



## WELCOME TO CORNWALL HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

The Hardy Plant Society (HPS) is a national society formed with the aim of fostering an interest in hardy herbaceous plants. It produces a fine journal, newsletter, provides information about well and little known plants, operates a seed distribution service, and through a network of 40 local branches delivers a range of lectures, visits and other events.

We are the **Cornwall** group of the HPS, being one of the local groups across the UK. Our website is [www.cornwallhardyplantsociety.org.uk](http://www.cornwallhardyplantsociety.org.uk) and you can also join our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/333068437419161](https://www.facebook.com/groups/333068437419161). Here in Cornwall, our Society has meetings at Ladock Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month from September to April (except in January). Different speakers come from all over the country with interesting and inspiring talks about hardy plants and gardening topics, and they often bring plants for people to purchase. It is always very friendly at our meetings; there is tea and coffee, a raffle, a display table, a sales table (for which members can bring plants for sale giving 10% to our Society) and more. There is also a 3-flower competition whereby members can bring 3 different flowers to be judged. Members gather from about 6.45pm for 7.30 start of the evening event.

We have a Christmas Social at the December meeting and a Christmas Lunch on a Saturday in December. Also, we have a New Year walk followed by another lunch to get us all going for the challenges of the new Gardening Year. At the February meeting we have an AGM (usually brief) followed by a talk. On a Saturday in May we hold one of the best County Plant Fairs in Truro Cattle market (10am to 2.00pm).

From May to end of August, there are exceptional gardens to visit each month around the county. These may be gardens not usually open to the public. Garden visits are 6.00pm for 6.30 and we meet at the garden.

A superb Newsletter is produced each month by John Sirkett, giving news of gardens and events he and others have visited to inspire members to do the same. He also gives details of the meetings we hold at Ladock. Throughout the Newsletter there are beautiful pictures of plants, scenery, etc. which have been taken on members travels. Other contributions from members are also included. Details of forthcoming garden events in the County and beyond are also inserted, so that you can see what is happening and choose to visit if you wish.

CHPS membership subscriptions are due on 1<sup>st</sup> January (joining after 1<sup>st</sup> May. covers membership to the end of the following year). CHPS Subscriptions are £12.00 for one, £20 for a couple. A Membership Form for the Cornwall branch is attached. If you are interested in joining us, please come along as a Guest on your first meeting to experience our events, or, of course, come with your Membership Form (attached) already completed. If your first visit is a summer Garden meeting, please ring Tricia Howard (01208 873225) for location details. To join the national HPS at the same time, this can be done online at [www.hardy-plant.org.uk](http://www.hardy-plant.org.uk)

Our aim is to meet and make friends with likeminded people, who love plants, advance our knowledge and foster an interest in the lesser known handy plants.

**And have lots of enjoyment and fun**