






Long Ashton Horticultural Society - Programme of events for 2025

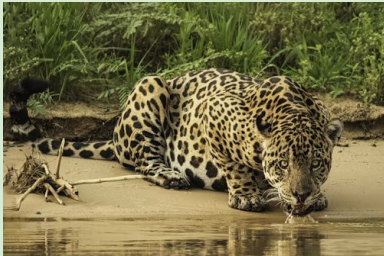


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Date	Title	Speaker	Description
16th January 2025	Fun General Knowledge Quiz Open to non members. 	Richard Lancaster	Competitive and fun evening for teams to test their knowledge against others. There will be a bar for refreshments.
27th January 2025 CANCELLED BUT HOPE TO RESCHEDULE AT A LATER DATE	Our Woodlands Health and Decomposition Members Only event 	Professor Lynne Boddy MBE PhD DSc FRSB FLSW	Free Zoom talk for members only. Lynne will tell us about the fascinating world of fungi and other communities that rot the centres of old trees, the ways they fight each other and form communities. How they search the forest floor for food and how climate change is affecting them. 7.20pm log in.
Wednesday 26th February 2025	Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue Members Only event	David Usher	Free Zoom talk for members. A wide ranging look at the history of gardening in this country and how our gardens are affected by the past. 7.20pm log in. 



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Tuesday 11th March 2025	Talk Love and Betrayal in Brazil's Pantanal The real story of how a wildlife documentary on jaguars was made Open to non members. 	Amanda Barrett	The talk will highlight the thrills and perils of living and working in Brazil's Pantanal, the world's biggest wetland, whilst trying to depict and tell the true story of the charismatic yet elusive jaguar.
Early March TBC	Avon Trees Tree Planting 		An opportunity to plant whips/ small saplings to help create new permanent woodland in the Bristol and Avon catchment.
Thursday 10th April 2025	Workshop Create your own succulent garden Open to non members	Sharon Benton - Fancy Plants	A chance to make your own succulent garden from a selection of plants provided by Sharon. Bring along a bowl and Sharon will show us what to do.
Saturday 17th May 2025	 PLANT SALE Outside the Co-op		
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Monday 9th June 2025	Tour Bristol Cathedral Garden and either a tour of the Cathedral or a tour of The Lord Mayor's Chapel Open to non members depending on numbers	Tour guide and volunteer gardner	<p>One of the volunteer gardeners will show us around the Cathedral Garden pointing out its interesting features.</p> <p>The tour of the Cathedral will highlight its architectural features including the late 12th Century Chapter House, memorials, historic organ and stained glass.</p> <p>Lord Mayor's Chapel is the only remaining building of the Hospital of Saint Mark. When built in 1230 it was connected to the Abbey of St Augustine known today as Bristol Cathedral. Having survived significant religious upheavals it remains a gem of our city's hidden history.</p>
Thursday June 26th 2025	Visit Japanese Garden Bristol Open to non members depending on numbers 	Martin Fitton	<p>A memorable walk through this Japanese Garden with different views and elements of interest. Martin will give a talk and refreshments will be included in the price of the visit.</p> <p>The garden has been featured in BBC Gardeners World, national and local press and various Japanese news, media and TV shows.</p>
Tuesday 8th July 2025	Visit Penny Brohn and Tour of Garden Open to non members depending on numbers	One of the fundraising team and volunteer gardener	<p>Penny Brohn UK is a cancer health and wellbeing charity helping people to feel better in mind, body and spirit. Offering people with cancer a choice of personalised care.</p> <p>The garden covers 4 acres and is therapeutically designed with a number of different but harmonising facets. It is an important area for people's health and wellbeing.</p>
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<p>Tuesday 5th August</p>	<p>Open Garden - venue to be advised</p> <p>Members only</p>		
<p>Wednesday 13th August 2025</p>	<p>Tour Thatchers, The Family Cider Makers</p> <p>Open to non members depending on numbers</p> 	<p>Two experienced guides</p>	<p>Prior to the tour we will be given an introduction and history of Thatchers and the Thatchers family.</p> <p>Aspects of cider making will be shown from the harvesting of apples to packing the finished product.</p> <p>We will have the opportunity of sampling 4 ciders after the tour.</p>
<p>Saturday 6th September 2025</p>	<p>99th Annual Flower Show To be held in the Village Hall and Keeds Hall at the Long Ashton Community Centre</p> 	<p>There are classes for fruit, flowers and vegetables, preserves, bakes, photos, art and crafty creations to name a few, there's something for everyone of all ages.</p> 	
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<p>Wednesday 8th October 2025</p>	<p>Talk Wildlife Photography - My approach and techniques</p> <p>Open to non members</p> 	<p>Helen Mugridge</p>	<p>Helen will explain her approach as a wildlife photographer and the techniques plus the challenges and patience required to secure a good result.</p> 
<p>Thursday 13th November 2025</p>	<p>AGM and entertaining talk Dig for Victory</p> <p>Open to non members</p> 	<p>Fiona Warin</p>	<p>The Society's AGM will be followed by a talk from Fiona</p> <p>'It is 1939, war has broken out and all over the country new allotment and gardening clubs are being set up to help everyone learn how to Dig for Victory. See the latest posters! hear the latest advice on how to fumigate your greenhouse with hydrocyanic acid gas or treat rust and mildew with Jeyes Fluid. All the latest tips from the Ministry...</p>
<p>Thursday 4th December 2025</p>	<p>Workshop and Talk Wet Felting</p> <p>Open to non members depending on numbers</p> 	<p>Fi Harris</p>	<p>Demonstration and workshop on wet felting.</p> <p>How it's done, what you can make. Pure wool, natural fibres, water and friction are used to transform fluff to fabrics.</p> <p>Option 1 - Listen, learn and have a go at making your own wet-felted picture. Option 2. Listen to the talk and observe the process of making a wet-felted picture.</p>