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Brightwell-cum-Sotwell WI

October 2026
Sustainable garden design, designing for location, and design principles

B-c-S WI Meeting
Tuesday 13th October

How can we adapt to this changing climate? That was the question posed by Alison and the answers proposed were:

Mindset change - what do we want from our garden?
Materials choice - sourcing locations and permeability
Water attenuation within the garden
Soil care/mangement/health
Plant choice

Alison went on to discuss how her company Blooming Botany approach planting design in a sustainable way, showing slides of various projects undertaken.

Many thanks to Marion and Dee for our refreshments.

Business news....

- Jan confirmed the details of our Christmas meal at the Red Lion. All details below.

- A sign-up sheet was available for the forthcoming production of Sweeny Todd at the Oxford Playhouse.

- Jan asked if we had any members of the OFWI 400 Club (a fundraising prize draw) no members raised their hands.

- Village hall buy a brick campaign. Jan stressed it was important for members to share their views. Click the link below to register your thoughts.

- Helen spoke about the ease of using VIA, the OFWI learning hub and how she is happy to help members get online. Several members confirmed its user-friendliness.

- Jan reminded members that our November meeting will be Crafty Christmas.

Buy a Brick fundraiser for the Village Hall refurbishment....

In order to make a decision that fully represents the views of all WI members we ask that you email with your viewpoint and observations.

Click here to register your view

Christmas meal....

Our Christmas evening meal will be at the Red Lion on Tuesday 8th December from 7pm. Two courses (main and pudding) cost £30 which is non-refundable. Payment online or by cheque no later than ***13th November.***

Details for bank transfer:
Brightwell-cum-Sotwell Women's Institute
Sort code: 08 92 99
Account no: 67196863

Please give 'RLD' and 'your name' as the reference. Choose one main and one dessert course from the following menu and email to confirm your payment and menu selection.



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