# Stalham & District Horticultural Society Newsletter November 2025

# Summary of Last Month's Meeting (October)

David Wright delivered a captivating talk last month on "Sculptures in Wire." He creates stunning pieces inspired by animals and flowers. His obvious passion for the outdoors and the nature he observes whilst out cycling, greatly influences his artwork. It was an enjoyable evening for all.

#### Next Meeting Details

Our next meeting after the Christmas break will be on Friday, January 16th 2026 at 7:15 PM for a 7:30 PM start. The topic will be "Winter Plant Care," presented by speaker Luci Skinner. Luci is a passionate plant enthusiast and RHS-trained gardener with extensive experience. She has worked in various roles at Wootten's Plants, including managing the nursery and propagating numerous collections, such as the Pelargonium. Luci will share her knowledge on essential plant care practice, including watering, pruning, mulching & protection.

### Stalham Spring Show 2026 Schedules

\* PLEASE NOTE: the change of date of the Spring Show\*
The Stalham Spring Show is now on Saturday 18th April 2026

Schedules for the Stalham Spring Show 2026 are now available for free at our monthly meetings and online at www.stalhamhorticultural.uk. Free hard copies can also be collected from the following locations:

- The Post Office in Stalham - Sutton Hardware & Garden Centre, The Street, Sutton & - A G Meale & Sons, Wayford

# Planned Group Trips

We are organising some group trips for next year. One trip is scheduled for April to the Museum of the Broads, which will include a boat trip and a buffet. In June, we have another exciting trip planned to East Ruston Old Vicarage. This will be an early evening visit, during which we are privileged to have the gardens to ourselves. Refreshments will also be available during this visit.

#### Call for Committee Members

We appreciate the support we receive from all club members, whether it's shifting chairs & tables, setting up, baking, stewarding, managing the raffle, serving refreshments, writing show cards, supplying Tombola prizes or handling details like schedules and promotional posters. Every contribution is vital to our club's success.

However, our committee needs more members. If we are unable to fill these open positions, we risk losing our club. Those of us on the committee are working hard to ensure that meetings and shows run smoothly, but it is becoming increasingly challenging.

We understand that some members may prefer to contribute in less direct ways, rather than attending committee meetings.

There are various tasks where your regular help would be invaluable, including:

- Raffle and Sponsorship
- Newsletter writing
- Updating our Facebook page and Website
- Serving refreshments at monthly meetings
- Registration duties

Please let us know if you think you can help in any way. Thank you

### Suggestions Welcome

Is there any particular place you would like to visit as a group? Are there any topics for which you would like us to find speakers? Please feel free to chat with one of us or drop a note in the suggestions box. Your input would be greatly appreciated!

# **Additional Information**

All information, including our diary & photos from the shows, can be found on our website www.stalhamhorticultural.uk

We hope you have a lovely break over the holidays. Take care, and we look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.