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## CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on HORTICULTURE AND GARDENING

### PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.

**1. TO PROMOTE AND FACILITATE AN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WORLD OF GARDENING AND HORTICULTURE WITH MEMBERS OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

2.

**A) GREEN SPACES CAN HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON MENTAL WELL BEING** <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/health-and-wellbeing/articles/why-gardening-makes-us-feel-better>

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/pdf/climate-and-sustainability/urban-greening/gardening-matters-urban-greening.pdf>

**B) FOOD/HEALTHY LIVING.** According to a nationally representative YouGov survey commissioned by the HTA in 2019, 31% of British adults with a garden – approximately 14 million people - grew their own fruit and vegetables.

**C) CLIMATE CHANGE** – Gardening & Horticultural sectors are essential in fulfilling the Scottish Government’s Environment Plan and the wider ambitions around climate change.

**D) VALUE TO SCOTTISH ECONOMY** - The Scottish garden retail sector has a total impact on GDP of £277 million annually (directly & indirectly) and supports 6,700 jobs directly. The Scottish ornamental horticulture sector as a whole supports 53,900 jobs directly and contributes £1.3 billion annually

directly to GDP. Scottish consumer spending on ornamental horticultural goods total £580 million per annum, while the Scottish ornamentals grower sector is worth £38 million per annum.

3. NONE
4. CLIMATE CHANGE, GARDEN TOURISM, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELLBEING

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

Christine Grahame, Alex Rowley, Jackson Carlaw, Annabelle Ewing, Sharon Dowey, Rachael Hamilton

### **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 &  
Organisations

Alan Titchmarsh  
Jim McColl  
Lewis Normand

Scottish Allotments & Gardens Society  
HTA  
National Trust for Scotland  
The Scottish Gardeners' Forum  
Scottish Rock Garden Club  
Arboricultural Association  
The Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society  
British Association of Landscape Industries  
Keep Scotland Beautiful  
Hopetoun House & Historic Houses Scotland  
Garden for Life Forum  
Get Scotland Growing  
Greenspace  
Scottish Environment Link  
Scotland's Garden Scheme

### **GROUP OFFICE BEARERS**

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.

Convener	Rachael Hamilton MSP
Deputy Conveners	Alex Rowley MSP and Christine Grahame MSP
Secretary	James Barnes
Treasurer	N/A

#### 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.

n/a

#### SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

n/a

#### CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Rachael Hamilton MSP
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#### STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on HORTICULTURE AND GARDENING is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed



Date	01/10/2021
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