Grayshott Gardeners' Newsletter November 2026

From the Main Committee

Hello Gardeners!

Our next meeting on Wednesday 11th November is the Club's Annual General Meeting.

The business part of the meeting only lasts about 20 minutes, and this is followed by complimentary cheese and wine and the chance to join fellow members in a light-hearted general knowledge quiz, whilst getting to know each other and having some fun.

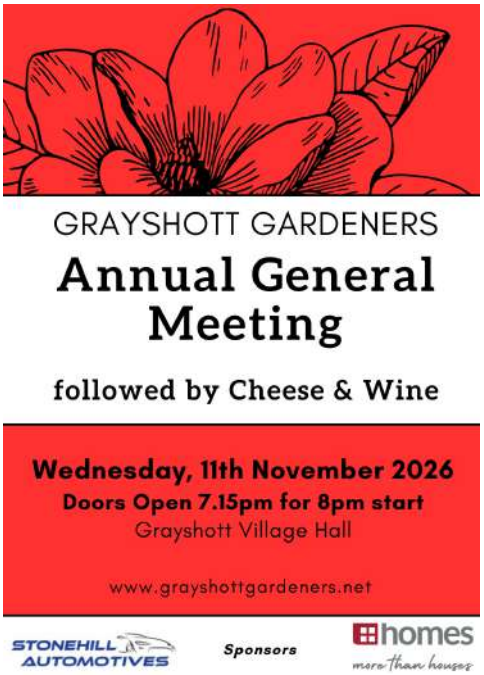
It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible coming along to support the Club at this important meeting in the Grayshott Gardener's calendar.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Graham Harvey-Browne
chair@grayshottgardeners.net



AGM



EVENTS

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP
SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER
THE STUDIO, GRAYSHOTT VILLAGE HALL



There are a few places available for the **afternoon** workshop from 2.30pm to 4.00pm.

To sign up please email Carmen at events@grayshottgardeners.net

October Meeting

'Reimagining Royal Roots: A sustainable makeover for Hampton Court's Great Fountain Garden'

Ann-Marie Powell



Sue Wheeler, Ann-Marie Powell, Gordon Rae

We were absolutely delighted to welcome back Ann-Marie Powell to our October Club Night on 14th. For those that don't know, Ann-Marie Powell is an award-winning garden designer, author, journalist and presenter.

She started her design practice in 1998, just down the road in Petersfield. One of her recent garden designs: The Octavia Hill Garden, was awarded RHS Silver-Gilt, the inaugural Children's Choice Award, and even the BBC People's Choice Award @ Chelsea in 2024!

She is well known for her exuberant use of colour which can be found in her book "A Year in Colour" which is shortlisted for the Peter Seabrook Practical Book of the Year. She's also been shortlisted for two other awards and we wish her all the very best with the awards! Ann-Marie was kind enough to stay on and do some book signings for us.







Ann-Marie can be found on Instagram https://www.instagram.com/myrealgarden/ or

https://www.ann-mariepowell.com/ann-marie-powell/

More details on the talk can be found at: grayshottgardeners.net/



The refreshments team doing sterling work as always



Judith selling the tulip and daffodil bulbs for the Spring Show exhibitors

November Meeting

This month is set aside for our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

which will be followed by cheese and wine and a light-hearted quiz.







Reigning champions - 2025 Quiz Team!

The meeting will be held in

Grayshott Village Hall

Wednesday 11th November 2026

Free refreshments

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

Old and New traditions

Our final club night of the year, **9th December**, has always been great fun with mulled wine and mince pies to enjoy before the talk. Two years ago, we decided to introduce a new tradition on this evening:

For those of you who are new to Grayshott Gardeners, and as a recap to others, we will be raising funds and collecting items for the local Headley Down food bank once again. Living in this area, it's often hard to imagine that there are many families in our community who are in real need and Christmastime places an even greater burden on their stretched finances.

This is where all members can help in a small way by supporting our special Christmas raffle. On the evening, all you have to do is bring along items to donate to the food bank – for each and every item you donate to the food bank you will receive a **FREE** raffle ticket.

1 donated item for the Food Bank = 1 x free raffle ticket

2 donated items for the Food Bank = 2 x free raffle tickets … & so on.

Of course, I'm hoping that the raffle will also raise funds for the food bank, so please buy some raffle tickets too, if you are able. Once again, there will be wonderful prizes of Xmas hampers full of delicious items for each of the 3 lucky winners.

What should I bring?

- Christmas treats e.g. Mince pies, chocolate, biscuits, nuts, crisps, Christmas crackers
- Basic groceries e.g. Tea, coffee, cereal, pasta, rice, tins, jam
- Sundries e.g. toothpaste, shower gel



NB. Both food and toiletries should all have a post-Xmas use-by date



In 2025 a staggering 257 items were donated to the food bank and we also raised £96.30 – let's see if we can beat that this year!

Many thanks

Janet



Plant Sales

We're busy preparing for next year's plant sales and need your help!



The big plant sale is in May but we will also be selling plants at the Spring and Summer shows, so don't forget us if you're sorting out your garden, dividing, taking cuttings or growing on. These are great fundraisers for the club and help us to reach our wider community of gardeners.

Plant creche

We'd be most grateful for more volunteers to look after a few trays of young plants (seedlings, cuttings, divisions) through the autumn and winter. Each tray holds 12 x 9cm pots. The plants are not tender but will need to be kept sheltered from the worst of the weather. Ideally we'd also appreciate the plants being potted on in early spring ready to bring back for the sales in April and May. Even if you can only take one or two trays that will really help us out. Please contact us on the usual email plantsales@grayshottgardeners.net or speak to one of the team at club night.

Plant pots

If you have any spare 1L or 9cm pots, we will happily take them off your hands. Please bring them along to a club night or contact us on plantsales@grayshottgardeners.net Donated pots are already being put to good use!

And if you'd like to get involved in the plant sales - donating plants, helping on the day, collecting plants from other members - please do get in touch, wed love to hear from you.

Thank you for all your help, as ever.

Plant Sales Team (Jan, Vanessa, Jo)



Member Photos - Grasses in My Garden























The theme for next month will be **'Autumn in My Garden'**. Photos must be taken by you in your garden. Please send your photo to comms@grayshottgardeners.net by **27th November**. **Any ideas for future topics greatly received.**

Jobs for this month - November

Gardening in November

(excerpts taken from the RHS website)

Enjoy the last burst of autumn colour

As the final golden leaves fall from the trees, the ground more frequently becomes a glittering carpet of frost. Tender plants will need protecting from the cold and winter weather. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds, so keep water and food well topped up.

1. Clear fallen leaves from ponds and lawns; leaves in beds can be left

Ponds are a lovely addition to any garden and can provide a rich habitat for a range of wildlife. Occasional cleaning and regular maintenance are required to ensure the water is healthy for everything living in it.



2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging

In wet weather, raise pots up off the ground on 'feet' or similar to keep the bottom of the pot out of standing water.



3. Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year

Tulips are popular bulbs, valued for their brilliant flower colours and shapes. Plant in autumn for a colourful spring show. Choose from short varieties for pots, taller stems for borders or small-bloomed species for naturalising in lawns.



More Jobs for this month

Don't burn your woody waste – compost it or recycle into dead hedges or log piles

Start winter rose pruning early to prevent wind-rock

Sow some sweet peas indoors, putting them in a cold frost-free place as soon as they germinate

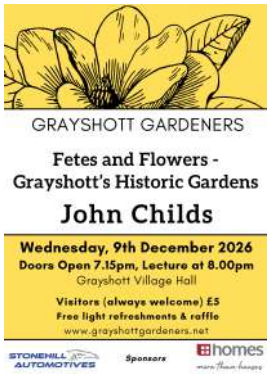
Cover brassicas with re-used netting if pigeons are a problem

Insulate outdoor containers from frost – hessian sacking or re-used bubblewrap work well

Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden

Add winter bedding plants such as heathers and pansies to brighten up pots and containers

Dates for your diary



Can You Help?

You will appreciate that the Club can only survive with the generous time given by its volunteers, both on and off the Committee. Please consider if you can spare some time to help. There are many opportunities to do so without necessarily having to join the Committee or committing yourself on a regular basis. For example–helping occasionally in the kitchen with refreshments or to man the sign-in table or programme board. Maybe to help with one of our plant sales.

The more people we have the more we can share the load and provide more for our Club members and it goes without saying that it's a lovely way to meet other members and make new friends.

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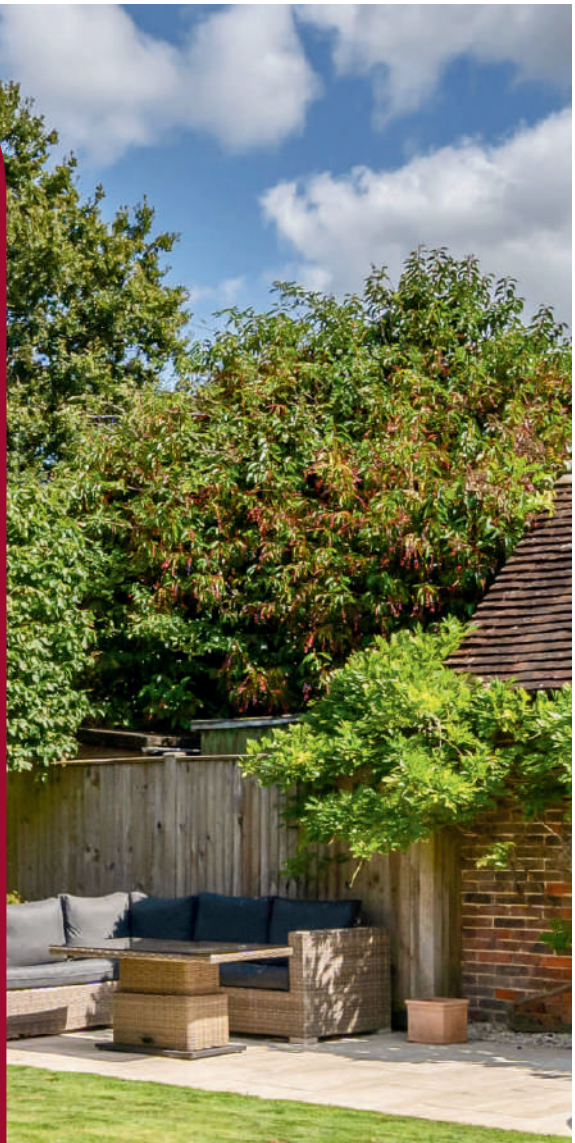
Miss Polden

"Ross made myself and my partners first time purchase so easy! He was always there if we had a question that needed answering and was great at communicating information. Overall, an exceptional service. Thanks Ross from myself and Debbie".

Mr Davies

"Highly recommend Homes Estate Agents. They have been so helpful through the whole process from arranging viewings right the way through to completion. Ross in particular was extremely helpful and kept us in the loop from the offer being accepted through to exchanging contracts. We are looking forward to completing next week and appreciate all of the help the team has provided. ".

Mrs Shoubridge



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