

Addingham Allotment and Garden Association

Committee Meeting – Wednesday 20th August 2025 The Fleece

Committee members present:

Peter Cooke, Margaret Johnson, Jane Snee, Stewart Taylor, Gill Walbank, Jeff Walbank and Melissa Ware

61/25 Apologies

Anne Robertson and Jane Snee

62/25 Minutes of meeting Wednesday 16th July 2025

The minutes were approved for distribution.

63/25 Matters Arising

a) Annual Show Review

It was unanimously agreed that the show had been a great success with a big increase in entries (485 no.) and exhibitors, the hall was very busy with visitors in the afternoon and there had been very good feedback.

Stewart advised that he was going to collect the trophies and arrange for them to be engraved.

Peter advised that he intended to make some revisions to the schedule to clarify some classes, correct the list of trophies and add the names of the judges for next year.

It was suggested that an egg box (nature collection) class be considered for next year.

The committee thanked and congratulated the Show Secretary and asked this be recorded.

b) PumpkinFest

The proposed date for the PumpkinFest is Saturday, 18th October. This is to be confirmed with the School.

It was agreed that there would only be children's decorative pumpkin classes.

Melissa and Gill said they would organise some pumpkin themed games for the children.

c) 2026 Events

Stewart advised that Jane was finalising a programme of talks, demonstrations and visits for 2026 and that she would share the details at the next meeting.

It was suggested and agreed that for the Snowdrop tea event there could be a competition for the best snowdrop in a pot.

64/25 Membership Update

106 members to date, an increase of two from the previous meeting.

65/25 Spring/Annual Show

Peter advised that we have provisional bookings to use the Memorial Hall for the 11th April and 8th August for our Spring and Annual Shows next year. These are comparable dates to those for the current year. It was agreed that the hall should be booked for these dates.

It was proposed and agreed that we would have a 'Star Baker' competition for the Spring Show using a set recipe. Peter will contact Hazel, who judged this year to ask if she has a favourite recipe that could be used.

Peter advised that he hoped to have the schedule for the Spring Show finalised in September.

66/25 Open Gardens/BD25

A first meeting is to be arranged to confirm that there is a commitment to hold an open gardens event in 2026 and then, if there is, to start developing plans.

67/25 Website and Social Media

There was nothing new to report.

68/25 Partner Organisations

There was nothing new to report.

69/25 Allotment Sites Liaison and Parish Council

Gill and Jeff advised that they had heard that one of our members, a wheelchair user, was having difficulties accessing their allotment. It was agreed that we would make representations to the Parish Council for them to see what improvements could be made.

70/25 Finance

Stewart advised that the current balances are;

Business Reserve Account £5,567

Current Account £1,704

Cash position £246

71/25 AOB

72/25 Next Meeting

17th September

Meeting ended at 20.29