £423. In 2024 we had received two grants from the Agricultural Society (for the 23 & 24 Shows but we had not received a grant for 2025. The Agricultural Society provide the marquee and a number of passes for our stewards, it is unlikely that any grant will be paid in future. She remarked on the charges from the bank, extra is charged for all transactions except bank transfers and reminded members to pay their annual subscriptions, due in March, by this method if possible, we cannot accept cheques. The Audited Income and Expenditure Statement was displayed. Adoption was proposed by Benny Brundish, seconded by Kyrene Beames and carried unanimously.

**5. To elect Officers and Committee.**

The proposed Officers and Committee list, having previously been circulated to Members, was displayed and comments invited. Stephen Morley pointed out that we do not have a Chairman now. Dawn Othen was welcomed on to the Committee but no other changes were made. Adoption of the new Officers and Committee was proposed by Ann Winfield and seconded by Val Ramshaw and carried unanimously.

**6. To appoint Honorary Examiner of Accounts.**

Colin Scott-Morton was confirmed in this position for the **2026 accounts**

**7. Presentation of Flower of the Month Award.**

The cup for this competition was presented to Simon Terry. Stephen Morley explained how the points were added up.

#### **8. AOB.**

Peter Tudor asked whether there would be a Plant Sale this year. Stephen Morley told him that it had been scheduled and that Members would receive the 2026-2027 programme at the March meeting.

#### **9. Votes of Thanks.**

Ann Winfield thanked Stephen Morley for taking over the Chairmanship of the AGM at relatively short notice. Vivienne Isemann thanked Shireen Coghlan **for the great commitment she had made to the running of the Society over this last year.**

That concluded the formal business of the Meeting.

Roger Harrison of Itchen Mill then gave an informative and interesting talk about water meadows. Their history is fascinating and was unknown to most of us. This was followed by a shared supper.