

SOUTH MOLTON IN BLOOM

AGM – 10/2/2026 @ 2.30pm at 3 Hazel Mews

Present: Andrew (Andy) Brookes, Sheila Farrant, Jane Lucas, David Worden,
Sue Harrison, Carol Grice.

Apologies received from: Nikki Shields, Mikki King,

Bridget Smith (art work), Mike Field (grows plants), Tina Trevena
(hospital beds).

Minutes of the last meeting held on 13/2/2025 were read and agreed. Proposed
by Jane and Seconded by Andy.

Comments arising: David asked Sue to note his new email address of
d.worden50@hotmail.com.

It was also noted that we were very low in volunteers.

Co-Ordinator's Report

Sue read out her report, which is given below:-

Coordinators Report AGM Feb 26 The last year has been fairly quiet and as usual, sadly some members have come and gone. The current members are Sue Harrison Coordinator, Jane Lucas Treasurer (and we both share the secretary role but later would like to propose Carol Grice for this role). ...Carol who has just joined us, Sheila, David, Andy, Nikki, Bridget, Mike, Tina and Miki. We are very sad to lose Marie Lodge who has done amazing work on the hospital beds and also sorry that Miki can no longer do her amazing work at Livarot Walk but depending on her medical situation, she will endeavour to help out with the hospital beds. We also sadly lost Anne and David Beagley again for health reasons so we have lost our printing facility too. Jane, Sheila and I are continuing with East St beds, the three tiered planters, New Rd bed, North Road beds, The Memorial, Sainsburys and The Gateway Path. Tom from South Molton Community College has promised that he and a gardening group will take on Livarot Walk. We have also lost Vonn Bourne from the group as she can no longer do the Stump due to health reasons and she has moved house. Fortunately we can now welcome Carol Grice who will not only take on the Stump but also plant wild flower seeds on behalf of the WI on the entrance to the park and also behind the medical centre. I have agreed to do the two pots in front of The Amory if the staff water them. Mike Field is continuing to grow fantastic plants for us. Tina is still doing one hospital bed with Noah and Bridget will continue to help us with art work. We have decided to enter the RHS Bloom competition this year and the £75 entry fee has been sent. If we can continue all of the above and involve all of the community, we stand a good chance of getting Gold again. Jane, Carol, David and I met up with the town clerk and the boss of the market .. Andrew and Adam. Both are keen to join in and we can use both part of the market and what used to be Bloomers Corner but is now Drovers Corner. Also we have no doubt that both Primary Schools will join in. I will also approach the knitters in town again and Mill on the Mole residents who do the Bus Stop on Poltimore Rd. Karolina and the Community Gardens can also join in and she will be meeting us to discuss. I am going to approach local businesses and the council and councillors for more money as we will no doubt spend a lot more this year. The theme for the year is The Football World Cup,

England and RED and WHITE. We will continue to do the Window Competition this year too. We also desperately need to find someone to do our website and design posters. We need to get the banner back up over Church Steps and get our boards back up in the market and fill them with new displays. In my opinion the biggest impact we have had this year is not only the shop window competition but the New Rd bed which looked amazing. RIP Bridget.

Comments to come out from Sue's report were that Jane was to approach the schools and the Knitters group, Sue to approach various shops/groups etc for sponsorship. Perhaps we could do some events to raise money? *We have to prove we are/have raised money*. SMIB to apply for a Grant from the Town Council.

Sue, David, Jane to speak to Karolina to set up an advert for the website, Peter Bishop to be asked if he would do a poster with David asking him to ring Sue as we need ideas on the logo, shop leaflet and posters to go around the town.

David also to speak to Art Destinations.

Andy was asked if he would tidy up the area in front of Hazel Mews.

Andrew from the Town Council and Adam from the Pannier Market to be asked again if they could see if they would put up the advertising boards again a bit higher so people can see the details.

End of Report.

Thank you Sue.

Treasurer's Report

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS REPORT Period from 11th February 2025 to 10th February 2026

INCOME :

Local Business /Charity/Individual Contributions £2176.85

Fundraising: Jason Toft night..... £532

South Molton Town Council Grants..... £450

Grants Richard Hopley DCC).....£450

NDDC Councillor Grant£500

TOTAL : £4108.85

(Plus £153.47 refunds from rubbish items ordered and fraud Plus £185 for tickets for Jason evening paid directly into account =£338.47)

TOTAL INCOME ON ACCOUNTS : £4447.32

EXPENDITURE:

Planting.....£5276.70

Mowing Gateway Path.....£47.57

RHS Competition.....£75

Esserys/pebbles.....£30.44

Tawny Owl Box.....£154

Parish church xmas tree festival.....£5

Green bins for Jane and Sue£120

Rubbish items refunded and scams£109.39

Prizes window comp.....£20.97

Admin ..printer cartridges and ticket books..£112.25

TOTAL EXPENDITURE : £5951.32

TOTAL INCOME £4447.32 plus £2237.94 income over expenditure in bank last AGM February 2025
£6685.26

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £5951.32

2026 SURPLUS as of 10th February 2026 BANK BALANCE £733.94

Jane read out the details of SMIB Accounts, we have a surplus as at 10/2/2026 of £733.94, see her notes.

These have been Audited by Andrew Coates (Town Clerk) and agreed.

Comments from these; Sue keeps all the receipts in a very well organised folder.

There is no cash to be deposited but when there is it is paid in immediately.

Accounts agreed. Proposed by Carol and Seconded by David.

End of Report.

Thank you Jane.

Constitution

2 items were brought up by Sue

1. Sue wishes to cancel the £5 annual membership subscription, giving 1 month's notice. Proposed by Sue and Seconded by Sheila. Therefore, to be discussed at our next meeting.

2. Sue wished to vote Carol Grice as Secretary. Carol has agreed to do be Secretary. Proposed by Jane and Seconded by Andy. This makes it also possible for Carol to see the Accounts via Googledrive.

End of AGM 3.00 pm.

****Please either vote on email in the next month or come to the next meeting and vote. Thank you. ****

AGENDA FOR REST OF MEETING

Carol's write up from the meeting with Andrew and Adam the day before. See her notes.

9/2/26

Present: Adam (Pannier Market),
David Worden (Community Gardens)
Andrew (SM Town Clerk)

Sue

Carol

Absent: Jane

Discussions

Window competition- red & white (England in the World Cup). Sue to liaise with shops, pubs and hotels to ask if they could participate too. Red & white.

Red & white flowers/hanging baskets/pots & displays.

Maybe have a doorstep competition (other than shops)?

Sue to speak to various Groups to get them on board (Schools, knitting group).

Carol to speak to the WI about the Craft Group making a display out of recycled products.

Adam will be organising various projects in and around the Pannier Market.

Volunteers to be found to paint over the graffiti in the 'drover's yard'. Try and get an artist or two (Peter Law or Carolina) to paint some sheep. Maybe in May?

Bunting. Smallholders to have white and red tablecloths. Gazebo is red & white.

Coloured lights.

Preparations to start in June. (Scaffolding already being erected now so will be very helpful when we need to decorate).

Sue to liaise between Adam, Andrew and competitors.

Sue to buy in the plants. Carol to sow wild flower seeds under the Welcome Arch near Sainsbury's and by Elysian Court. Carol to look after 'the stump'.

Ensure:

40% horticulture

30% environment

30% community

Andrew suggested we get a Grant application in now, (end of this tax year), and also apply again after end of March.

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3 Hazel Mews

End

Thank you Carol.

Sue had approached The Coaching Inn to water the 'stump', which Carol has agreed to look after, and Andrew at the Town Hall to set up displays at the Town Hall and the Amory Centre.

Sue, Sheila and Jane to make approaches to the Con Club, The Welcome Fryer, GHD, The Cheese Larder, Town Arms and shops. Displays of white and red to support England playing in the World Cup and part of the category stated in the RHS Competition rules.

Carol to ask at the next meeting of the South Molton Twinning Association and the W.I. for their help in making displays using recycled items. Colours of white and red for England.

Sue and Carol suggested asking the Police Station, YMCA, Bowling Club to have a water butt. Sue to approach SWW.

Sue to see if Sainsbury's would allow a water butt to be placed on their property. Maybe new water butts at The Coaching Inn and Town Arms?

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sue asked us to check Molton Monthly as she had put in a small advert seeking keen gardeners and willing helpers. Details to be displayed on Facebook pages under South Molton Noticeboard and South Molton Community.

Lastly, Mikki King has now left the group for health reasons, and Nikki Shields has also left the group, so we desperately need someone to care for the hospital beds.

End of Meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2026 @ 14.30 at Amory Centre