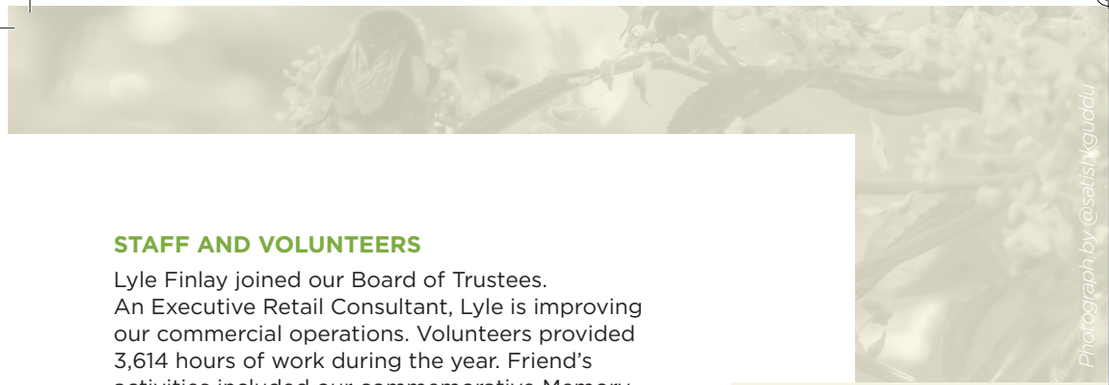

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STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Lyle Finlay joined our Board of Trustees. An Executive Retail Consultant, Lyle is improving our commercial operations. Volunteers provided 3,614 hours of work during the year. Friend's activities included our commemorative Memory Pool, raising valuable funds. Full time equivalent employees rose from 25.5 to 27.

VISITORS AND MEMBERS

Visitor and Membership income increased: we welcomed 190,425 visitors and 4,896 members by year end.

FINANCE

A very successful financial year. Total income rose by 21% and: admissions income by 16%. We received £237,000 in donations and legacies. Catering income increased 15%. Capital expenditure amounted to £153,000 as we renewed and improved our facilities.

FUTURE

We began working in partnership with National Trust to improve our visitor experience. We are also looking towards the 2022 Commonwealth Games and considering our contribution to this sporting and cultural occasion.

THANK YOU

Your support enables our vital work in horticulture and education to succeed in this unique historic and green location. Because of you, this priceless attraction continues to be enjoyed by all who visit. We hope you enjoy many happy visits here in the year to come.

A full copy of the Annual Report and Accounts for the Charity will be available as a PDF on our website: **www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk** after the AGM or on request.

INCOME

	£
Donations & Legacies	**236,818**
Banqueting Suites	**346,314**
Shop at the Gardens	**248,516**
Other	**23,674**
Investment	**663**
Gardens	**678,273**
Education	**158,680**
Total	**1,692,938**

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Notice of Annual General Meeting 2019

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Birmingham Botanical and Horticultural Society Limited (Company Number 248827, Charity Number 528981) will be held at the Botanical Gardens and Glasshouses, Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham on Monday 23 September 2019 at 6pm to transact the following business:

1. To receive and adopt the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 and the reports of the Trustees and of the Auditors.

2. To re-elect existing Members and elect new Members of the Committee: L. Finlay, D. Share, P. White, M. Liberson

3. To approve the following resolution: That with effect from 1 April 2020 the annual charges for membership of the Society, inclusive of Value Added Tax shall be:

i	Family Membership *(Entry for up to 2 adults and 3 concessions)*	**£67**
ii	Adult Membership *(One adult plus guest)*	**£42**
iii	Corporate Season Ticket *(Entry for five people)*	**£122**
iv	Concession Membership *(Students and over 60's plus guest)*	**£29**
v	Life Membership *(Entry for one person plus guest)*	**£820**
vi	Senior Life Membership *(Entry for one person over 60 plus guest)*	**£510**

NOTE: £2 discount is allowed to Family, Adult and Concession Members who pay by Direct Debit.

4. To appoint the auditor and authorise the Committee to agree their remuneration.

5. To transact any other business which may be transacted at an AGM.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE

M. A. LIBERSON Chairman
1 August 2019

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If you are a Member who is entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, you are entitled to appoint another person as your proxy to attend the meeting to represent you and exercise all or any of your rights to attend, speak and vote at the meeting. You may only appoint a proxy using the proxy form which can be obtained from **marie@birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk** and using the procedures set out in the notes to the proxy form. The completed and signed proxy form must be sent or delivered to the Company no later than Monday 23 September 2019 at 09:00.

Overview of the year

We report below the key achievements in pursuance of our aims and objectives during the year ended 31 March 2019. The Charity offers grateful thanks to all who contribute to the Gardens including Trustees, Volunteers, Staff and above all, our Members and Visitors. Your support is vital if we are to secure the future of these Gardens because we are entirely self funding and have no other means of remaining open.

HORTICULTURE

Our horticultural highlight was the Award of Highly Commended Garden at the Horticulture Week Custodian Awards 2018. Recognition of the outstanding quality of our gardens inspires us to even higher standards in future. Giulio Veronese joined us as Senior Horticulturist: he has wide experience gained in prestigious gardens across the world. Ben Taylor joined our team from our horticultural apprenticeship: our horticultural education continues to produce talented gardeners. We commenced work on a major new Alpine Garden in which we will cultivate an alpine plant collection to rival that of any garden.

EDUCATION

Customer satisfaction was high. We enjoyed a 15% increase in the number of school pupils, including 309 school groups comprising 17,260 pupils; an increase of 2,300 pupils. Between March and May, demand exceeded capacity, underlining our need to raise funds for new educational facilities.

ENTERPRISES

We welcomed new caterers Aramark, the world's largest catering company, providing catering services for corporate and social occasions to the highest standard. The Gardens' retail income benefited from two large evening events: Christmas Lanterns and Halloween, delivering retail sales 12% higher than the previous year.