



Hordle Gardening Club Newsletter January 2025

Hello Everyone, and happy new year to you all!

Well we have had it all so far this year, wind, frost, and a lot of rain, but also some lovely cold sunny days too.

This is a great time to reflect on the garden successes you had last year, repeat the stuff that worked, and plan some changes for those things that didn't quite work out.

So,... stick your feet up, get a nice mug of tea/coffee and some of the biscuits from tins received at Christmas,... and go through the seed catalogues, getting ideas for what to grow in 2026.

Friday 23rd Jan—AGM

Next Friday is our annual AGM, and at the meeting we are wanted to get your thoughts and ideas for 2026, so look forward to seeing loads of you there!

Membership renewal for 2026

Many of you have already renewed your membership for this year - thank you. If you haven't yet renewed, the annual fee is £10, and you will find a PDF copy of the Membership Form attached to the same email as this newsletter. Hard copies will also be available at the meeting on Friday if you don't have a printer. Payment can be by cash or cheque.

October 2025 talk—Jakoti hand shears

You may remember the Oct meeting where the speaker, Gillian Taylor talked about some great tools for the garden:

- Jakoti hand shears—£40

[Jakoti Hand Shears - Quality Hand Shears for Gardening and Farming](#)

- Burgon & Ball RHS long handled rake—from £13.99

[Buy RHS Burgon and Ball shrub rake](#)

- RHS Moisture tester—£9.89

[Buy Moisture and PH meter](#)

Alan will be bringing his to the AGM if you would like to take a look.

Diary Dates

Friday 27th February - talk

'From weeds to show winning urban garden' with Amanda Gomersall

Friday 27th March - talk

'History of flowers in art' with Glenn Duggen

Friday 24th April - talk

'The white garden' with Chris Bird

Friday 22nd May - talk

'Bumble bee conservation trust' with Gill Perkins

Friday 26th June - talk

'Follies' with Phil Broomfield

Friday 24th July - Closed show

(Members only)

Friday 7th Aug—Summer BBQ

Friday 25th September - talk

'Hampshire, nature in trust' with Mike Read

Friday 23rd October - talk

'Container planting with bulbs' with Tim Woodland

Saturday 28th November - Christmas Buffett

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

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Events for 2026

Skittles Evening— April TBC

We are hoping to hold our annual skittles evening in April Full details are yet to be confirmed, and Jan will be giving an update at the Feb meeting.

Trips for 2026

We are planning to the mini bus again this year following last years success. As a reminder, the mini bus holds 16 people so places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

We are planning two trips this year:

- May—Cranborne Manor
- Sep— Bennetts Water Garden

As before, we will hopefully also be able to offer discounted places for those that are able to drive themselves there, enabling the maximum amount of members to enjoy these trips.

Plant Sales Table—not open at the AMG

Our Plant Sales Table needs your spare plants. I'm sure we're all starting to split our perennials and will soon be sowing seeds for flowers and vegetables. This year we are also continuing to give our Lorraine some club funds to grow some plants for our stall, so look out for something lovely to add to your garden throughout 2026.

Members open gardens

We would like to continue members open gardens in 2026, but we need more members to join in.

You will only get visitors from club members so please don't be worried about the odd weed here or there. Please also let me know if you need any help on the day, as the committee and other members by be able to support.

It's a great opportunity to get to know each other better as you can talk to members that you might not normally sit near at our meetings.

We only ask you to provide tea/coffee at 50p and for funds raised go to the club.

Jobs in the garden in February

Pruning: Clematis (group 2), wisteria, winter jasmine, hydrangea, buddleia, cornus, mahonia, evergreen shrubs, climbing & bush roses.

Sow under glass: Sweet peas, summer bedding—cosmos, lobelia, nasturtium, antirrhinum.

Tender crops—tomatoes, chillies.

Plant: Dahlia tubers in trays to encourage shoots to develop which you can then use as cuttings.

Divide: Congested clumps of herbaceous perennials, and large clumps of snow drops and winter aconites.

Pot up: Containers with hard spring bedding, such as primroses, wall-flowers and forget-me-not's

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.