

**Report from the Great Finborough and District Garden Club  
May 2025-May 2026**

It has continued to be a busy and enjoyable year for the club.

The club has met monthly for talks and demonstrations and for visits locally and further afield. The AGM was an opportunity to review the year, consult members, listen to a talk and enjoy delicious apple-based treats.

The committee has met on a regular basis to plan and review events and activities, monitor income and expenditure and agree donations to the local community. The provision of bird seed continues to be taken up by members and non-members in the village, and the club loans out a range of garden tools and equipment.

The club meetings were also a chance to chat and enjoy tea and a raffle. Socially the annual Summer BBQ and Christmas Party took place.

**Talks over the past year have included:**

- Supporting British Farmers
- Strange vegetables
- Sustainable Gardening
- Houseplants
- Bugs and balanced gardening
- All about trees
- Hostas

**Activities have included:**

- Christmas Wreath making
- Willow weaving
- An evening in the Wildflower Meadow
- Seed and plant swaps
- Open Gardens during which many visitors commented on the lovely gardens and how friendly and welcoming the village is.

**Visits** have been made to Oxburgh Hall, Gooderstone Water Meadows, Porters Lodge Tearoom and Gardens, and Haughley Bluebell Woods and Gardens.

**Donations have been made as follows:**

St Andrews Brown Bins £192 10/6/25

St Andrews - From Open Gardens £700 27/6/25

Food Bank £200 18/8/25

EACH £100 18/9/25

Gt Finborough Under 5s £1,000 5/3/26

Village Hall £500 21/4/26

Pam Wells

Committee member

May 10<sup>th</sup> 2026

