

WILTSHIRE GARDENS TRUST – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 1st APRIL 2017 AT ST MARGARET’S HALL BRADFORD ON AVON

24 Members were present.

Three apologies for absence were received.

The Chairman welcomed the Members and opened the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd April 2016 were accepted as a correct record.

Chairman's Report.

The Chairman was pleased to report that last year’s events were well supported and the income from these allowed the Trust to continue making donations. The major donation was for a Poly Tunnel for Horatio’s Garden in the Spinal Unit at Salisbury Hospital which is making a big difference to patients’ lives and she invited members to go and visit the garden. The Trust welcomes suggestions from members for donations to worthwhile causes.

Fenella Evans-Tipping has kindly agreed to take over the booking and ticketing for the events and sales are going well for the coming year. Annette Seekings is now standing down from the Council and she was thanked for the many years excellent service she provided to the Trust.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting. Copies of the annual accounts were distributed and the Chairman delivered the report. Although there was a surplus of expenditure over income the Trust’s finances are still in a healthy state. Apart from the donation to Horatio’s Garden and a donation to Plant Heritage the support to schools continued as in previous years. The accounts were unanimously adopted.

Election of officers.

All currently serving members are willing to continue and were duly re-elected.

Mr. Garforth Bles was duly re-elected as Independent Examiner of the accounts.

Any other business.

A member, Mrs. Janet Berlin, felt that the Trust’s total funds at the moment seemed very high. The Chairman replied that the Trust was aware of this and is currently looking into various projects and would welcome any suggestions. The planned project of offering to donate 90 trees to Wiltshire villages to commemorate the Queen’s 90th birthday disappointingly only resulted in three replies.

The Chairman then closed the meeting and introduced Mr. Paul Judd who gave a talk on creating wildflower meadows.