

Brampton and District 50+ Forum

Report of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 8 May 2018 in Brampton Community Centre. The meeting took place after lunch in the community café. 24 people attended the meeting and there were 5 apologies.

Vice-Chair, Ann Oswin, welcomed members and the guest speaker, Fiona Bullock.

The secretary / treasurer, Ivan Whetton, gave [a summary of the Forum's accounts](#) again thanking the committee of Laurel House which provides funding for the Forum. He also explained the change in law concerning the holding of personal data and why we were asking members to re-confirm their request to receive information from the Forum. Some members have already done this and a form was also available for members to sign at the meeting.

A list was also available for members to reserve their place at the tea party to be held on Thursday 7 June 2018. Formal invitations will be sent later in the month.

Ann then presented [a report of the year's events](#), thanked members of the committee and explained that there were places on the committee if anyone else would like to volunteer.

Fiona Bullock is a local garden designer. She told the meeting that she became interested in gardening whilst attending Newton Rigg Agricultural College. With the aid of slides she showed how initial drawings were developed into plans and then showed photographs of the gardens themselves. One of her first designs was a courtyard garden, which won a prize at the 1998 Chelsea Flower Show. Also included were gardens of houses in Brampton. She also explained how ideas from local children had been used in the creation of the Bee-Friendly Garden at the entrance to the community centre. Forum members asked questions throughout the talk and gave appreciative applause at the end.

After the meeting refreshments were available in the café.

The next 50+ Forum meeting is on Tuesday 17th July 2018.