

Minutes of the RHS committee meeting 2 December, 2025

Meeting details

Julia's house

Attendees

Julia Valentine, Chris Paul, Dominic Furlong, Gary Jenkins, Stefania Rosso, Emmanuel Valentine, Robyn Summers-Emler

Special Guests: Jane Power, Rob Stephenson, Jackie Stephenson, Gail Paul, Arran

Agenda

1. RHS committee proposal for the Better Brighton & Hove Fund (Neighbourhood CIL) upcoming community events 2025:

The committee agreed to support the Improving Green Infrastructure proposal for Round Hill.

The proposal will centre around requesting a replacement for the tree stump at the Pocket Park on Ditchling Road and 6 or 7 new trees to be planted on Richmond Road.

The proposal will also request funding for bird and bat boxes for willing households and wildflowers packs to be distributed among the community.

Dominic has received advice on the proposal from:

- (a) Jen Eneke (Plant Your Postcode Project Manager, CPRE Sussex) and Ben Galley (Tree Officer, BHCC) – Round Hill site visit was conducted on 2 December.
- (b) Kate Wolstenholme, former Round Hill resident and professional ecologist == Kate has agreed to be our named professional ecologist.
- (c) Kim Dawson (BHCC Biodiversity Officer) – she has given permission to say she endorses our proposal.
- (d) Alan Swetman (Sussex Ornithological Society).
- (e) Sheila Wright (Sussex Bat Group).
- (f) Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre.

Dominic will send round a draft for comment before the 14 December deadline for submission.

2. Donation

A professional gardener in Round Hill has stop gardening for health reasons and wishes to donate tools and plants to the community.

Dominic and Stefania will arrange the collection and storage of tools in the CGL shed behind Richmond House.

Dominic and Jane will arrange collection and storage of plants for use in the community planters.

The committee agreed to donate to the gardener's Go-Fund Me account once it is clear what tools and plants have been given to the community.

3. Reminder: Community Carol Singing, Thursday 18 December.
Meet at 6pm at the bottom of the Cats' Creep.