



Golden Baggers

AGM 2026 - Sunday 1 February

Agenda

1. A look back at 2025 (Paul)
2. Treasurer's report (Sue)
3. Membership report (Nick)
4. Membership subscriptions (Nick)
5. Election of committee members (Steve)
6. Look forward to 2026 including events (Steve)
7. AOB

1. A look back at 2025

A good year -
despite a very
time stretched
Committee



Oh, what a beauty!

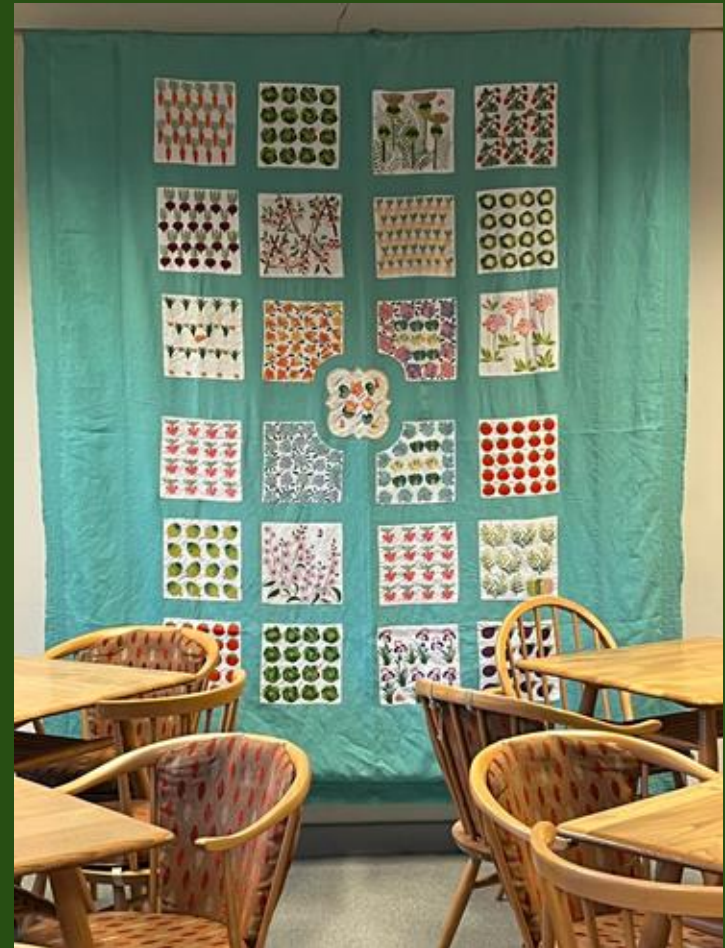


London Open Garden Squares

Thanks to all Baggers that made this such a successful event.

Despite the rain we had total of 463 visitors with the highest number of visitors on Sunday morning.

The cafe made £372 and with the sales of plants, postcards and profit share from London Open Gardens we made £615 for our allotment funds.





Baggers exhibition, plant sale and postcards

Postcards made £81

Plants made £82.50



Repairs & vandalism



For fox sake



on Baggers WA

I think the foxes are trying to dig up my potatoes for me!

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on Baggers WA

Wildlife news: spotted a family of four foxes playing by the allotments this morning. 🦊🦊🦊



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Hatfield Hop! (4.5%)



Our community - how could you contribute?



2. Treasurer's report

BALANCE SHEET 1 Jan 2025 - 31 Dec 2025			
31.12.25	Cash in bank - Nat West		£3,748.88
	Cash float		£12.01
	Closing Balance		£3,760.89
Financed by:			
1.01.25	Balance bought forward 1st January 2025		£5,692.22
	Income		
	Baggers subscriptions	£1,040.00	
	Other allotment income	£775.01	
	Stitchers income	£161.11	
	GLEE events income	£1,399.62	
	TOTAL INCOME		£3,375.74
	Opening balance & income		£9,067.96
	Expenditure		
	Allotment expenses	£757.42	
	GLEE events expenses	£4,549.65	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£5,307.07
	Unpaid debtors. GLEE account		-£3,150.03
	Balance		£3,760.89
	Balance includes Stitchers year end balance	£486.54	
Commentary In June 2025 Golden Baggers transferred £1,768.33 into GLEE account as agreed at the 2025 AGM for GLEE to run events and the community café. Golden Baggers retained the Stitchers funds within the account. Stitchers made £161.11 in 2025, their closing balance within the Golden Baggers account this year is £486.54 GLEE currently have no debit card so online purchases have been made from the Golden Baggers account. GLEE have obtained a grant and money spent will be transferred back into the Golden Baggers. The current GLEE loss is £3,150.03 which will be transferred back to Golden Baggers in February 2026			

Closing balance **£3,760.89**

Allotment income £1,815.01

Allotment expenditure £757.42

Overall profit for year £1,057.59

Last year we agreed to transfer funds for the cafe and events to GLEE and £1,760 was transferred. Due to banking difficulties Golden Baggers have continued to fund and take the profit/loss from the GLEE events. Currently GLEE owe our account £3,150.03 which should be transferred shortly.

2. Expenditure for 2026

Once GLEE funds are returned there will be just over £6,000 in our account. How should the money be spent?

- 1 Replacement of boxes
- 2 Trip (at least £1,000 if we hire a coach)
- 3 Redecoration of shed and children's shed
- 4 Swing seat cushions
- 5 Ideas?

3. Membership report

Members update

Three Baggers gave up their boxes and we welcomed **three** new Baggers early in the growing season.

Friends

In 2025 we had **around thirteen** Friends on the list.

Only **seven** Friends paid the subscription.

Waiting list

Three residents joined our waiting list during 2025 meaning there are now **five** people waiting for a box.

The longest wait time is currently since November 2024.

4. Membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions 2025

Subscriptions were received from all Baggers and 7 Friends. Subscription income totalled £1040.

Membership subscriptions 2026

Proposed subscriptions for 2026:

- Baggers £25 (no increase from 2024)
- Friends £10 (role of a Friend)

Assuming full occupancy (highly likely) and the same number of Friends (7 in 2025), this would give us £1120 income.

A reminder of the Baggers Charter and T&Cs

Tending Your Plot



Pay subs promptly in March each year



Plant up boxes with primarily edible fruit and vegetables, especially from March to October, it's an allotment garden not a window box



Tend boxes regularly, weed-filled boxes are not okay, use it or lose it, untended boxes will be returned to the waiting list



Don't be a box hogger! Pass the box back to the waiting list if you can't tend it due to prolonged illness or absence or you're just too busy

Community & Site Upkeep



Join in the general upkeep of the site: clearing paths, cleaning tools, composting, communal troughs, planters and climbers



Keep the allotment garden tidy and respect the tools and equipment, including the kids play area - put things away ready for the next person



Report broken tools to the Committee, leave tools in the shed for others to use and lock the gate and secure the key on departure



Conduct & Community



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Help protect the biogarden by leaving the upkeep of it to the sub-group who manage it carefully



Be a good neighbour and water other boxes that look thirsty



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GOLDEN BAGGERS CONSTITUTION

Name The group's name is Golden Baggers (formally Edible Golden Lane)

The purposes of the group are: -

To create the opportunity for the **growing of fruit and vegetables** for the residents of Golden Lane Estate.

To provide a designated, well-managed and safe site on the Estate for the purpose of **communal food growing**

To encourage collaboration so that members learn from one another to extend their expertise in growing food.

To promote the benefits of the project Estate wide, through open days and an active programme of events.

to the sense of well-being and quality of life for residents of the Golden Lane Estate.

Carrying out the purposes

In order to carry out the purposes, the Committee has the power to: -

1. Raise funds, receive grants and donations
2. Buy materials, equipment and services for purposes of growing food
3. Co-operate with and support other groups with similar purposes
4. Managing the day-to-day function of the allotments

Membership

The Committee may admit to membership any resident of Golden Lane Estate who supports the purposes of the group. People who wish to become a member should apply to the Committee and should pay the annual subscription at the appropriate rate or rates as shall be determined by the Committee, payable on a predetermined date to be agreed at the AGM. (Membership lasts for 1 year and may be renewed). The Committee will keep an up to date membership list. Members shall agree to abide by the **Health and Safety policy, the Terms and Conditions and the Code of Conduct**. A waiting list for membership will be maintained with membership granted in line with application date.

Annual General Meeting – AGM

1. The AGM must be held every year, with 14 days notice given to all members telling them what is on the agenda.
2. A quorum of members must be present at the AGM.
3. A quorum is 8 members (out of 42)
4. The Committee shall present the annual report and accounts.
5. Any member may put themselves forward for election as Committee members at the AGM.
6. Every member has one vote.
7. Members shall elect between 3 and 10 members to the Committee. They will retire at the next AGM and may stand for re-election.

Committee

1. The Committee shall hold at least 3 meetings each year. They will elect a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary at their first meeting.

The Golden Baggers Charter

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5. Election of committee members

- Chair
 - Treasurer
 - Membership Secretary
 - Communications
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- General members

6. Look forward to 2026

- What to do about compost and green waste
- Box, pavement and Hatfield Terrace works
- Make better use of the area - is there room for a small greenhouse?
- Fruit trees / communal troughs / planters - improve
- Enhance the herb garden
- Better labelling / signage

Box, paving slab and Hatfield Terrace works



Communal tasks that need ownership

Social Sundays - 1st Sunday of every month in the growing season

Annual trip - Collect numbers, organize coach, location booking and logistics

Harvest event - Soup making, sparkler buying, H&S on the day, pumpkin carving

Shed - Tidy, make sure tools are cleaned & marked, monitor & replace lost tools

Maintenance - Waste, checking hose, locks, DIY jobs, signs, pruning

Herbs - Keep herb beds tidy and replace plants as necessary (budget available)

Fruits - Maintain soft fruit beds, prune and weed

Animals - Develop and implement measures to prevent crops being spoiled by squirrels etc

Biodiversity garden - Pond maintenance – plant management, bird feeders, bird bath

Kids area - Maintain and replace (budget available)

London Open Gardens 2026 - task force needed

Sue is usually on the hook for pulling this event together.

We need a small group to take charge this year.

We have identified all the tasks and it runs pretty smoothly:

- admin and preparation before the event
- participation and organisation on the weekend
- clear down and wrap up and post event admin

Who can help?

Members' outing: possible trip locations for 2026

Hiring a coach is expensive.

We can use RHS membership to secure discounted entry to some locations.

Local trips may be more suitable this year unless we can get funding and/or Baggers are happy to contribute to the cost.

Lots of community gardens in the locality that we'd like to arrange reciprocal visits to.

7. Any other business

Replacement of paving and boxes