

Cross-Party Group Annual Return

Name of Cross-Party Group

Cross-Party Group on

Date Group Established (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

1st October 2021

Date of Most Recent Annual General Meeting (AGM)

4th February 2025

Date Annual Return Submitted

5th March 2025

Date of Preceding AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11 to 13 months of the previous AGM]

12th March 2024

Group Meetings and Activities

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

4th February 2025: AGM

4th February – Horticultural Trades Association Parliamentary Reception

6th November 2024: Welcome, schools garden presentation (Professor Donald Gray, Donald Gray, University of Aberdeen, Laura Colucci-Gray, University of Edinburgh, Jonathan Hancock, University of Edinburgh), remarks by Minister Jim Fairlie MSP, Industry review, tribute to Jim McColl, future CPG events, AOB

12th March, 2024: AGM, Welcome to new members, Discussion on theme of mental health and well-being through gardening, Reflection on visits CPG visits, Discussion of future meetings, roles and responsibilities.

31st October, 2023: Presentation by Lantra on skills and education in the horticulture and gardening sector

31st October – 2nd November, 2023: Exhibition by HTA in the Scottish Parliament

16th March, 2023: AGM, Welcome to new members, Discussion of Horticultural Trades Association's Horticultural Growth Strategy, Discussion of future meetings, roles and responsibilities.

MSP Members of The Group

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Rachael Hamilton MSP

Annabelle Ewing MSP

Christine Grahame MSP

Alex Rowley MSP

Jackson Carlaw MSP

Sharon Dowey MSP

Tim Eagle MSP

Non-MSP Members of The Group

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals

Alan Titchmarsh

	Lewis Normand
Organisations	<p>HTA</p> <p>Scottish Allotments & Gardens Society</p> <p>National Trust for Scotland</p> <p>The Scottish Gardeners' Forum</p> <p>Scottish Rock Garden Club</p> <p>Arboricultural Association</p> <p>The Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society</p> <p>British Association of Landscape Industries</p> <p>Keep Scotland Beautiful</p> <p>Hopetoun House & Historic Houses Scotland</p> <p>Garden for Life Forum</p> <p>Get Scotland Growing</p> <p>Greenspace</p> <p>Scottish Environment Link</p> <p>Scotland's Garden Scheme</p> <p>Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh,</p> <p>Ashbrook Nursery,</p> <p>Scotland's Garden Scheme,</p> <p>Lantra Scotland,</p> <p>University of Dundee,</p> <p>Trellis Scotland,</p> <p>Scone Palace,</p> <p>SRUC</p>
<p>Group Office Bearers</p> <p>Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.</p>	

Convener	Rachael Hamilton MSP
Deputy Convener	Annabelle Ewing MSP Christine Grahame MSP
Secretary	David Lydiat
Treasurer	David Lydiat
Financial Benefits or Other Benefits	
Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.	
The Group has not received any financial or material benefit(s)	
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONVENER	
COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT (Please tick all boxes that apply)	
I, Convener of the Cross-Party Group on <X>, hereby declare that, in line with the requirements of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct, this CPG has:	
5 MSP Members from 3 different political parties	X
Held at least 2 quorate meetings in the last 12 months	X
Held an AGM within 11-13months of the date of registration or the last AGM	X
Submitted an annual return form within 30 calendar days of the AGM	X

Provided Standards Clerks with 10 calendar days' notice of all meetings		X
Provided minutes of all meetings		X
Signed		
Date	05.02.2025	