



**DITCHLING  
HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY** EST 1822

### Ditchling Open Gardens -Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Less than a week after the Open Gardens event, Ditchling Horticultural Society made a payment of just over £3000 to St Peter and St James Hospice. Since then, the addition of takings for pre-booked tickets and the contents of the hospice collection buckets has resulted in the grand total of £3,576.33. This has gone towards assisting the hospice in it's vital work in the local community.

Wendy Agate, Head of Fundraising at the hospice has thanked us on behalf of all of those who work and volunteer there.

Many people contributed to delivering this amazing result. Firstly of course are the owners of the gardens themselves who have been busy working on their gardens since they 'signed up' to open their gardens in September last year. Feedback from visitors complimented the gardens as being of a very high quality – yes, 'Chelsea standard' was even mentioned.

Three of the gardens were offering refreshments and there was also a Plant and Produce stall at the start of the trail. Those were stocked by the efforts of many people making cakes and preserves and growing flowers and vegetables, aided of course by those who were selling them.

Attendance at the open gardens was undoubtedly boosted by attractive and professionally produced advertising material by Caroline Senior Design, both online and good, old fashioned, posters and leaflets. Much of this can be re-used for future events.

Above all, this was a great community event. We were blessed with a sunny day and it was wonderful to see so many people walking around the village (or even taking a ride on the trishaw), smiling and clearly enjoying themselves.

Thank you to all who contributed to the event in any way which we can record as a great success

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Chair DHS

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