



Roehampton Garden Society

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Shows Report

The summer show in June was once again held on Site 2, and this year it was time for a heatwave, after the high winds 2 years ago and the torrential rain last year. The show was combined with opening up Site 2 for the National Garden Scheme, where private gardens are opened up for the public to visit. We had 90 visitors who explored the site, spoke to plot-holders, looked at the show exhibits, bought plants, enjoyed tea and home-made cakes and joined in the auction. £813 was sent to the NGS which supports various charities, and everybody had a jolly nice day.

The collections of flowers, fruits and vegetables were once again of a very high standard. Next year, because of the vagaries of the weather, we will hold the summer show in the small church hall.

The autumn show was held in St Margaret's Church at the end of August and there were plenty of superb exhibits on show, no doubt helped by the hot summer we'd experienced. There were amazing flowers, cabbages, beans, corn, squash and naturally, tomatoes. There was an abundance of fruits which had enjoyed the extra sunshine. The cookery had some impressive exhibits too. It was good to see some exhibits in the children's class – we don't always get them. Once again, we had some unusual vegetable exhibits, this year bitter gourds. Tea and cakes were very popular, as was the auction.

All in all, both shows were a success and I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to get them on the road – Mariangela, Vivien, Jackie, Georgina, Helen, Shan and Gill. With thanks to Charles who transports the tables from the store over to the church and to our resident auctioneer David. Thanks to our vegetable and fruit judge Mark and his colleague Mary who this year judged our flowers for us. They both came over from the Beatrix Potter plots in Earlsfield. Once again Laura judged the cookery. Thanks also to everyone who exhibited, made cakes and helped on the day with making tea, manning the tills, washing up and sweeping the floor at the end of the day.

Carol Martinez
Show Chair.