

Report to Wroughton Annual Parish Meeting

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Wroughton and District Gardeners' Society (WDGS)

The Society was formed in 1944 and it continues to remain active. At the end of 2022 we had 97 members who pay an annual membership of £10. Membership is open to anyone.

Our meetings are held in the evening, on the third Monday of the month at the Ellendune Community Centre where talks about horticultural subjects are given to audiences of between 40 to 50 people. 2022 saw some last-minute cancellations due to the extreme hot weather and the Queen's funeral. Entry to members is free and only £1.00 for non-members. WDGS is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society, The National Vegetable Society, The National Chrysanthemum Society and the National Dahlia Society.

Events include the Autumn Show, Plant Sale in May, evening trip, which in June 2022 was to a'Becketts Vineyard. Every 2 years we invite a celebrity guest speaker, which in March 2024 will be Adam Frost. The Autumn Show was successful, despite 2022 being a difficult year due to the drought with 647 entries by 70 exhibitors. The weather was again kind to us and a lot of people visited the show and had refreshments in the Ellendune garden.

We are grateful to local shops who display posters about our events, The Ellendune Community Centre, plus our members and the people of Wroughton, who come along and support our events.

Jess Bailey

Chris Cossey

Chairman

Honorary Secretary

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