



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BONSAI SOCIETY
Affiliated to FoBBS

2025 AGM Meeting Minutes

AGM Attendance:

Apologies from David Tipler, Jim Walsh, Sue Wood, Ingrid Cheesewright.

There were only 14 paid up members attending the AGM, each provided with an agenda.

Announcements:

In the absence of a chairman, Joe Murphy welcomed everyone, Joe talked through the 2026 programme and explained some of the items.

Full 2026 programme at the end of these minutes and on the web site. Members will also receive a copy with their membership cards with January renewals.

Minutes of previous AGM:

Each member received an e-mailed copy of the 2024 AGM minutes two weeks before the meeting. They were also published on the society web site www.northamptonshirebonsaisociety.co.uk

Final Accounts Year Ending 2025:

Treasurer, Dave Horner gave an overview of the accounts.

Highlights. The year started with £1,744.32 and ended with £1,507.57

There were no questions about the accounts. A copy of the full accounts is attached to these minutes below.

Annual Membership fee:

The 2026 membership fee will remain at £25 and £30 for a couple, payable in January 2026. Any person joining during the year will be charged pro rata at £2 a month.

Election of New Committee for 2026:

David Horner will not be re-standing on committee or as treasurer

The following were prepared to re-stand as follows

Jim Walsh	- President
David Tipler	- Chairman
Richard Boyles	- Secretary
Alex Grieve	- Treasurer
Joe Murphy	- Committee

The meeting was asked if they had any further nominations to the committee or as a volunteer.

Steven James offered to do the raffle, but declined standing on the committee

There were no other nominations of volunteers. The current committee stood down.

The meeting was asked if they would elect the 2026 committee as follows.

Jim Walsh - President
David Tipler - Chairman
Richard Boyles - Secretary
Alex Grieve - Treasurer
Joe Murphy - Committee

Steven James - offered to do the raffle

The above was approved by a show of hands

AOB:

Due to low turnout we agreed to postpone drawing of the raffle until the January meeting.

Joe thanked the committee for its hard work and there was a vote of thanks.

The AGM was then closed, and the buffet served. Steve Brown led the discussion on the "table trees".

Bonsai Accounts 2025																											
	Dec-24		Jan-25		Feb-25		Mar-25		Apr-25		May-25		Jun-25		Jul-25		Aug-25		Sep-25		Oct-25		Nov-25		Totals		
	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	
Membership			385.00		280.00		30.00				17.00		24.00					10.00								746.00	0.00
Refreshments									4.15																	4.15	0.00
Coach Trips																										0.00	0.00
Library																										0.00	0.00
Visitors																										0.00	
Raffle	60.00	50.00		50.00									38.00				12.00		20.00				36.00	80.00		166.00	180.00
Donations															35.20											35.20	0.00
Workshop deposit							75.00	75.00																		75.00	75.00
Guest Speakers											120.00	275.00			72.00	100.00					109.00	225.00				301.00	600.00
Stationery/ Web		8.50												9.60								54.00					72.10
Hire of Hall		30.00		30.00		30.00		30.00		30.00		120.00		30.00		30.00		30.00		30.00		90.00					480.00
Fobbs				45.00																						0.00	45.00
AGM		77.00																								77.00	
Auction/Sales																										0.00	0.00
Workshops											15.00															15.00	0.00
Merchandise																										0.00	0.00
Exhibitions														50.00												0.00	50.00
Totals		60.00 165.50	385.00 125.00	280.00 30.00	105.00 105.00	4.15 30.00	152.00 395.00	62.00 89.60	107.20 130.00	12.00 30.00	30.00 30.00	109.00 369.00	36.00 80.00	1342.35 1579.10													
	1744.32	-105.50	260.00	250.00	0.00	-25.85	-243.00	-27.60	-22.80	-18.00	0.00	-260.00	-44.00	1507.57	1507.57												

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2026 PROGRAMME

January	1st New Years Day - Meeting moved to 15th
January	15th Annual subscription payment / Tree Critique
February	5th Member's Workshop
February	15th Sunday - Swindon Show
March	5th Speaker Mark Moreland Propagation & Miniature Bonsai
March	14th Saturday FREE Member's Workshop 10am-4pm
March	22nd Sunday - <u>Bonsai Fest</u> at Newark
April	2nd Member's Workshop
May	7th Speaker Tony Tickle (Topic TBA) - Members £4 Visitors £5)
June	4th Bring in your bonsai/oriental favourite items to discuss
July	2nd Five tree event where groups work on a tree
August	6th Member's Workshop
September	3rd David Tipler demonstration
September	19th Saturday FREE Member's Workshop 10am-4pm
October	1st Speaker Corin Tomlinson Member's Trees Critique - Members £4 Visitors £5
October	4th Sunday - Heathrow Show
November	5th TBC
December	3rd AGM and Christmas Buffet