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Garden Group Report
Monday, 9th November 2026

A wonderful turnout of 20 people, including three new members, were back in the hall for the first time since March and were treated to an excellent talk from Kerrie Lloyd Dawson who, in 2008, along with her husband Pete, created a beautiful garden from scratch over a period of four years and then opened for the National Garden Scheme.

They provided us with plans of the garden and took us on their journey from initial excavations for a pond and cascading stream to an outdoor lounge complete with fireplace and planted TV, with a myriad other elements between.

It was a real adventure in which each played a part, Pete provided the landscaping including moving tons of rocks, stones and gravel, building structures, arches, arbours, decks, paths and so on, whilst Kerrie is the plants person, a self-confessed plantaholic, with a keen eye for what will work where.



They came to us with a supply of plants from cuttings which they offered for sale with all proceeds going to the NGS.

We all agreed we would like to visit the garden. As it will not be possible next year for us to do so as a group on any of our scheduled meeting dates, we will try to organise a special outing on 31st May 2027 when the garden is open to the public under the National Garden Scheme. Now we know how it was all created it would be a shame not to be able to see it.

Next month is our Christmas Tea and Quiz which, this year will be a fun, House of Games style challenge for teams of two or three so come armed with a few goodies to share.