

Exmouth Garden Club

About the Club and Membership Information

Club History

The Club has a long and proud history – one longstanding member has recently found evidence of its continual existence dating from as long ago as the summer of 1879. We are currently working on an initiative to piece together more of the history of the Club.

Who is the Club for and What do you do?

Exmouth Garden Club brings together both experienced and beginner amateur gardeners in a convivial atmosphere and aims to provide a range of talks, demonstrations, and outings throughout the year for the furtherance of gardening knowledge and interest.

Membership is open to residents of Exmouth and the surrounding area (and non-member visitors are welcome as below)

We meet every month and hold a varied programme of talks; visits; plant sales and other Member events. The club strives to be friendly and welcoming to all.

How is the Club structured and run?

Exmouth Garden Club is constituted as an unincorporated association. All those joining and paying their annual subscription become a member.

The Club is run on a not-for-profit basis and is entirely self-funded mainly through membership charges; proceeds and donations from fund raising events like plant sales and sponsorship of our Events programme.

The Club's business is conducted on members behalf by an annually elected management committee comprising the Club Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and several other members. All of the management committee are unpaid Member volunteers.

The Club is run in accordance with the Club Constitution which is periodically reviewed and updated. Each Member who has paid their annual subscription shall be entitled to one vote on any matter put to a vote at any Club AGM

All Members are expected to abide by and respect the aims and objectives of Club rules and its Constitution (a copy of which is available to Members upon request) and in joining and/or renewing membership they shall be deemed to have agreed to do so.

Recent growth in membership numbers and Club income has allowed the Club to consider and implement investment in several improvements including this newly designed website.

Membership

Membership is annual, commencing on 1st January each year. All the money we raise is used to organise events and activities for the benefit of Club members. (Half year memberships available for new members joining after 1 June each year).

Membership may be paid by cash at any monthly meeting, or bank transfer. Please ask the Treasurer for details.

Membership entitles you to attend all our monthly meetings where we always invite a guest speaker to give a talk on a topic of interest. You will also have priority access to our organised trips, and certain Member only events like our annual Members summer tea party; and our AGM (annual general meeting) held each November which is normally followed by a buffet supper and horticultural quiz. You will also receive our monthly Member newsletter by E mail (we also try to hand deliver paper copies to local members not on E mail). You will also be invited to join our Members WhatsApp group and for those who want to get more involved we welcome help with organised events and interest from Members prepared to commit to join the Club Management Committee

Non-members are very welcome to come along to any monthly meeting as a visitor for which we make a nominal charge for the evening (which can usually be credited against your first year's membership if you decide to join).

Health and Safety

Exmouth Garden Club ("EGC") is committed to providing a safe and health environment for our members, visitors, speakers, and anyone else attending any of our meetings or other organised events. EGC has adopted a formal policy statement a copy of which may be made available to members upon application to the Secretary. The EGC Management Committee may from time to time designate a Club Health and Safety Officer who will be responsible for conducting or overseeing risk assessments and other health and safety arrangements. All those attending Club events are expected to follow health and safety guidelines and are asked to take into account their own capabilities, and any known health conditions, and when attending any garden visits to wear suitable apparel and take walking aids as required to meet all weathers and ground conditions.