



# Grayshott Gardeners'

## Newsletter

### October 2025

#### From the Main Committee

I love the changing landscape of autumn colours and the colder, sunny days that herald the beginning of a new season.

Children are back at school with their pristine uniforms two sizes too big and the promise of new beginnings in the air. Acorns, conkers and leaves are scattered across the pavements and tracks and crunch underfoot.

Summer already seems a long time ago, though we are sometimes blessed with a brief reminder with a burst of warm sunshine. Autumn promises to have spectacular colours and the Canadian Maple Trees along the A3 near Bramshott are already providing wonderful sunset hues. Autumn always heralds homemade soup and a changing menu of comfort food and warm fires.

We have had a successful series of trips this year and I am busy arranging new visits for the New Year. If you are visiting any gardens then please share your experiences and photos in the Newsletter, as it is always good to have a personal recommendation or new ideas for visits.



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#### Community Orchard



Grayshott Community Orchard are holding a quiz night on **17th October** at the Village Hall at 7.00 for a 7.30pm start.

Tables of 8 or make up a team on the night. Tickets are £15 per person and will include supper and nibbles. There will also be a licensed bar.

Entry form and full details at <https://www.grayshottorchard.org.uk/news.htm>

#### Committee Posts

We have a vacancy for a Plant Sales Co-ordinator for 2026 to lead the newly formed Plant Sales Committee. Plant sales raise a considerable amount of money each year to support the activities of the Club. If you are interested in finding out more about this post please speak to one of the Committee.



#### Volunteers needed



<https://www.grayshott-pc.gov.uk/news/volunteers-needed-for-great-grayshott-tidy-up>

# SHOWS

As usual, all entrants to the Spring Show were given a small fuchsia plant to take home and grow on – this year it was ***Delta's Sarah***. We asked that the members brought them back to the September club night so that we could all see how they'd fared. 12 members did just that and it was interesting to see the difference between them all: the colour of the leaves; the plant size overall; the fact that some had all but finished flowering while others, notably **Viki's, Karen's** and **Eda's** were all looking absolutely beautiful with plenty of blooms. Many thanks to all of you who bravely showed us how their little plants had grown over the summer.



## Tulips and Narcissi

A reminder that the bulbs will be available for you to buy at the October Club Night

Daffodils: £4.50/10 - "**Smiling Sun**"

Tulips: £3.50/10 - "**Miscodeed**"

(NB Difficult year for daffs hence cost more than tulips)



# Raffles

A reminder that there **won't** be a raffle at the October Club night. The next raffle will be at our Christmas Meeting on 10 December when, following on from the success of the Xmas 2024 raffle, will once again be in aid of the local Food Bank ... more details in the next newsletter.

**Janet Hall**



## Garden Design Workshops - 6th Sept 2025

We recently had a very successful day with David Hurron on Garden Design. As always, David provided us with a great deal of information and tips to consider when planning and designing our own gardens. The time went very quickly and gave us all not only lots of things to consider, but also the realisation that we could spend a lot of time happily planning and designing our gardens. As I walked past a member's garden the following day, I could see them standing in front of a border and reviewing their planting and moving things around – good to see the workshop being put into immediate practice. I always walk away from a workshop wishing for more and trying desperately hard to remember all the great ideas that were shared at the time.





# Workshops



## September Meeting

### Elizabeth Sawday

'Roses'



A very well received and well attended talk by Elizabeth Sawday of Apuldram Roses at our September Club Night. Elizabeth seen here with our Programme Manager Sue Wheeler.

Elizabeth can be found at [www.apuldramroses.co.uk](http://www.apuldramroses.co.uk)

More details are available on our website: [www.grayshottgardeners.net](http://www.grayshottgardeners.net)



Serena Thompson also joined us from Grayshott Parish

Council to promote their hardworking Grayshott Gardening Heroes group.



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## October Meeting

### KEYNOTE LECTURE

### Matthew Wilson

'Dynamic Planting: Combining Plants, Materials and Place'



Grayshott Gardeners is delighted to welcome back Matthew Wilson for our Keynote Lecture.

Matthew is an award-winning garden and landscape designer, writer, radio and television broadcaster and lecturer and will be a familiar face to many. His most popular talk at the moment is Dynamic Planting: Combining Plants, Materials and Place.

This talk examines how plants can be used to maximum effect whatever the shape or size of the garden. Using examples of gardens designed by Matthew over the last 20 years, this talk considers the use of plants in relation to materials, place and vernacular, the architecture of plants and the importance of the garden in the wider environment.

Come join us to hear more.

The meeting will be held in  
**Grayshott Village Hall**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Free refreshments**

Doors open at 7.15pm ready for the meeting to begin at 8pm.



# Jobs for this month - October

## Gardening in October

(excerpts taken from the RHS website)

### The autumn chill sets in

Although we had some warmer days over September, the autumn is now definitely here for real, and it feels colder. It's a beautiful time of year, with the trees changing colour. Sometimes it may seem pointless raking, when the wind blows even more leaves onto the lawn, but just think of all the lovely leafmould you can make! It's also time to start preparing for early frosts.

### 1. Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into a greenhouse or conservatory

In frost-prone areas a conservatory is the ideal place for overwintering tender perennials and marginally hardy plants from the garden. Cold-sensitive plants in need of good light levels and dry, frost-free conditions will also benefit.



### 2. Cut back perennials that have died down

Perennials are not demanding plants, but trimming them after flowering finishes in autumn helps improve their appearance and flowering. However, you can leave some stems over winter to provide homes and food for wildlife, and then trim back in spring.



### 3. Divide herbaceous perennials



Dividing perennials regularly will ensure healthy, vigorous plants that will continue to perform year after year. It also offers the opportunity to multiply your plants.

## More Jobs for this month

Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants

Plant out spring cabbages

Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts

Prune climbing roses

Finish collecting seeds from the garden to sow next year

Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas

Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf

## Date for your diary



GRAYSHOTT GARDENERS  
The secrets of garden design

**Nick Turrell**

**Wednesday, 10th December 2025**

**Doors Open 7.15pm, Lecture at 8.00pm**

Grayshott Village Hall

**Visitors (always welcome) £5**

**Free light refreshments**

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Such a positive experience with Homes. Tanya was absolutely brilliant, even when dealing with some very challenging situations but we got there in the end and I could not be happier. I would definitely recommend using Homes at Grayshott. All the staff were so helpful and nothing was too much trouble. **A Wheeler- August 2025**

Brilliant service throughout from first contact to post completion. Cannot recommend Tanya highly enough. Always responded quickly, brilliant suggestions and recommendations. Thank you so much for all your help! **P Mahoney June 2025**

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