

# RINGMER HORTICULTURAL & HOME PRODUCE CLUB

## AGM MINUTES

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025 @ 6:30pm

Our president Gordon Fowlie welcomed members and said that he hoped everyone would have an enjoyable meeting and quiz event and encouraged people to purchase raffle tickets in aid of the British Legion.

Apologies for absence: Kate Newman

Matters arising from the minutes of 2024 AGM: None

Chairman's comments: Thank you all for coming. It has been another successful year for the club with several new members joining and increased numbers of young people entering the shows. The weather on both show days was good which meant we had a good number of visitors.

Treasurers Report: Copies of the certified annual accounts are available if you wish to see them. In summary, the balance of the account as at 1 October 2024 amounted to £2094.84 and the closing balance on 30th September 2025 was £2185.17. The Spring show made a profit of £90.21 but the Summer show made a loss of 13.44, mostly because a drop in the income from tea and cake sales probably because of a clash with other events in the village. Printing costs are high but have been offset by an increase in sales of advertising space in the schedule.

Secretary/show secretary report: The number of entrants and entries for both of our shows continues to increase slowly year on year. (2025 Spring – 46 entrants making 224 entries: Summer– 41 entrants making 293 entries) The schedule for 2026 is available today. We try to keep class specifications contemporary and are promoting new competitions such as the daffodil challenge and potato in the bucket competition. We have changed the children's age groups, so they now match school years for infant and primary phases. Secondary age students are being encouraged to enter the adult classes. No one aged under 17 will be charged entry fees. We were delighted that some students from Kings Academy participated in our summer show and look forward to welcoming them again to both shows next year. Volunteers request on entry form. The committee were very grateful to the people who volunteered help on show days via the entry form - it will be helpful if more did.

And to keep things running it will be helpful to have one or two more members on the committee - this will help us to also contribute to events such as the picnic on the green on Bank Holiday Monday, the village hub and Seedy Saturday in Lewes.

Election of Officers and Committee: The current Officers and Committee stood for re-election. Bob Cairns proposed that the meeting accept this, seconded by Sue Hemmington and passed unanimously.

AOB: A questioner from the floor asked if our bank was going to allow us to continue with free banking. Sue and Chris said that they believe so and that they make use of online banking whenever possible.

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm