



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BONSAI SOCIETY Affiliated to FoBBS

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING at 19.30 on 30th October 2025

At Joe Murphy's House

Present: Joe Murphy, Jim Walsh, David Tipler, David Horner, Richard Boyles

Apologies: Alex Grieve

1. Approve previous committee minutes and matters arising
2. Treasurer' report. Current balance £1,551.57 See spreadsheet attached below
3. Review Corin's evening critique and working on tree
Went very well and several positive comments
Ask members at the next meeting if we should repeat the same format with Corin
4. Discuss next meetings. 6th Nov Workshop + Table Trees
4th Dec AGM & Xmas buffet
Joe to arrange buffet and drinks
Raffle Prizes for December
Joe donate a pot
David donate wine and a tree
Free membership
Joe to ask Steve to purchase some wire
AGM Committee Nominations
David Horner stepping down as treasurer & committee

People willing to stand as...
David Tipler Chairman
Richard Boyles Secretary
Alex Grieve Treasurer (TBC)
Joe Murphy Committee

Request more committee members
5. 2026 dates have been booked with WFPH (see below)
Including New Year's Day January 1st. Changed to 15th as 8th not available
6. Alternative venue for 2026 Annual Show - Check with Alex.

7. Discuss bookings and ideas for 2026 programme

2026 PROGRAMME

January 1st New Years Day so meeting moved to 15th (8th unavailable)
 January 15th Tree critique + annual subscription payment
 February 5th Member's Workshop
 March 5th **Speaker Mark Moreland** Propagation & Miniature Bonsai
 March 14th **Saturday** Member's Workshop 10am-4pm
 March 22nd **Sunday - Bonsai Fest** at Newark. Individual entries
 April 2nd Member's Workshop (Corin Tomlinson **Joe to ask to move to October**)
 May 7th **Speaker Tony Tickle**
 June 4th Bring in your bonsai/oriental favourite items to discuss
 July 2nd Five tree event where groups of members work on a tree
 August 6th Member's Workshop
 September 3rd David Tipler demonstration
 September 19th **Saturday** Member's Workshop 10am-4pm
 October 1st **Speaker Corin Tomlinson TBC - Joe to check availability**
 October 4th Sunday **Heathrow show - Ask members for club entries**
 November 5th **Speaker Chris Thomas - Joe to invite**
 December 3rd AGM and Christmas Buffet

8. Any Other Business

Discuss entries for the Heathrow show. Try again to ask members for entries next year.

Next meetings: 29 January
 30 April
 30 July
 29 October

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						748.00	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						130.00	100.00
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		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	0.00	0.00	1306.35	1499.10
	1744.32	-105.50		260.00		250.00		0.00		-25.85		-243.00		-27.60		-22.80		-18.00		0.00		-260.00		0.00	1551.57	1551.57