

AHS Special Newsletter no 109.

Dear Society members.

Hello, I hope you are well and have stayed safe throughout the pandemic. These have been difficult times for us all and it is sad when we hear of people being so ill with the virus. We need to thank all those who have helped look after us during the last four months and of course the Abingdon people who, behind the scenes have delivered food, prescriptions and more, those who have been buying materials and making gowns and bags and supporting the NHS and other key workers.

Thank you

The committee have kept in touch by email and it seems the correct time to update our members. We feel it is our duty to be cautious and be fully aware of members' health and well being when making plans for the next few months. We have canceled the July outing to the **Hillier Gardens**.

Garden judging will not take place in July but we would like as many members as possible to enter photographs to be displayed on the AHS website photo gallery. David Hastings has kindly offered to post the pictures and will accept photos from now until the 22nd of July.

You can send one picture, taken this year, in each of the following categories:

- 1) A view of my 'lock down' garden.
- 2) Pots / tubs / baskets (single or group)
- 3) Wildlife / nature in my garden.
- 4) A container of cut flowers.

Please send your pictures to summergardens@abingdon-hort-soc.org.uk with your name for David to display on the website. We hope you will enjoy showing other members the results of your efforts and enjoyment! They will be available to view at www.abingdon-hort-soc.org.uk/summergardens
Click on the thumbnail to view!

Angela will be contacting members who have booked to go on the **August break** when the hotel reopens, with updates and options.

We are aware that some events will resume in late August, but even with the latest government distancing guidelines and measures easing the lock down, **the autumn show** presents extra logistical difficulties which means we will reluctantly have to cancel it.

However, if the Summer Gardens photo gallery is successful we hope we can have a similar event in September. I will keep you informed of our plans.

I think it is prudent to also cancel the **September talk** and I will contact the speaker in the near future to explain and hope we can rearrange a new date.

Barry Wiggins has put together another 'brain teaser' for us – thanks Barry – lots of fun! I hope you have already received your quiz.

Many thanks to the committee for your help and support.

I hope we will soon have some great news that will enable us to restart the society's program, until then please stay safe and continue to enjoy your outdoor spaces.

Kind regards

David (AHS Chair)