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Subject: FW: RHS Affiliated Societies - Important news

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter – please pass on to everyone in your society.

We hope you have managed to start visiting gardens and enjoying a full calendar of events once again this year. It is heart-warming to see families, friends and clubs back here at Wisley enjoying themselves. It took a while, but with restrictions lifted and an awful lot of rain, it feels like we are back to normal! 2

We have some exciting news to share with you, as of 1 February next year all affiliated societies will receive 2 NEW benefits:

- 1. A discount card giving 50% off the cost of entry to any RHS garden for up to two members of your group at a time (Please read T's & C's on reverse of card before use) Share the card around your members and encourage everyone to take advantage.
- 2. A Recognition Award certificate to honour one of your members, or someone in your local community who has gone the extra mile in 2022. Perhaps they were key in keeping your club going, enabled everyone to take part in Zoom meetings, perhaps provided much needed transport, or extra fundraising, started a local community project, or some other outstanding achievement. This is a lovely way to say their efforts have been noted and really appreciated.

Do look out for your renewal letter in December. We managed to maintain the affiliation rate for 7 years, but with rising costs, unfortunately we have had to increase the price to £45 UK and £55 overseas this year. It still represents incredible value: the annual RHS garden visit is worth about £700, plus the medal, discount card, The Garden magazine and all the other benefits. Please read the instructions in the renewal letter carefully and return all necessary paperwork in the envelope provided by 19 January including any medal orders.

Please find attached an important note from our insurance suppliers, Sports Insure. If you have any questions about any aspect of your insurance please contact them direct rhsgroups@sports-insure.co.uk

And don't forget what a great Christmas gift an RHS membership is – it really is the present that lasts all year! Visit rhs.org.uk to find out more and view all our membership options. Plus enjoy a 25% discount when you pay by Direct Debit.

Wishing you all the very best for the festive season,

Kind regards

Susie, Janice, Helen and Gemma

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