

# NEWSLETTER

## CRAWLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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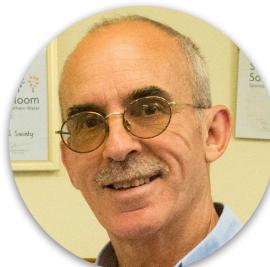


### **CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

Happy new year to one and all. Hope you all had a great Christmas and new year. Time to work off all the mountains of food and drink from over indulging.

Not a bad last year for attracting new people. Some are word of mouth, so thank you for mentioning us.

Sadly we have lost a few volunteers this year due to illness, age and moving. Please feel free to volunteer, so your society can keep going. (See our volunteer page for details)



**BARRY MORTON**

**CHAIRMAN**

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Our A.G.M will be held on Thursday 26th February at 7.45 PM

Please arrive before, to start promptly. Also, stay afterwards and meet your committee for a drink and some nibbles.

If you can't make it and have some questions you wish to be raised, let us know..



JEANNETTE ALLEN

SECRETARY

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### TRADING REPORT

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Hello again.

Hope you all had a pleasant festive season.

Our store re-build will (at long last) commence on 9th March 2026. During the rebuild, trading will continue, however, our store doors will NOT be useable, so it may take a little bit longer to retrieve items/goods from store area.

Again, we have a good supply of compost to start the growing season and our prices for compost and garden supplies **STILL** remain very competitive against local suppliers, so please do tell your friends and any new neighbours about us.

Our potato delivery will be commencing from 12th January and spring planting onions, shallots due mid/late January. We will not be stocking spring planting garlic. Availability details will be on website and Facebook page, and on our email, so check we have your correct details when renewing your membership. We aim to open Wednesday evenings between mid April to end May (only if we have enough volunteers. Please check before coming.)

We look forward to seeing you in the shop or yard during the season.



HELEN PARTRIDGE

TRADING SECRETARY

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## SHOW REPORT

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Welcome to the new show season 2026

I hope you all enjoyed the festive season.

Last years shows were a great success as usual. Despite some reports of members daffodils flowering too early, we had a fantastic display in the Spring Show, and even with the year being so dry, both the Summer and Autumn Shows produced some amazing displays.

Again, this year, our Autumn Show will be on a Sunday. This is because we always seem to clash with the bowls club and cricket club who hold matches on the same day, and nearly every car park space is taken up by their visitors. By doing this on a Sunday gives us more parking spaces.

If you haven't been to one of our shows, please do try to come along this year. There are always beautiful exhibits to view, and we usually open our shop in afternoon until 3pm (**But only if we have enough volunteers**)

Our refreshment area makes a great cuppa, and there are always some delicious homemade cakes to choose from. (Where else can you get a cuppa and a piece of cake for £2.50). Oh - and don't forget our raffle.

If you think you'd like to help out on the day, or donate a raffle prize, bake a cake for refreshments, please do let me know. We really do appreciate any help you offer. Thanks for all your support.

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## 2026 SHOW DATES

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SPRING SHOW	SATURDAY 4th APRIL	1:30 - 4:PM
SUMMER SHOW	SATURDAY 20th JUNE	1:30 - 4:PM
PELAGONIUM & GERANIUM SHOW	SATURDAY 20th JUNE	1:30 - 4:PM
AUTUMN SHOW	SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER	1:30 - 4:PM

HELEN PARTRIDGE



SHOW SECRETARY

## HALL HIRE

The hall is available for hire on an agreed basis at very competitive prices.

We hold meetings, shows and private functions. Various organisations book regularly, such as West Green W.I. Coffee mornings are held to raise money for St Catherines hospice, Macmillan cancer support and Crawley open house.

All enquires for hall hire, please contact \_

MARK HACKWELL or CAROLINE MORTON

Phone 07711090268 or e-mail [chsbookings1952@gmail.com](mailto:chsbookings1952@gmail.com)



## SEED SWAP 2026

Bring in your old seeds and swap, donate or buy during shop hours on

**9TH & 10TH MAY**

## GROUP PROGRAMMES 2026

### **FUCHSIA, PELAGONIUM & ALPINE GROUP**

(Third Monday of every month at 8:PM)



HAPPY NEW YEAR ONE AND ALL

Looking forward to seeing all our existing members and hopefully we shall get some new people in the year, as doing well on memberships.

JOHN GREEN  
(07813720090)

### **BONSAI GROUP**

(Third Thursday of every month at 8:PM)



We are a friendly group. We are happy to share our expert knowledge with beginners and others. Come along and see what it's all about. Great group of people and expert advice given, and received.

Look forward to seeing you there.

TONY McKENSIE  
(01293 773149)

ALSO 1st Sunday of month, 09.30-13.00 now running a WORKSHOP

### **BRIDGE GROUP**

(Every Monday at 1:30 PM)



New members are always very welcome. Do come and see us. We are a friendly group of people.

Look forward to seeing all our existing members and some new faces in 2026

MARK McNEILE  
(01293 531469)

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROUP  
(Second Monday of every month at 8:PM



Welcome to 2026

Looking forward to a new year and maybe some additional new faces. We have a wealth of knowledge amongst our group and help each other try and solve our problems. Let's hope we have a great growing season and have some wonderful entries ( and wins) in the shows this year. Good luck one and all.

ANGELA BROWN  
(07944654696)

PLANT SALE



9TH & 10TH MAY 2026

This is usually held in the hall, but may be moved outside depending on what's happening at the time.

Hall entrance is down the left hand side of our building

BULB SALE



29TH & 30TH AUGUST 2026

This is usually held in our hall.

Hall entrance is down the left hand side of our building

## CHS CALENDAR 2026

JANUARY	Sunday 4th	Bonsai workshop	09.30 - 1pm
	Sunday 11th	<b>Shop re-opens Sundays</b>	09.30 - 12.00
	Monday 12th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Thursday 15th	Bonsai Group	8pm
	Monday 19th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm

FEBRUARY	Sunday 1st	Bonsai workshop	09.30 - 13.00
	Thursday 5th	West Green W.I	7.15 pm
	Monday 9th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Monday 16th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Thursday 19th	Bonsai Group	8pm
	Thursday 26th	<b>AGM</b>	7.30pm

MARCH	Sunday 1st	Bonsai Workshop	09.30 - 1pm
	Thursday 5th	West Green W.I	7.15 pm
	Saturday 7th	<b>Shop re-opens Saturdays</b>	09.30- 12.00
	Monday 9th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Monday 16th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Thursday 19th	Bonsai Group	8pm

APRIL	Thursday 2nd	West Green W.I	7.15 pm
	Saturday 4th	<b>Spring Show</b>	1.30 - 4pm
	Sunday 5th	Bonsai workshop	09.30 - 1pm
	Monday 13th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Wednesday 15th	<b>Shop re-opens Wednesdays</b>	6.30 -8 pm
	Thursday 16th	Bonsai Group	8pm
	Monday 20th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm

MAY	Sunday 3rd	Bonsai workshop	09.30 - 1pm
	Thursday 7th	West Green W.I	7.15pm
	Saturday 9th	<b>Plant Sale</b>	9.30 - 12 noon
	Sunday 10th	<b>Plant Sale</b>	9.30 - 12 noon
	Monday 11th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Monday 18th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Thursday 21st	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Wednesday 27th	<b>Last Wednesday opening</b>	6.30pm - 8pm

JUNE	Thursday 4th	West Green W.I	7.15pm
	Sunday 7th	Bonsai workshop	09.30 - 1pm
	Monday 8th	Fruit & Vegetable meeting	8pm
	Monday 15th	Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	8pm
	Thursday 18th	Bonsai Group	8pm
	Saturday 20th	<b>Summer Show</b>	1.30 - 4pm

JULY	Sunday 5th Monday 13th Thursday 16th Monday 20th	Bonsai workshop Fruit & Vegetable meeting Bonsai Group Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	09.30 - 1pm 8pm 8pm 8pm
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AUGUST	Sunday 2nd Thursday 6th Monday 10th Monday 17th Thursday 20th Saturday 29th Sunday 30th	Bonsai workshop West Green W.I. Fruit & Vegetable meeting Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium Bonsai Group <b>Bulb Sale &amp; seed swap</b> <b>Bulb Sale &amp; seed swap</b>	09.30 - 1pm 7.15pm 8pm 8pm 8pm 9.30 - 12 noon 9.30 - 12 noon
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SEPTEMBER	Thursday 3rd Sunday 6th Monday 14th Thursday 17th Monday 21st Saturday 26th	West green W.I. <b>Autumn Show</b> Fruit & Vegetable meeting Bonsai Group Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium <b>Last Saturday opening</b> <b>(Or end October if volunteers)</b>	7.15pm 1.30 - 4pm 8pm 8pm 8pm 09.30 - 12:00 Noon
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OCTOBER	Thursday 1st Sunday 4th Monday 12th Thursday 15th Monday 19th	West Green W.I. Bonsai workshop Fruit & Vegetable meeting Bonsai Group Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	7.15pm 09.30 - 1pm 8pm 8pm 8pm
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NOVEMBER	Sunday 1st Thursday 5th Monday 9th Monday 16th Thursday 19th	Bonsai workshop West Green W.I. Fruit & Vegetable meeting Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium Bonsai Group	09.30 - 1pm 7.15pm 8pm 8pm 8pm
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DECEMBER	Thursday 3rd Sunday 6th Sunday 6th Monday 14th Thursday 17th Monday 21st	West Green W.I. Bonsai workshop <b>Last day of trading 2025</b> Fruit & Vegetable meeting Bonsai Group Fuchsia, Alpine & Pelargonium	7.15pm 09.30 - 1pm 09.30 -12.00 8pm 8pm 8pm
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<b>JANUARY 2027</b>	T.B.A	<b>Shop re-opens Sundays</b>	09.30 - 12.00
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## ARKWRIGHT'S ARCHIVES

Our society was formed on the 19th September 1952.

### 1995 Prices

Bone meal	£2	3 kg
Growmore	85p	3 kg
Blood, fish & bone	£1.35	3 kg
8 Foot canes	22p	
Arthur bowers mpc	£3.50	75 Litres
John innes 1,2,3	£2.70	25 Litres

BARRY MORTON



CHAIRMAN

01293 541628

[chairman@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](mailto:chairman@crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

## VOLUNTEERS!!!!



CAROLINE MORTON



ROSTERS

PLEASE If you can spare one morning a month either helping in the yard or shop, please do pop in and have a chat with us and join as a volunteer. It's only once every 4 weeks. Meet some great people, enjoy plenty of tea and homemade cakes and get 10% off all purchases. We need help in the shop, store and yard. Lifting is required.

Training will be given.

Please contact me on any of the below.

CAROLINE MORTON

(07720293132)

[chsroster@gmail.com](mailto:chsroster@gmail.com)

## CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025



**£348.46 was raised in total from fair. ....**

**We also had £174.20 in shop for Macmillan...**

**£100 to Crawley open house. £113.47 to St Catherines Hospice and £299.48 to Macmillan cancer support**

**BIG BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE**



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## NEWSLETTER

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We are still only doing one newsletter at the start of the year, as the cost of printing stationery, stamps e.t.c is quite high. If possible, PLEASE look on website and print yourself or just read when you want. Doing this will help keep our costs down for membership. It has increased this year to £7.00 to join which is still a bargain for the savings you can make. We do try and keep things as low as we possibly can for as long as possible. Our rent has gone up alarmingly hence the increase.

There will be some Newsletters available in shop if you have no access to a computer. We are trying to print less this year and appreciate the help to save the money so we can use elsewhere in the society.

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## WEBSITE

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[www.crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk](http://www.crawleyhorticulturalsociety.org.uk)

Our website is full of information about becoming a member, and has forms you can download and bring into the shop when you want to join. This makes it quicker for you when we are busy. The website has loads of information and links to other interesting sites

The site will keep you up to date with all the coming shows, quizzes, coach trips and group meetings. We hold coffee mornings for Macmillan and St Catherines hospice. Posters will be on website when we know dates.

CAROLINE MORTON

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## FACEBOOK & TWITTER

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07546970594 (shop phone)



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## CONTACT DETAILS

Due to the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) we need your permission to hold your personal details. We can't keep your name, address, phone number or e-mail without your consent. Consent forms are available for signing in the shop. Even if you have been with us for years it still needs to be done. Sadly, without it, we can't contact you directly about things that may be of interest.

When you first join, or re-new, please give us an up to date e-mail and remember to let us know if you change it, or move address. We promise that all information is safely stored, and only the membership secretary and his assistant have access. We do not pass on your details to anyone, not even other members of the society.

Like the newsletters, we are trying to do more via e-mails for those that have given us their permission and what interests they have. For example, if you have told us you are interested in quizzes, we will email you when we know we have one

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## CHS SHOP

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CRAWLEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SHOP AND HALL  
IFIELD AVENUE,  
WEST GREEN,  
CRAWLEY,  
WEST SUSSEX  
RH11 7AJ

Telephone number 07546970594 (During shop hours only)

### OPENING TIMES

SUNDAYS	11th January until 6th December	9:30am - 12 Noon
SATURDAYS	7th March until 26th September	9:30am - 12 Noon
WEDNESDAYS	15th April until 27th May	6:30pm - 8 pm

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### NEW MEMBERS

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The CHS policy for recruiting new members is by word of mouth by you. If you know anywhere we can advertise please contact editorial, so we can make some flyers for wherever it is. Pass the word about the benefits of being a member to your family and friends.

We also have CHS gift vouchers for our shop that make great presents for that special occasion.

Membership price is a bargain at just £7.00 for one year. You'll save that in your 1st or 2nd purchases.

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### SUBSCRIPTIONS

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Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st. £7 only. A slight increase from last year

Please renew as soon as possible. This can be done in the shop, or you can renew on click and collect site and pick up in shop. It can be very busy in shop in January with seed potatoes. If you have access to internet, renew membership after we shut in December, and then when we open in January, they will be written out ready for you. Saves queuing up for a long time.

Lastly, you can post to the shop with a cheque and a self addressed envelope addressed as follows -

F.A.O                   Graham Jones, Membership Secretary (Full address above, under CHS shop)

## VARIOUS USAGE OF OUR HALL INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING



West Green W.I are a very friendly group of ladies of all ages. There are many talks by various interesting people and groups. Come along and visit and make some great new friends. Meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 7.15 pm  
JANE LEGGETT  
[jammyjane123@btinternet.com](mailto:jammyjane123@btinternet.com)



Coffee mornings are held at the hall. Dates will be advertised when we know. Raffle also held. There are also various donated gardening equipment for sale for donations to St Catherines. Enquire in the store.



Please bring along your family and friends to our coffee morning and support a great cause  
We have a great raffle and plenty of home made cakes and tea and coffee and squash



### C.H.S QUIZ NIGHTS

We do quiz nights that are popular and sell out fast. Hopefully we will have one or two this year, as long as we get the help. Volunteers always needed. Will advertise on web and shop when we have some dates.



### C.H.S EVENTS (others to be added)

#### PAINT AND SIP

Friday 13th March from 6pm

#### QUIZ

Saturday 18th April from 6.30pm