



## Charlton & Blackheath Amateur Horticultural Society

Year Ended 31st December 2024

### Summary of CABAHS excluding OPG Project

	2024 CABAHS £	2023 CABAHS £
<b><u>SOCIETY ACTIVITIES</u></b>		
Income	4,273	3,114
Expenditure	(3,882)	(4,164)
Net profit /(Loss) from activities	391	(1,050)
<b><u>PLANT SALES EVENTS</u></b>		
Events Income	6,250	3,543
Monthly Sales Table	603	278
	6,853	3,821
Donations to Hospice & RGHT	(6,659)	(2,400)
Net from Plant Sales Events	194	1,421
PROFIT	585	371
<b><u>Cash at Bank:</u></b>		
Opening balance 1 Jan	7,611	7,240
Income/(Expense)	585	371
Closing balance 31 Dec	8,196	7,611

# CHARLTON & BLACKHEATH AMATEUR HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (CABAHS)

## TREASURERS REPORT – Year to 31 December 2025

It is fair to say that we have had a very good year!

While our end results are a modest £585 profit, we have almost doubled the income from our plant sale events and in 2024 we were able to donate nearly all of that to the Hospice and the Royal Greenwich Heritage Trust (RGHT). In comparison, 2023 plant sales income was donated 1/3 to the Hospice, 1/3 to RGHT and 1/3 towards the running costs of the Society. This year, due to the small increase in subscriptions to £12 and to the £2 meeting charge, the Society was in a position to cover its costs without needing any of the plant sales income. This was how the Society operated in the past and it's a very satisfying position to be back to, one that hopefully will continue.

The Old Pond Garden (OPG) project has also had a successful year, crowning it by winning both Gold and the Judges Award in RHS London in Bloom. The involvement of CABAHS has always been central to the success of the project but was "a project" and never meant to be a permanent situation. Now approaching its 5<sup>th</sup> year, I am very pleased that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, RGHT will take on all the volunteer admin and any future funding will be in their care (and not in our bank). The balance still in CABAHS bank of £2,146 will be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March. CABAHS members will, I am sure, continue to be as supportive as ever, just without the burden of direct financial or admin involvement.

The huge success of the plant sales events has been down to you, our members, your commitment and generosity in providing time and plants. However, there are some financial implications if we continue to generate this magnitude of plant sales income – we could be required to register with the Charities Commission and become a charity in our own right. You can see very clearly in the summary that we received more income from events (£6,250) than from the normal business of the garden club (£4,273). There is nothing to stop us becoming a charity, some Horticultural Societies are, but it would generate extra paperwork and audit responsibility and potentially make it much harder to find a Treasurer!

Before we started running the big plant sales (before Covid and the OPG project really) plant sales income came mostly from the monthly plant sales tables held at members meetings. Long may these enjoyable events happen, and that income (£603 this year) will continue to go through our accounts. But there is nothing to stop us holding bigger plant sales at outside venues like Charlton House if we wish, and then donating directly to the charity involved. We will stop collecting money on behalf of eg RGHT for plants grown by the garden volunteers – they will collect this directly, not through our bank account.

CABAHS is inextricably linked to Charlton House & Gardens, partly because we have held meetings here since 1990, but also going back further to the 1880's when the patrons of the original Charlton Horticultural Society was the Maryon Wilson family. The Charlton House Garden Volunteers will surely still run plant sales and still look after these beautiful gardens and since so many of them are also CABAHS members, I think our contribution will safely continue, and the link remain.

I am pleased to be standing again for the Treasurers position for the coming year, however I wish to step down in 2026. The accounting for our garden club (without the OPG project) is very simple, generally three invoices a month for Speaker, Room hire and refreshments, there is no need to be an Accountant! If any member thinks they could help and would perhaps like to shadow me for a time before taking over, that would be brilliant, please have a serious think if you can help us and let us know.

Thank you for listening and enjoy the rest of the evening.

Kathy Aitken, Treasurer



## Charlton & Blackheath Amateur Horticultural Society

Year Ended 31st December 2024

		2024 CABAHS £	2024 OPG £	2024 TOTAL £	2023 TOTAL £
<b><u>Income from Society activities</u></b>					
Subscriptions	1	1,800		1,800	1,400
Visitors & donations	2	292		292	60
Attendance fees	3	1,460		1,460	900
Raffle		612		612	655
Outings (Net)		109		109	99
Total from activities		4,273	0	4,273	3,114
<b><u>Income from Events</u></b>					
Plant Sales & Events	4	6,250		6,250	2,343
Monthly plant sales	5	603		603	568
Donation to RGHT	4	(3,659)		(3,659)	0
Donation to OPG		0		0	1,200
Donation to Hospice	5	(3,000)		(3,000)	(1,200)
Total from events (net)		194	0	194	2,911
Total Income		4,467	0	4,467	6,025
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>					
Room hire		(727)		(727)	(881)
Speakers		(1,290)		(1,290)	(1,205)
Refreshments	6	(1,008)		(1,008)	(599)
RHS Insurance & Affiliation		(125)		(125)	(75)
Miscellaneous	7	(612)		(612)	(420)
Equipment		0		0	(512)
Website & Email		(120)		(120)	(472)
OPG Project	8		(2,696)	(2,696)	(2,231)
Total expense		(3,882)	(2,696)	(6,578)	(6,395)
Income/(Expense)		585	(2,696)	(2,111)	(370)
<b><u>Cash at Bank:</u></b>					
Opening balance 1 Jan		7,611	4,842	12,455	12,825
Income/(Expense)		585	(2,696)	(2,111)	(370)
Closing balance 31 Dec		8,196	2,146	10,344	12,455

## Notes to the accounts

Income from society activities of £4,273 covered expenditure of £3,882 making a profit of £391. Income from events was distributed to the Trust and Hospice, leaving £194 profit. So total profit this year was £585.

### 1 Subscriptions

Annual subscription increased to £12 pa in 2024 (from £10)

### 2 Visitors & Donations

Visitors charge increased to £5, donations includes honorary members

### 3 Attendance

Attendance of £2 per meeting, introduced in June 2023

### 4 Plant sales and events

Events run jointly with the RGHT Garden Volunteers were split equally. Bunnies, Teds and the Gardens Trust tour were run on behalf of RGHT. St Lukes fair and the Just Giving page went to CABAHS.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>RGHT</u>	<u>CABAHS</u>
Bunnies in the Beds	850	850	0
May Plant Sale	3,164	1,612	1,552
St Lukes	203		203
Teddies	256	256	
Garden Trust tour	150	150	
Horn Fair	1,549	791	760
Just Giving donations	150		150
Misc expenses (labels, printing)	(72)		(72)
	<u>6,250</u>	<u>3,659</u>	<u>2,665</u>

The net income from Plant Sales and events was nearly all donated in 2024, however in 2023 £1,200 went to the OPG project (ie stayed in CABAHS books) and the remainder was absorbed in CABAHS running costs.

### 5 Monthly Plant Sales

In 2024 the monthly meetings sales table income was allocated to CABAHS and helped to fund the Hospice donation.

### 6 Refreshments

Variance to 2023: Refreshments were charged for prior to June 23 then became free when the attendance charge was introduced. Additionally, more people are wanting teas now we serve them before the meeting.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<u>7 Miscellaneous</u>		
Flowers, wine, show expenses	(73)	(109)
Programme	(59)	(61)
Printing	(60)	(120)
Legal & Bank charges	0	(80)
Show Prizes	(20)	(50)
Sparkle sponsorship	(400)	0
	<u>(612)</u>	<u>(420)</u>

### 8 OPG Project

Opening bank balance	<b>4,842</b>	<b>5,583</b>
Plants	(2,426)	(1,694)
Tools & volunteer expenses	(155)	(427)
London in Bloom	(115)	(110)
Donations (plant sales in 2023)*	0	1,490
Closing bank balance	<u><b>2,146</b></u>	<u><b>4,842</b></u>

In 2023, plant sale donations went to the OPG project. In 2024, these donations went to RGHT  
The remaining balance on CABAHS books of £2,146 represents completion of the Ward Budget grant, for benches/pergola. Expected to be spent by March 2