

## IMPORTANT DECISIONS APPROVED BY TRUSTEES

2020

Updated Privacy Policy and changes to achieve compliance with new GDPR regulations  
Trustees meeting takes place online via Zoom due to travel restrictions imposed during coronavirus pandemic

National HPS and Groups conducting AGM business by e-mail as meetings not permitted  
All HPS members given a vote in national AGM ballot and opportunity to take part in a Members' Survey via the Newsletter

New Office systems installed, Xero for accounts and Infoodle to hold membership database, both cloud-based systems to enable remote working.

2019

Recommendation to remove the clause regarding affiliation from the constitution to be tabled at AGM

Approval of new Model Constitution for Groups

New Postholder role of Dropbox Manager to maintain electronic archive and store working documents

Trustees begin the process of Strategic Review

2018

Approval of increase of tendering period for publications to 5 years

Approval for Photo Competition prizes to be taken from KBBS

Recommendation for change of date for national AGM/ALD to September to be put forward for approval at 2019 AGM and for 2011 amendments to constitution be accepted.

Approval for subscriptions to Cornucopia to be made available to public

2017

60th Anniversary of HPS and Open Gardens

HPS display at Chelsea by Worcestershire Group

Content of Hardy Plant Journal and Cornucopia added to website

Closure of West Wales Group

2016

Approval of reduced membership for students and wider eligibility criteria for KBBS

New Postholder role for Shows & Events

Approved appointment of administrative assistant

Publications Subcommittee replaced by Publications Coordinator

2015

Approval for Chair to approach a number of individuals with a view to appointing HPS Ambassadors

Ways of Working updated

2014

Agreed to reduce number of Trustee meetings to three per annum

New Look Journal

Membership Questionnaire

Approved formation of Shade & Woodland Plants Group  
President Roy Lancaster received CBE

2013

HPS Office moved to Basepoint Business Centre, Evesham  
Approved employment of Admin staff

2011

Creation of new HPS post – Bookkeeper approved.  
Confirmed that Horticultural Advisory Service is available to members, non-members and other Horticultural Societies.  
Creation of new HPS post - Kenneth Black Co-ordinator approved.  
Agreed mechanism for receiving payments via PayPal on HPS website.  
Agreed to proceed with administrative arrangements for Gift Aid.  
Approved formation of HPS Galanthus Group.  
Approval for financial support for small Groups via Kenneth Black projects.

2010

Proposed revised constitution agreed to be put forward to next AGM for approval.  
Report received on the closure of the Hardy Plant Company.  
Agreement for all new members to receive complimentary copy of one of the HPS booklets or *Cornucopia* from Oct 2011.  
Approved Attendance of Observers for inclusion in WOWs.  
Approved e-voting by Trustees for inclusion in WOWs (Appendix I).  
Approved the formation of a Finance Subcommittee.  
Approved Guidelines on Vetting for inclusion in WOWs (Appendix H).  
Agreed to the formal closure of the Administration Committee and to continuation with a minimum of 4 meetings of Trustees per year.  
Agreed to the transfer of the stock of HP Co booklets to the Society at cost.

2009

A token payment, at the rate of £50 per day, should continue to Groups who arranged National Events, in recognition of the hard work involved.  
Report received of a substantial legacy from Mr Kenneth Black.  
Postholder confirmation for a period of 5 years approved.  
Revision to the Terms of Reference for Publications Subcommittee approved.  
Hardy Plant Company to report annually to Trustees.

2008

Cornucopia management approved.  
Formation of IT Panel approved.

2007

AOB at AGM to be replaced by Open Forum.  
Approved formation of Ranunculaceae Group.  
Society must comply with Data Protection Act but did not need to register.  
Bursary Proposal agreed.

2006

Roy Lancaster accepted nomination as President.

Annual meeting for Conservation coordinators approved.  
A Book of Benefactors should be established and set up retrospectively as far as possible.  
Trustees confirmed decision to leave the HPS Garden at Pershore College.

2005

Barbara White Memorial Lecture to be discontinued.

2004

Trustees agreed New Plants Service was now redundant.  
*The Trustees* to be used in future. It is understood to mean the same as Executive Committee as defined in the constitution.  
Increase to £30 affiliation subscription and an additional £20 airmail cost approved.  
Trustees agreed a donation of £350 to Nicola Toomey (Plant Sciences Department, University of Reading) to fund a Digitalis Identification research project. *Project due for completion end September 2004. Report to be provided to be published in HPS journal.*

2003

Agreed to continue with membership of the National Plant Societies Federation.  
Amendments to the model Local and Specialist Group constitutions approved.  
Agreed that, in a year where events generated an overall surplus, to treat all Local Groups hosting day events during that year the same and to make equal discretionary donations, funded from the surplus, to each one.

2002

Life membership should not be re-introduced.  
Confirmation that all Trustees of the HPS are covered under the policy with Norwich Union, up to the amount of one million pounds.  
Approved Judge Devonshire's recommendation not to make changes to the constitution.  
VAT registration for Society to continue on the present basis.  
Gift Aid would not be proceeded with.

2001

The term *Local* to be used in practice in reference to a Group. It is understood to mean the same as the term *Regional Group* as defined in the Constitution.  
Short Viability Seed Exchange dispensed with.  
Vice-President's role considered `out of date`. The honour of Life Member Emeritus, as an appreciation of exceptional contribution to the Society, to be bestowed by recommendation of the Trustees to the AGM.  
Trustees agreed a donation of £500 to Dr Chris Prior and Dr McTavish (RHS Wisley Scientific Department) to fund a technician's work for 6 months on research into Black Death in Hellebores. *Interim progress reports expected and results to be published in HPS journal.*

2000

Barbara White Memorial Lecture officially instituted at AGM.

1999

Grasses Group ceased from end of May.

1998

Conservation and Plant Breeding subcommittees discontinued and re-established as Panels; each to be run by a coordinator.

1997

Plant Collection Scheme discontinued.

1995

A member's directory would not be published.

1995

Specialist Groups to be treated in the same way as Regional Groups.