

Firthfields Gardening Club

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Firthfields Gardening Club was created in 2005 in response to a number of proposals received in the Firthfields Community Centre's Suggestion Box.

The club provides an opportunity for people with an interest in gardening to meet, learn and share their enthusiasm, knowledge and experience with others.

Aims and Objectives

The Firthfields Gardening Club seeks to:

- Promote the enjoyment of gardening by encouraging, fostering and cultivating interest in all aspects of gardening. Novice gardeners as well as experienced gardeners are welcome.
- Provide a monthly meeting where members can share ideas, ask questions and listen to speakers, in a friendly and informal atmosphere.
- Issue monthly minutes with a summary of the meeting and up to date information relating to topics, activities, outings and gardening advice etc.
- Maintain a vibrant schedule of events which offer members the opportunity to participate in visits to places of interest and gardening activities.
- Enable members to travel together to events and visits by organising subsidised transport, whenever possible.
- Maintain affiliation to the Royal Horticultural Society which offers the club free entry to one RHS garden each year, a copy of the monthly RHS magazine, regular online RHS advice and opportunities to engage with RHS initiatives.
- Promote the club, actively encourage new members to join and make them feel welcome.
- Support local environmental and gardening initiatives, where appropriate.

Organisation Information

Firthfields Gardening Club was established by Firthfields Community Association. Meetings are chaired by the club co-ordinator who liaises with Firthfields Management Committee on behalf of the club. The Gardening Club runs in an informal way and does not have its own committee but forms various sub-groups to organise events where necessary e.g. the club's Annual Plant Sale.

Club Meetings

General Membership Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month throughout the year. Luncheon meetings are organised at the Centre, on an occasional basis, to discuss topical issues, new ideas or plan events.

Regular Monthly Meetings	7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Luncheon Meetings	12:30 p.m.

All club meetings are held at Firthfields Community Centre unless otherwise announced.

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Membership Obligations

The success of Firthfields Gardening Club is dependent upon members:

- Regularly attending meetings
- Participating in events
- Providing hospitality to other members on a rota basis

Fees

Membership fees are paid annually for the period from January 1st to December 31st.

Annual Membership fee	£7 per year
Visitor fee	£1 per meeting.

Visitors may attend one meeting, with a view to joining, free of charge.

Talks given by visiting speakers are open to the general public and advertised locally. There is a charge for attendance with a reduced charge for members.

The gardening club also raises funds through a monthly raffle.

Club Projects

Spring plant sale: The club supports the local community and raises funds by offering plants which come from a variety of sources including member's gardens and professional suppliers. Members are on hand to answer questions and offer advice.

Summer Excursions: At least once during the summer the club organises a one day field trip to a garden or nursery of interest. Members are encouraged to suggest ideas for trips or places to visit.

Facebook Page: A Facebook page is being developed to promote the gardening club and allow members to share information and ideas between meetings.

Community Service

As a part of the Firthfields Community Centre, the gardening club seeks to enhance and add value to Firthfields Community Centre community events.

The Gardening Club also helps with, and advises on, the care of the community centre environment.

Firthfields Gardening Club does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, religion, colour, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin, physical or mental disability, marital status or any other condition protected by law.