

Laverstock Gardening Club

2022 Programme: Mondays at 7.30pm in village hall:

- 28th Feb Susan Hampton: Reach for the Skies: talk about designing for the Spitfire garden
- 28th Mar Nick Gilbert: Dahlias
- 25th Apr Gwynne Davies: History and development of Daffodils
- 23rd May Panel of Experts: Gardener's Question Time (GQT)
- 27th June Grahame Alexander: Bonsai Presentation
- 25th July Ray Broughton: Alternatives to peat
- 13th Aug Annual Show (afternoon)
- 26th Sept AGM with cheese and wine
- 24th Oct Mike Bacon: Daphnes
- 28th Nov Robert Harvey: British wild flowers in nature and gardens

Laverstock Gardening Club started in September 2002, and we maintain a photo album of events from that time. We are affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), and we are insured. We meet in Laverstock Village Hall on the 4th Monday most months from 7.30pm. Our club nights usually involve a visiting speaker on a garden-related topic, and we then enjoy tea and coffee whilst a raffle takes place. Members can bring plants for sale.

Members can join at any time, and our subscriptions are due in February each year. From February 2022, the annual membership fee will be £10.00. Members then normally pay £1.50 to attend each club night, and visitors can attend for £2.50.

Each year we have an annual show, currently held on a Saturday in August. This is an opportunity for club members to celebrate the best of local gardening by exhibiting flowers, vegetables, and plants they have grown that season. There is healthy competition, lots of fun, and prizes are awarded across a range of classes. The club organises trips to inspiring gardens, such as RHS Wisley, Highgrove, and Waterperry Gardens. The club also organises Open Gardens events where members and other local people open their own gardens on a particular day to raise money for a local charity.

Club members look after the flower bed on the village green on a rota basis, and we also plant up and maintain the large tubs outside the village hall. We have a large gazebo available for members' use. A committee meets regularly to facilitate club activities, and we have an AGM in September each year.

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