

Mowers & Growers Report

Parish Annual Meeting

April 2024

Warborough & Shillingford Garden Club known as Mowers & Growers continues with a reduced membership.

The format remains largely the same with monthly meetings with speakers in the winter months and summer visits to local gardens.

We welcome more participation from all residents, especially from the allotment holders.

We can confidently produce a program for the 2024-2025 membership year but with the rising costs of speakers and the lack of new members we are concerned that this will be our last year.

Our annual plant sale is very popular and does generate a boost to our income which helps to cover the speakers' costs.

Last year we mentioned the bi-annual village show which really does unite the village young and old. Open to all residents in the two villages, and any pupil at the school it has been going now for 15 years. Sadly, despite support from the PC & PCC regarding costs, we have not been able to get volunteers to help with all the administration that surrounds such an event and there will not be a show this year in September as would normally be the case.

We are sorry that this very popular event, which produces some friendly healthy local competition has fallen by the wayside but without support from the younger members of the community, clubs, and events like this will become a thing of the past, despite it being part of village life in villages all over the country.