

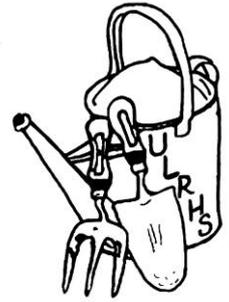


Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society

(founded 1929)

President: Pam Corbin

Chairman: Robin Britton



10 August 2019

Dear Member of ULRHS,

The Committee has asked me to write to each of you in order to find out what you, the membership, feel, and what you want your Society to do. At the end of this letter is a short list of boxes you can tick to express your opinion, though more detailed comments will be very welcome to the Committee in trying to work out how we go forward as a Society.

The need arises because, although we have recently held another very successful Summer Show, we are finding that we have too few willing Committee members to deliver the many things we do as a Society – and some of those who have done a great deal of work now want to do other things. In particular, the small sub-committee which runs the Plant Sale, Summer Show and Autumn Show has insufficient resources to be able to run the Show as it has recently been run. The Committee as a whole is also in need of new members, and although the 2020 Talks and Trips programme is already in preparation, the sub-committee which is doing so would benefit from more people to share the load, especially of running the trips which are proving very popular.

On the Summer Show front, if it is to run as before we need two or three new members to take on the tasks of preparing the schedule, booking the entertainments and stalls and recruiting and organising the volunteers for the Show day itself – these require a steady but not onerous effort through much of the Autumn and Winter, leading up to the more intensive period just before the Show, and would suit someone who is organised and enjoys organising other people.

If sufficient volunteers are not available for these roles, we could run the Show as a pure Horticultural Show, with a marquee on the field and the usual competition classes, but only a limited number (if any) of stalls on the field and no entertainments. This would not draw in the general public as we have done recently, but would be much simpler to organise – it would inevitably not raise so much money (and could make a loss) though the Society's finances are presently in very good health and that would not threaten our stability. If that approach is favoured by the membership, we can easily implement it for 2020.

Please indicate your views below, by placing a tick in the boxes you agree with:

I would like the Summer Show and Country Fayre to continue as it is, and am prepared to volunteer for an organisational role.

I would like the Show to be organised as a simple Horticultural Show, even if it makes a loss.

I would like to see fewer talks.

I would like to see fewer trips.

I am prepared to offer my help to the Committee or one of the sub-committees.

Please return this questionnaire and any other comments you may have, to any Committee Member, or by email to me at britton424@btinternet.com. We all want our Society to thrive and to offer what the membership wants – this is your chance to let us know what matters to you.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Britton, Chairman, on behalf of the Committee