

Report to Wroughton Annual Parish Meeting

by

Wroughton and District Gardeners' Society (WDGS)

The Society was formed in 1944 and last November we marked the 80th anniversary of the club. At the end of 2024 we had increased our membership to 126 members who pay an annual membership of £10. Membership is open to anyone. The club is in a healthy financial position which allows us to book quality speakers who charge higher fees.

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. We are pleased that our talks are now attracting audiences of between 50 to 80 people. Entry to members is free and only £2.00 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 2024 was to a garden at Mill Lane in Swindon Old Town with proceeds being donated to Shine PND Support. Every 2 years we invite a celebrity guest speaker, which in March 2026 will be Joe Swift. For this event we use the Theatre at The Deanery. The audience when we hosted a successful event in 2024 with Adam Frost was 340.

The Autumn Show in 2024 took place on a wet day and we had 540 entries which were slightly down on previous years. It was great to see the entries from the Library Lego Club.

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

Wroughton and District Gardeners' Society

2025

Programme for 2025		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Mon 20/1/2025	Lyn Miles	Westcroft and its Snowdrops
Mon 17/2/2024	Clare	Walk with Hawks
Mon 17/3/2025	Adam Alexander	The Accidental Plant Breeder
Mon 21/4/2025	Katherine Crouch	New Tricks for Old Gardeners
Sat 10/5/2025	Plant Sale	Starts at 10:00am at Ellendune Community Centre
Mon 19/5/2025	Richard	Talk about Richards Company "My Apple Juice"
Sat 7/6/2025	RHS Wisley	Members Visit
Mon 16/6/2025	Overtown Manor	Garden Visit members £5 non-members £10
Mon 21/7/2025	Pip Smith	The Drought Resilient Garden
Mon 18/8/2025	Philip Aubrey	Propagation
Mon 15/9/2025	David Tite	Carnivorous Plants
Sat 20/9/2025	Autumn Show	Ellendune Community Centre
Mon 20/10/2025	Derry Watkins	Unusual and Long Blooming Plants - How an American Ended Up Running a Nursery in Bath
Mon 17/11/2025	AGM	The NHMP Hedgehog Project in Wroughton
Mon 1/12/2025	Tim Walker	12 Plants of Xmas