

Report to Wroughton Annual Parish Meeting

by

Wroughton and District Gardeners' Society (WDGS)

The Society was formed in 1944 and by the end of 2025 our membership had increased to 150 members, who pay an annual membership of £10. Membership is open to anyone. The club is in a healthy financial position, spending over £7,500 on its activities plus the numerous hours given by our committee and members in organising and running the club.

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. Our talks now attract audiences of around 80 people, with free entry to members 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 2025 was to the garden at Overtown Manor with £1,000 being donated to Pick, Cook and Eat. In June 60 members visited RHS Wisley.

The Club tries to take an active part in village events and in the last year sponsored a duck in the Duck Race, took part in the carnival procession and had a stall on the Weir Field and entered the Scarecrow Trail plus providing the Gardening Notes articles in the Wroughton Monthly.

Every 2 years we invite a celebrity guest speaker, which in March 2026 saw 260 people come to hear a talk by Joe Swift at The Deanery, Theatre at Wichelstowe.

The Autumn Show in 2025 was again threatened with rain so had to be held inside. We had a record 720 exhibits from 80 people including 15 loaves of Anglo Saxon Bread which were entered in conjunction the Ellendune 1200 Event. Our photography section included a "Picture of futuristic garden created using Artificial Intelligence (AI)

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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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