**Secretary’s Report – Hants AGS Annual General Meeting 2024**

The Group Secretary’s Report is designed to summarise the Group’s activities during the year and whilst the Treasurer’s report covers our financial year from 1 Apr – 31 Mar, this report covers our more traditional season running from September through to the end of May.

This year we have been able to run a full calendar of events, six meetings at Chilworth Hall and three zoom meetings with good numbers attending both types, although numbers attending the meetings at Chilworth Hall are a little down.

Hampshire AGS has delivered its full programme of activities in 2023-24.

* By the end of May we will have had our full programme of lectures at Chilworth Hall, our thanks to Paddy for arranging our interesting and diverse selection of speakers this year.
* A zoom programme from December - February.
* We would like to encourage members to bring plants to Chilworth Hall for the display table following to decision not to run the plant competition due to lack of entries.
* Open garden events in February for snowdrops and again in April were good social events and fundraisers for the Group and we anticipate possibly one further event in May / June when the garden will be different again; please show your support.
* We now run plant sales at all open garden events with thanks especially to Robin and Sue White and Stefan Rau for the donation / provision of plants and thanks to all other donors and purchasers and Paddy for baking lovely cakes and our band of helpers.

We hope the mix of meetings at Chilworth Hall, via zoom and the garden events offers something for all, but we always welcome suggestions on what else we could do. Please let the committee know your thoughts.

Ben Parmee, Group Secretary