











## Long Ashton Horticultural Society Programme of events for 2026



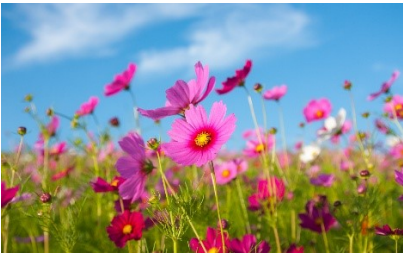
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Date	Title	Presenter	Description
15 January 2026, Thursday	<b>Fun General Knowledge Quiz</b>  Open to members and non members  	Richard Lancaster	Test your knowledge in our fun general knowledge quiz.  There will be a bar for refreshments and lots of prizes.  Come in fancy dress if you wish.
18 February 2026, Wednesday	<b>Our Woodlands Health and Decomposition</b>  Zoom talk  Members only event  	Professor Lynne Boddy MBE	The health of our woodlands depends not just on trees and other plants, but on fungi and our management practices.  Fungi act as decomposers breaking down dead plants and other tissues to, releasing nutrients and making them available again for plants and other organisms to use.

<p>19 March 2026, Thursday</p>	<p><b>Talk - The Art of Bonsai</b></p> <p>Open to members and non members</p> 	<p>Bristol Bonsai Society</p>	<p>Come and learn about the Japanese art of growing and shaping miniature trees in containers to produce much smaller replicas of the full-grown tree in nature.</p>
<p>16 April 2026, Thursday</p>	<p><b>Bonsai demonstration</b></p> <p>Open to members and non members</p> 	<p>Bristol Bonsai Society</p>	<p>See how a common garden centre shrub can be used to generate an attractive Bonsai</p>




<p>16 May 2026, Saturday</p>	<p><b>Annual Society Plant Sale</b></p> <p>Outside the Co op on Weston Road</p> 	<p>Long Ashton Horticultural Society</p>	<p>Locally grown plants for sale including flowers, shrubs, herbs and vegetables.</p>
<p>May 2026</p>	<p><b>Open Garden – venue to be confirmed</b></p> <p>Members only event</p> 		





<p>23 May 2026, Saturday</p>	<p><b>Visit to Little Bucklers in Brockley</b></p> <p>Open to members and non members</p> 	<p>Carol and Peter Parfrey</p>	<p>There's something for everyone in this lovely garden developed over 45 years with its mixed borders, gravel areas, ponds, woodland and vegetable plot.</p>
<p>26 June 2026, Friday</p>	<p><b>Visit to Iford Manor Gardens</b></p> <p>Near Bradford-on-Avon</p> <p>Open to members and non members</p> 	<p>Introductory talk from the owner or a member of staff</p>	<p>Enjoy this peaceful, Grade 1 registered garden with its romantic design and architecture, combining formality with nature in a magnificent rural setting.</p>

June 2026	<b>Visit to the Downs School Garden</b>  Details to be confirmed  		The grounds were landscaped in the 18 <sup>th</sup> century and planted with specimen trees in the 19 <sup>th</sup> century. Many features to enjoy such as the ha ha, parkland, elaborate garden fountain and stone corbeille.
June 2026	<b>Open Garden – venue to be confirmed</b>  Members only event  		
11 July 2026, Saturday	<b>Visit to Heart of BS13 Sustainable Flower Farm</b>  Open to members and non members  	Sol Harmsworth	Visit to this Social Enterprise based at Hartcliffe City Farm offering seasonal flowers, workshops in flower growing and floristry.  Flowers available to buy.

21 July 2026, Tuesday	<b>Visit to the North Somerset Bird of Prey Centre</b>  Open to members and non members  	Members of the Centre's staff	Educational talk concentrating on 4 different species of bird of prey plus a Q and A session followed by some of the group having an opportunity to handle and possibly fly some of the birds
1 August 2026, Saturday	<b>Tour of Leigh Court Farm followed by a Q and A session at Brackenwood Garden Centre</b>  Open to members and non members  	Chris Loughlin at Leigh Court Farm and a member of staff at Brackenwood	Opportunity to see and hear about the history of the walled garden at Leigh Court Farm which is now used to grow organic vegetables and fruit for a weekly box scheme and a Farmers' Market in Bristol.  After the tour we'll be able to enjoy and question and answer session at Brackenwood Garden Centre with one of their staff.



5 September 2026, Saturday	<b>100<sup>th</sup> Village Flower Show</b>  To be held in the Village Hall, Club Room and Keeds Hall at the Long Ashton Community Centre  		<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> <p>For the 100<sup>th</sup> Show there will be a few surprises to make this year extra special.</p>
5 October 2026, Monday	<b>Talk – Gardening in containers</b>  Open to members and non members  	Felicity Down – Previous owner of Cleeve Nursery	<p>All gardens have room for at least one container. We'll hear about some less common planting including edibles and some unusual containers!</p>
27 October 2026, Tuesday	<b>Event – details to be confirmed</b>		

29 October 2026, Thursday	<b>Zoom talk – Coping with too much or too little water in the garden</b>  Members only event    	Sally Morgan from Empire Farm	Learn how to create a garden that thrives in both a deluge and a drought plus hear practical ways to manage these extremes.
November 2026	<b>AGM and cheese tasting</b>  Details to be confirmed  		
December 2026	<b>Talk, demonstration and workshop on working with willow</b>  Open to members and non members  	Florence Hamer	Full day course comprising a talk, demonstration and workshop with an opportunity to make a bird feeder from willow.