



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter

Nov 2025

Hello Everyone,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

I do love these frosty bright days as I can light my wood burner and get all cosy in my fluffy jim-jams while looking through seed catalogues dreaming of all the lovely things I want to grow,.... Although I never have enough time to fulfil my lofty ambitions.

Hopefully these bright days are also encouraging you to get out in the fresh air and enjoy all the beautiful colours, as it won't be long before the trees are all bare.

Strangely, I even have an antirrhinum flowering where its been so mild, but I think the frost will soon put a stop to that. What is still flowering in your garden?

Christmas Party - Saturday 29th November

Our Christmas party is next SATURDAY! Yippee!

The finger buffet will also include a complimentary glass of white or red wine, or fruit juice, **so please do bring a glass**,.... and your own top up if you want more.

There will be no plant stall at the November meeting, but there will be the normal mad games, fun quiz and the committee will lead the way with the festive dress up!

Make sure you 'sparkle up!' your Christmas jumper, and/or tinsel!

Christmas Raffle— We will again this year be inviting members that will be attending to bring along a gift for the Raffle wrapped up so that no one knows what they will be winning on the night.

Please ensure that it is sealed and in date. If it's not edible it may still have a date if its hand cream, or beauty/ grooming product, so again please do ensure they are in date.

Club meetings are generally held on the 4th Friday of the month, doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start, at the Hordle Pavilion.

Diary Dates

Saturday 29th November

Annual Christmas
Buffet

Friday 23rd January

Annual AGM

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Looking forward to 2026,.....

Its that time of year when the committee and I start thinking about what we can do better in the coming year to keep our beautiful club thriving.

Trips—The smaller groups, using our local community mini busses is working really well, so we are looking to continue to do our trip in this way and will have a full programme ready for your new members cards from Jan 2026 onwards

Closed Show—We are always open to any feedback you have to make this better, so please do have a chat with Alan who will be taking over organising this next year.

Anything else?.....Please chat to any of the committee over the coming meetings, or email your ideas in to us.



Jobs in the garden in Dec

Remove fallen leaves off paths, but do try to keep them on your borders for all those lovely insects..

Plant: Spring bulbs, maybe try tulips in containers, and add other winter plants for a touch of colour. You can also plant bare-root trees, shrubs and roses.

Cut back: Perennials—cut back the flowering stems

Store: Lift and store your dahlia tubers to prevent them from rotting.

Tie in: Climbing/ rambling roses, and wisteria

Cuttings: You can still take hard wood cuttings of shrubs

And,.....

Mow the lawn if the weather permits, and service your mower in the winter if needed

This is the perfect time of year to sharpen your shears and secateurs, and clean and oil garden tools .

Protect your tender plants,.. Its starting to get colder.

What Happens at our Meetings

Doors open at 7pm with the talk starting promptly at 7.30pm. Time for you to look at the plant sale table and buy your raffle ticket/s.

Following the talk **coffee/tea** will be served (50p please) and the Raffle drawn. Donations of raffle prizes are always gratefully received.

We have various **gardening magazines** available for you to take - usually in front of the bar shutters. Keep an eye out here for other items.

Information Board

Check out the club's black Information Board which will show upcoming trips and event details, and the relevant booking sheets on clipboards. **Please pay when you put your name down for a trip/event.**

Plant Sales Table

Your donations of plants for the sales table will be very welcome each month we have a speaker. Funds raised contribute towards our talks and events. Please name your plants if you know what they are... we will have labels available at each meeting.

Raffle Table

We have a raffle table at every meeting with a speaker, so remember to buy a few tickets. Your contributions of raffle prizes are always very welcome too.

All monies raised go to club funds and towards future events and trips.