

Treasurer's Report - 2024

WOOTTON COURTENAY

GARDENING CLUB

The gardening club continues to remain in a healthy financial state!

The club income is almost entirely from two sources: membership fees and proceeds from the annual Flower Show.

Membership has continued to increase this year and the Flower Show proceeds have bounced back to exceed pre-Covid levels. We are extremely grateful to all who contribute and help with the show.

The club year ends with a balance of £2,547.85, an increase of £116.95 from last year. The aim of the club is to use its income to provide speakers and trips, etc, which are of interest to the members; these have been many and varied this year, and much enjoyed.

For several years pre-Covid we tried to donate some of our funds to different local schools in order to promote gardening, but without success. With our current balance we felt it right to try again, so this year we donated \pounds 300 to Good Vibe Veg to help with the purchase of child friendly tools, which can be used when children from local schools visit, which they do regularly.

We look forward to 2024 with another great range of talks and visits and, of course, the village Flower Show, which is always such an enjoyable event.

We will continue to look for ways of encouraging interest in gardening. Any ideas are always welcome.

Peter Stenner

Individual speaker costs for 2023

28th January:	Joff Elphick (via Zoom) - 'Crayfish on the Lawn '	£125.00
25th April:	Rob Schmidt - 'Greencombe Gardens'	£60.00
27th June:	Derek Dexter - 'Fuschias, My Way'	£90.00
26th September:	Nigel Cox - 'Sustainable Gardening Methods'	£75.00
28th November:	Felicity Downs - 'All Year Round Colour'	£150.00

Total