

Berkswell Society AGM - Minutes

Thursday 21st May 2025 – Hornets Club House, Meeting House Lane

1. 21 People attended
2. Apologies from Beverley Spicer, Alison Bees, Lisa Langton, Flick Wheeler, Ken & Angela Shaw, Louisa Daintith
3. Minutes of the AGM of 23rd May 2024 approved
4. Accounts for 2024 approved. See web site for full accounts or a summary in appendix to these minutes. Richard Drake was thanked independently scrutinising the accounts and offered to do this again next year.
5. An overview of the Society's activities was presented. See appendix
6. It was noted that Ken Shaw had retired from the committee for health reasons. Ken had been treasurer for about 6 years and a founder of the Berkswell Open Gardens. He was much appreciated for his efforts for the community.
7. The following were elected as officers of the Society and committee members
 - 7.1. Chairman – Jane Edwards
 - 7.2. Treasurer – Lisa Langton (Recommended by committee to replace Ken Shaw)
 - 7.3. Secretary – Andrew Burrow
 - 7.4. Communications and web site – Jim Ellis
 - 7.5. Committee members
 - 7.5.1. Ken Shaw
 - 7.5.2. Beverley Spicer
 - 7.5.3. Flick Wheeler
 - 7.5.4. Kay Howles
 - 7.5.5. Alison Bees (voted in on the evening as a new member)

Andrew Burrow

Secretary

23rd May 2024

Presentation of activities and accounts

Berkswell Society AGM May 2025

Agenda

- Approve 2024 AGM minutes from web site
- Finance and report on activities
- Formal acceptance of 2024 accounts
- Election of officers and committee
- Coffee and cake
- Followed by parish assembly and discussion of parish affairs

Income £

	2023	2024
Berkswell Charities	332	500
Berkswell PC	550	550
Investment dividend	574.88	574.88
Community orchard project	0	4904.98
Total	£1,456.88	£6529.86

Thanks to the Berkswell Charities and parish council for their grants

Expenditure £

	2023	2024
Plants and planters	794.09	1573.04
Investment admin fee/LEI	195	0
Printing for Open gardens charity event	0	80
CPRE membership	60	60
Orchard 2024	0	5404.98
Hard drive		44
Total expenditure	1049.09	7162.02
Excess of income over expenditure	£407.79	-£632.16

Balance sheet and reserves

Current account	
Year end 2023	£3282.43 held in bank account
Excess of income over expenditure	-£632.16
Year end 2024	£2650.27
Investment account (Aviva preference shares)	
Opening value end 2023	£8,578
Closing value end 2023	£8,796.50

We maintained 31 “planters” across the parish

- 10 in Berkswell village
- 5 in rural Berkswell
- 5 at Berkswell Station
- 9 in Balsall Common
- Station Roundabout
- Masala Club bed
- New volunteers for Sunnyside Lane, Station Road and Berkswell Station

Berkswell village 3 new planters by bungalows



New library at Saracen’s Head





Orchard Project - Total income and expenditure

Amount	Item
£3704.98	Donations after fees
£2000	Grant received from HS2 Community fund
-£5693.98	Expenditure
£11.00	Balance unspent assuming receipt of 2 nd tranche of HS2 Community fund grant

Expenditure

Amount	Item
£599	Planes from Magsys, Melton
£1045.98	Balsall Council for trees & materials
£1644.98	Total

Donations from Community

Amount	Item
£100	Liam Chubb
£100	Andrew Burrow
£100	Barbara Gibson
£100	Christine Ward
£100	Simon
£300	Stephen Alford
£18.50	My mistake in bank transfer of just giving money
£1104.98	Just Giving (Gross £1195 less fees)
£1704.98	Total

Balsall Common library hedge cutting and "Railway Inn" footpath

Open Gardens— Sunday 23rd June
 Charitable fund raiser supported by Society

563 visitors which raised £6430.78 for charity

Remaining agenda items before cake

- Approval of accounts which are also on website
- Election of Committee
 - Chairman – Jane Edwards
 - Treasurer – Lisa Langton recommended
 - Secretary – Andrew Burrow
 - Communications – Jim Ellis
 - Committee members
 - Flick Wheeler
 - Kay Howles
 - Beverley Spicer