

TALK by Dawn Fisher of “Lincolnshire Pond Plants” on 24 February 2026

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From a small home-based venture to winning three gold medals at Chelsea Flower Show, the nursery has grown into one of the UK’s most successful online aquatic plant specialists.

Dawn Fisher, the mother of Dave who originally started the business eight years ago, gave lots of basic advice on starting and maintaining a healthy pond be it in a sink or a lake!

We learned the importance of having a balance of marginal, oxygenating, rafting and emergent plants to support clear water and a thriving ecosystem. We were able to examine plant samples distributed by Dawn’s “glamorous assistant”, Andrew, whilst she shared her vast knowledge of each species.

Plants thrive when nutrients are balanced and with the right mix they will attract wildlife. Getting that balance is the trick and Dawn had lots of helpful tips to combat invasives such as blanket weed etc.. There was a lively question and answer session at the end, when the pond enthusiasts amongst us could share their concerns. The rest of us may take Dawn’s advice and perhaps start with a pond in a bowl.

Dawn clearly knows her subject like the back of her gardening glove! With her knowledge and experience no wonder the team at “Lincolnshire Pond Plants” are gold medal winners. Look out for them at this year’s Chelsea Flower Show.

Sheila Nash