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You don't need to open your garden to get involved and make a difference!

Everyone is invited – whatever the state or size of your garden. Gather your friends, share your garden and hold a Great British Garden Party fundraiser. Every cuppa poured, cake sliced, and garden enjoyed will help make a difference to some of the best-loved nursing and health charities. Visit ngs.org.uk/gardenparty to find out how you can get involved.

County Durham: an unsung county.

County Durham lies between the River Wear and River Tees and is varied and beautiful.

Our National Garden Scheme open gardens can be found in the city, high up in the Dales and in the attractive villages of South Durham. Something different every week.

We are delighted that our favourite gardens are open again this year and are also very pleased to welcome new openers. Do visit and encourage friends to see the Secret Gardens of Langholm Crescent, a very interesting and creative collection of gardens alongside a larger garden at the Cottage. Willowburn Hospice has joined us this year and are keen to share their developing garden, lovingly looked after by volunteers. All the gardeners are looking forward to welcoming you and having your support and encouragement in their enterprises.

Northumberland is a county of ancient castles and wild coastline, of expansive views and big skies.

Northumberland is a rich and varied landscape of wild uplands where moorland birds nest, picturesque valleys and a coastline of castles and fishing villages. It's the perfect backdrop for historic as well as exciting contemporary gardens.

Some have been created over generations. A manor house garden associated with Gertrude Jekyll, a 19th century mansion set in 10 acres of walled gardens, a 14th century pele tower and Jacobean house with fabulous views over the Tyne Valley. Others have been made over a number of years by their owners and are packed full of ideas. A town garden on a dramatically steep site, a country cottage filled with roses and lavender, an artist's garden by the sea.

Then there's newly designed gardens, one of which won an award from the Society of Garden Designers, another redesigned with a gravel garden and stone rill. And for the specialist there's an outstanding collection of cacti that has been given a new home in this beautiful county.

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OPENING DATES

Map locator numbers are shown to the right of each garden name.

April

Sunday 23rd
Blagdon 4

May

Sunday 14th
Ravensford Farm 31

Sunday 21st
Lilburn Tower 19

Thursday 25th
Nags Head Farm 26

Sunday 28th
Ferndene House 11

June

Sunday 4th
The Beacon 2
2 Hillside Cottage 16

Sunday 11th
Coldcotes Moor Garden 7

Oliver Ford Garden 29
NEW Willow Burn Hospice 37

Saturday 17th
Bichfield Tower 3

Sunday 18th
Marie Curie Hospice 22

◆ Mindrum Garden 24
The Moore House 25

Saturday 24th
Fallodon Hall 10
Woodlands 38

Sunday 25th
Halton Castle 12
High Bank Farm 15
Holmelands 17
Old Quarrington Gardens 28

◆ Whalton Manor Gardens 36

Friday 30th
Hidden Gardens of Croft Road 14

July

Saturday 1st
Capheaton Hall 6
Craster's Hidden Gardens 8
Kirky Cottage 18

Sunday 2nd
The Beacon 2
Capheaton Hall 6
Hidden Gardens of Croft Road 14

Sunday 9th
2 Briarlea 5
Longwitton Hall 20
NEW Secret Gardens of Langholm Crescent 33

Sunday 16th
NEW Acomb High House 1

Friday 21st
Ferndene House 11

Sunday 30th
St Cuthbert's Hospice 32

August

Sunday 6th
Heather Holm 13

Sunday 13th
Walworth Gardens 35
Droomveld 9

Saturday 19th
Middleton Hall Retirement Village 23

By Arrangement

Arrange a personalised garden visit with your club, or group of friends, on a date to suit you. See individual garden entries for full details.

The Beacon 2
2 Briarlea 5
Coldcotes Moor Garden 7
Droomveld 9
Fallodon Hall 10
Ferndene House 11
2 Hillside Cottage 16
Kirky Cottage 18
Lilburn Tower 19
Loughbrow House 21
Old Quarrington Gardens 28
25 Park Road South 30
Ravensford Farm 31
Stanton Fence 34
Woodlands 38

The National Garden Scheme searches the length and breadth of England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands for the very best private gardens.

Symbols at the end of each garden entry indicate features and items of special interest at the garden.

NEW Gardens opening for the first time this year or re-opening after a long break.

◆ Garden also opens on non-NGS days. (Gardens which carry this symbol contribute to the NGS either by opening on a specific day(s) and/or by giving a guaranteed contribution).

♿ Wheelchair access to at least the main features of the garden.

🐕 Dogs on short leads welcome.

✿ Plants usually for sale.

NPC Plant Heritage National Collection Holder.

🛏 Gardens that offer accommodation.

☕ Refreshments are available, normally at a charge.

🛖 Picnics welcome.

📶 Cashless payments available.

D Garden designed by a Fellow, Member or Pre-registered Member of the Society of Garden Designers.

🚐 Garden accessible to coaches. Coach sizes vary so please contact garden owner or County Organiser in advance to check details.

Group visits Group Organisers may contact the County Organiser or a garden owner direct to organise a group visit to a particular county or garden. See above for County Organiser details, or visit www.ngs.org.uk.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Photography is at the discretion of the garden owner; please check first. Photographs must not be used for sale or reproduction without prior permission of the owner.

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Toilets are not usually available at private gardens.

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THE GARDENS

NEW ACOMB HIGH HOUSE

The Green, Acomb, Hexham, NE46 4PH. Naomi Liller. 2 m N of Hexham. Around Hexham leave A69 signposted Acomb, in Acomb turn R up hill, past Miners Arms on R. Signed to parking area. **Sun 16 July (12.30-4.30). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of WI.

Within the remains of an old walled garden, featuring extensive perennial planting around a central rill and reflective pool. Also potager kitchen garden, wildflower meadow and herbaceous border. Designed by Matthew Wilson (attending on the day) and awarded Best Large Landscape and Garden 2022 Society of Garden Designers Awards. No chemicals and wildlife friendly. Art exhibition by Christine Partridge in garden. The English Garden (Oct 21) Country Living (September 2022)



THE BEACON

10 Crabtree Road, Stocksfield, NE43 7NX. Derek & Patricia Hodgson OBE, 01661 842518, patandderek@btinternet.com. 12m W of Newcastle. From A69 follow signs into village. Stn & cricket ground on L. Turn R into Cadehill Rd then 1st R into Crabtree Rd (cul-de-sac) Park on Cadehill. **Sun 4 June, Sun 2 July (2-5.30). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.**

Refreshments in aid of NSPCC. Visits also by arrangement 29 May to 22 Aug for groups of 10+.

This garden illustrates how to make a cottage garden on a steep site with loads of interest at different levels. Planted with acers, roses and a variety of cottage garden and formal plants. Water runs gently through it and there are tranquil places to sit and talk or just reflect. Stunning colour and plant combinations. Wildlife friendly - numerous birds, frogs, newts, hedgehogs. Haven for butterflies and bees. Owner available for entertaining group talks. Comedy/piano recital available at By Arrangement visits (£4 per person in aid of NSPCC). Featured in the TV program Love Your Garden as an inspirational garden.



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Private rd off B6309, 4m N of Stamfordham & SW of Belsay village. **Sat 17 June (1-4). Adm £8, chd free. Home-made teas in the carriage house garden & building.** Refreshments in aid of 6th Morpeth Scouts (& NGS).







A 6 acre mature garden. Set around a Medieval Pele Tower, there is an impressive stone water feature, large trout lake, mature woodland, pear orchard, and 2 walled gardens. Extensive herbaceous borders, prairie borders and contemporary grass borders. Tennis court, croquet lawn and set. Delicious home-made teas provided by the 6th Morpeth Scout Group.

B BLAGDON

Seaton Burn, NE13 6DE. Viscount Ridley. 5m S of Morpeth on A1. 8m N of Newcastle on A1, N on B1318, L at r'about (Holiday Inn) & follow signs to Blagdon. Entrance to parking area signed. **Sun 23 Apr (1-4). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of local charity, Smile for Life.

Unique 27 acre garden encompassing formal garden with Lutyens designed 'canal', Lutyens structures and walled kitchen garden. Valley with stream and various follies, quarry garden and woodland walks. Large numbers of ornamental trees and shrubs planted over many generations. National Collections of Acer, Alnus and Sorbus. Partial wheelchair access.

B 2 BRIARLEA

Hepscott, Morpeth, NE61 6PA. Richard & Carolyn Torr, 07470 391936, richardtorr6@gmail.com. Entering Hepscott from A192, Briarlea is 2nd road on R. Please park considerately within the village. Please do not park on Briarlea. **Sun 9 July (11-5). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments at 7 Thornlea. Refreshments approx 100m away, with further cactus collection and plant stall.** Refreshments in aid of local scouts. Visits also

by arrangement 5 June to 28 July for groups of 10 to 25. By arrangement adm inc tea/coffee & home-made cake/scones.

A plant lover's garden of just under 1/2 acre, rejuvenated and redeveloped over the last 6 yrs, featuring gravel areas, stream side planting and many herbaceous borders. Planting features hostas, grasses, roses, penstemons, ferns, a wide range of shrubs and other perennials. A vegetable area with raised beds inc greenhouses with an extensive collection of cacti and other succulents. Featured in The Northumbrian Oct 2022. Good access to most of garden, however, some steps and gravel areas.






   

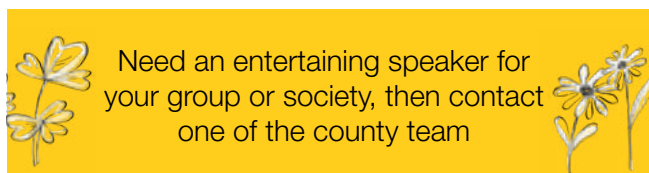
B CAPHEATON HALL

Capheaton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE19 2AB. William & Eliza Browne-Swinburne, 01913 758152, estateoffice@capheatonhall.co.uk,

www.capheatonhall.co.uk. Off A696 24m N of Newcastle. From S turn L off A696 onto Silver Hill rd signed Capheaton. From N, past Wallington/Kirkharle junction, turn R. **Sat 1, Sun 2 July (10-5). Adm £10, chd free. Home-**

made teas. Set in parkland, Capheaton Hall has magnificent views over the Northumberland countryside. Formal ponds sit south of the house which has C19 conservatory and a walk to a Georgian folly of a chapel. The outstanding feature is the very productive walled kitchen garden, mixing colourful vegetables, espaliered fruit with annual and perennial flowering borders. Victorian glasshouse and conservatory.



Need an entertaining speaker for your group or society, then contact one of the county team

7 COLDCOTES MOOR GARDEN

Ponteland, Northumberland, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE20 0DF. Ron & Louise Bowey, 07798 532291, info@theboweys.co.uk. Off A696 N of Ponteland. From S, leave Ponteland on A696 towards Jedburgh, after 1m take L turn marked 'Milbourne 2m'. After 400yds turn L into drive. **Sun 11 June (11-5). Adm £8, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Light refreshments. Visits also by arrangement 12 June to 20 Aug for groups of 20 to 50.**

The garden, landscaped grounds and woods cover around 15 acres. The wooded approach opens out to lawn areas surrounded by ornamental and woodland shrubs and trees. A courtyard garden leads to an ornamental walled garden, beyond which is an orchard, fruit and flower garden and rose arbour. To the south the garden looks out over a lake and field walks, with woodland walks to the west. Most areas are accessible though sometimes by circuitous routes or an occasional step. WC access involves three steps. The Northumbrian Magazine 2022

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GROUP OPENING**8 CRASTER'S HIDDEN GARDENS**

1, 2 and 5 Chapel Row, Craster, Alnwick, NE66 3TU. Sue Chapman, Gill Starkey, June Drage. Park in the pay & display parking at entrance to village or nearby overspill field £4 pd. Walk to the harbour & turn L along Dunstanburgh Rd. Look for NGS sign on L before you reach the castle field. No parking within the village. **Sat 1 July (11-4). Combined adm £5, chd free.**

In sight of Dunstanburgh Castle, in the picturesque village of Craster, sit 3 very different cottage gardens showing what can be achieved in a windy seaside setting. Formerly allotments attached to fishermen's cottages - No. 1 is newly developed, has two ponds, colour-themed borders and prairie style planting. No. 2 has sea views, many perennial bee friendly plants, roses galore and a lovely herbaceous border. No. 5 is a ¼ acre, divided into several separate areas: woodland garden, pond, fruit and vegetables plus borders featuring many unusual perennials, shrubs, grasses and ferns. The garden is managed to encourage wildlife. There is a pub and 2 cafes in the village and picnic benches and ice cream vendor in the harbour area.

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9 DROOMVELD

Christmas Farm, Longframlington, Morpeth, NE65 8DA. Maxine Eaton, 07715 460038, alittleplantcompany@gmail.com, www.alittleplantcompany.co.uk. At the northern edge of the village on the A697, take the road E with signs for log cabins. After 1m turn L to Christmas Farm (signposted). **Sun 13 August (11-4). Adm £5, chd free. Homemade teas using fresh produce from Christmas Farm. Visits by arrangement 7 July to 8 Sept for groups of up to 20. Adm £5, chd free.** Nestled in the Northumberland hills, this small nursery garden has several borders to showcase different styles - cottage, naturalistic and woodland, with roses and a wildlife pool. Northumbrian August /September 2022.

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Nominate your favourite National Garden Scheme garden by 14 July and it could win the Nation's Favourite Gardens competition, in association with The English Garden magazine. Visit www.theenglishgarden.co.uk/ngs to find out more



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10 FALLODON HALL

Alnwick, NE66 3HF. Mr & Mrs Mark Bridgeman, 07765 296197, lucibrigedeman@gmail.com, www.bruntoncottages.co.uk. 5m N of Alnwick, 2m off A1. From the A1 turn R onto the B6347 signed *Christon Bank & Seahouses*. Turn into the Falldon gates after exactly 2m, at Xrds. Follow drive for 1m. **Sat 24 June (2-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of local churches and the village school. **Visits also by arrangement for groups of 5+.** Extensive, well established garden, with a hot greenhouse beside the bog garden. The late C17 walls of the kitchen garden surround cutting and vegetable borders and the fruit greenhouse. Natasha McEwen replanted the sunken garden from 1898 and the redesigned 30 metres border was planted in 2019. Woodlands, pond and arboretum with over 10 acres to explore. Grave of Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary during WW1, famous ornithologist and fly fisherman, is in the woods near the pond and arboretum. The walls of the kitchen garden contain a fireplace built to heat the fruit trees of the Salkeld family, renowned for their gardening expertise in the C17. Partial wheelchair access.



11 FERDENE HOUSE

2 Holburn Lane Court, Holburn Lane, Ryton, NE40 3PN. Maureen Kesteven, 0191 413 5937, maureen.kesteven@ngs.org.uk, www.facebook.com/northeastgardenopenforcharity. In Ryton Old Village, 8m W of Gateshead. Off B6317, on Holburn Lane. Park on street or in Co-op car park on High St, cross rd through Ferndene Park following yellow signs. **Sun 28 May (12.30-4.30). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas. Pasta & prosecco. Fri 21 Jul (6-8). Adm £10, chd free. Wine & canapes inc in adm.** **Visits also by arrangement 12 Apr to 30 Aug for groups of 10+.**

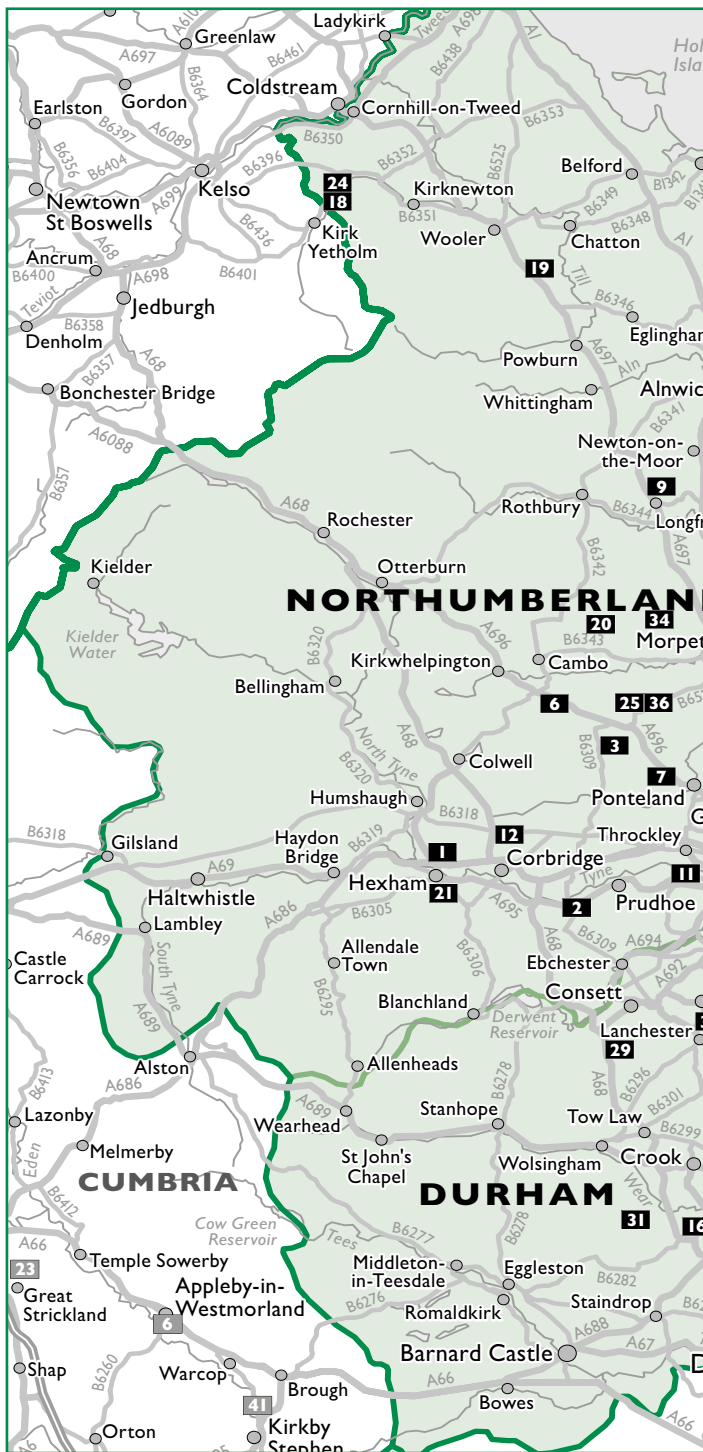
$\frac{3}{4}$ acre garden surrounded by trees. Informal areas of herbaceous perennials, formal box bordered area, meadow, wildlife pond, gravel and bog gardens (with boardwalk). Willow work. Early interest - hellebores, snowdrops, daffodils, bluebells and tulips. Summer interest from wide range of flowering perennials and meadow. $\frac{1}{2}$ acre mixed broadleaf wood with beck running through. Driveway, from which main borders can be seen, is wheelchair accessible but phone for assistance.

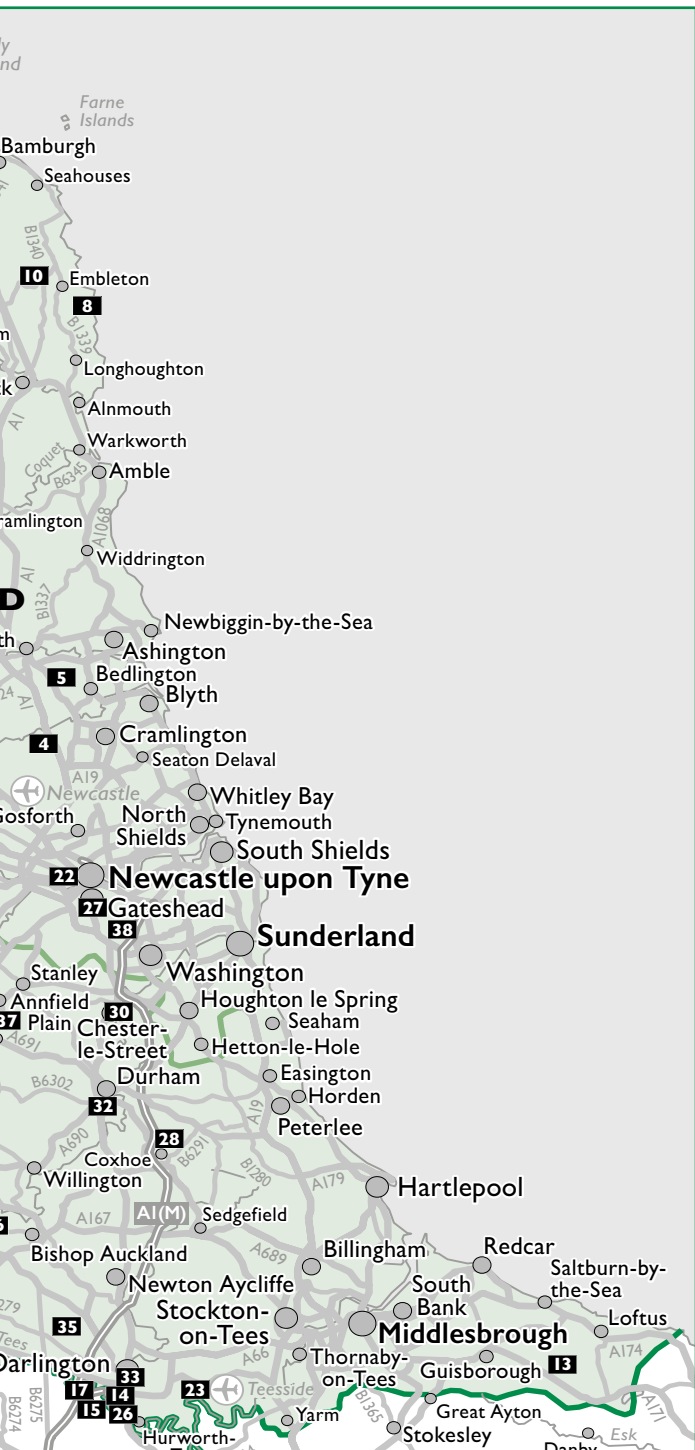


12 HALTON CASTLE

Corbridge, NE45 5PH. Hugh & Anna Blackett. 2m N of Corbridge turn E off the A68 onto the B6318 (*Military Rd*) towards Newcastle. Turn R onto drive after $\frac{1}{4}$ m. **Sun 25 June (11.30-4.30). Adm £6, chd free. Cream teas. Light lunches from 12pm.** The terraced garden has stunning views over the Tyne Valley. Massive beech hedges give protection for herbaceous borders, lawns and shrubs. A box parterre is filled with fruit, vegetables and picking flowers. Paths lead through a recently created wildflower meadow garden. The Castle (not open) is a C14 Pele tower with Jacobean manor house attached beside a charming chapel with Norman origins. Partial wheelchair access.







13 HEATHER HOLM

Stanghow Road, Stanghow, Saltburn-By-The-Sea, TS12 3JU. Arthur & June Murray. *Stanghow is 5 km E of Guisborough on A171. Turn L at Lockwood Beck (signed Stanghow) Heather Holm is on the R past the Xrds.*

Sun 6 Aug (11-4). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas.

Divided into several rooms, this is a garden of different aspects, formal, floral and architectural. The owners have a philosophy of colour throughout the year having many different species of lilies flowering from March to October. Sheltered by mature hedges, hostas and hydrangeas thrive. There are fruit trees, soft fruit bushes, a greenhouse, summerhouse and a large pond attracting wildlife. Regret no dogs.

**GROUP OPENING****14 HIDDEN GARDENS OF CROFT ROAD**

Darlington, DL2 2SD. Carol Pratt. *2m S of Darlington on A167. 3/4m S from A167/A66 r'about between Darlington & Croft.* **Fri 30 June, Sun 2 July (1-5).**

Combined adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas at Oxney Flatts Farm (30 June) & Orchard Gardens (2 July). Refreshments in aid of The Great North Air Ambulance Service (25%).

NAGS HEAD FARM

Jo & Ian Fearnley.
(See separate entry)

NEW COTTAGE

Jane & John Brown.

ORCHARD GARDENS

Gill & Neil Segger.

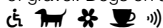
OXNEY COTTAGE

Gypsy Nichol.

OXNEY FLATTS FARM

Carol & Chris Pratt.

Five very different and interesting gardens, well named as 'Hidden Gardens' as they are not visible from the road. Oxney Cottage is a very pretty cottage garden with lawns, herbaceous borders and roses, colourful and varied unusual plants. Nags Head Farm has a wonderful rill running alongside a sloping garden with a variety of plants leading to a quiet, peaceful courtyard. There is a large vegetable garden in which stands a magnificent glasshouse with prolific vines. A woodland walk leads to a polytunnel, view point and wildflower meadow. Orchard Gardens is a large interesting garden of mixed planting, stump sculptures, colourful themed beds, fruit trees and different imaginative ornaments. Oxney Flatts has well-stocked herbaceous borders and a wildlife pond. New Cottage garden has mixed herbaceous flower beds, a fruit and vegetable garden and a newly created wildlife pond. Aycliffe Bee Keepers Association will have a stall in the garden of Nags Head Farm. There will be information about bees and bee keeping plus a small display hive where you can safely view bees in action. Honey will be on sale, subject to availability, and 10% of proceeds will be donated to NGS. Partial wheelchair access, grassy and mostly flat. Some areas of gravel. Dogs on a lead welcome in some gardens but not all.

**15 HIGH BANK FARM**

Cleasby Road, Stapleton, Darlington, DL2 2QE. Lesley Thompson.

Located on rd leading to Cleasby & Manfield from the Stapleton rd. Drive 300 yds, look out for a sign saying 'Nursery on a Farm', take turning & park in the car park. **Sun 25 June (1-4). Combined adm with Holmelands £5, chd free. Home-made teas.** The front garden has an abundance of roses, leading onto the orchard. The back garden has a lovely cottage garden, with a secluded summerhouse to relax in, together with paved area with beautiful pots where you can sit and listen to the trickling water from our lovely fishpond. Regret no dogs.



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16 2 HILLSIDE COTTAGE

Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland, DL14 0EZ. Mrs M Smith, 07789 366702, mary@maryruth.plus.com. 3m W of Bishop Auckland on B6282 and ½ m E of Toft Hill. Follow the B6282 from Bishop Auckland. After the Etherley sign continue along the road for approx ¼ m, the Cottage is down the track on the L near the 2nd footpath sign. **Sun 4 June (1-5). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments. Visits also by arrangement 4 Feb to 31 Oct.**

In this half acre mature cottage garden grass paths lead you past a wide variety of beds with shrubs, grasses, perennials and trees (native and exotic inc a Wollemi Pine and a Ginko) to a wild area with a small pond and greenhouse with a collection of cacti and succulents. At the top is a larger pond with frogs, toad and newts, patios, vegetable beds, fruit trees and roses. Planting for wildlife. A variety of sculptures and lots of places to sit and admire the garden. Views over Weardale and the surrounding countryside. It is possible to negotiate most of the garden on grass paths.

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17 HOLMELANDS

Cleasby, Darlington, DL2 2QY. Nicky & Clare Vigors, nickyvigors@btinternet.com. Cleasby village. 1st open yard on R approaching village from Stapleton. **Sun 25 June (1-4). Combined adm with High Bank Farm £5, chd free. Home-made teas at High Bank Farm.** Semi formal garden with orchard and large vegetable patch. Herbaceous beds and climbing roses as well as standard roses. Laid out in a semi formal design to create a harmonious effect. Attractive mixed borders, formal topiary and lavender at the front of the house.

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18 KIRKY COTTAGE

12 Mindrum Farm Cottages, Mindrum, TD12 4QN. Mrs Ginny Fairfax, 01890 850246, ginny@mindrumgarden.co.uk, [mindrumestate.co.uk/
kirky-garden](http://mindrumestate.co.uk/kirky-garden). 6m SW of Coldstream. 9m NW of Wooler on B6352. 4m N of Yetholm village. **Sat 1 July (11-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement.**

Ginny Fairfax has created Kirky Cottage Garden in the beautiful Bowmont valley surrounded and protected by the Border Hills. A gravel garden in cottage garden style, old roses, violas and others jostle with favourites from Mindrum. A lovely, abundant garden and, with Ginny's new and creative ideas, ever evolving. All plants propagated from garden. Regional Finalist, The English Garden's The Nation's Favourite Gardens 2021.

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In 2022, our donations to Carers Trust meant that 456,089 unpaid carers were supported across the UK.

19 LILBURN TOWER

Alnwick, NE66 4PQ. Mr & Mrs D Davidson, 01668 217291, lilburntower@outlook.com. 3m S of Wooler. On A697. **Sun 21 May (1.30-5.30). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** Visits also by arrangement 21 May to 4 June for groups of 10+.

10 acres of magnificent walled and formal gardens set above river; rose parterre, topiary, scented garden, Victorian conservatory, wildflower meadow. Extensive fruit and vegetable garden, large glasshouse with vines. 30 acres of woodland with walks. Giant lilies, meconopsis around pond garden. Rhododendrons and azaleas. Also ruins of Pele Tower, and C12 church. Partial wheelchair access.

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20 LONGWITTON HALL

Longwiton, Morpeth, NE61 4JJ. Michael & Louise Spriggs. 2m N of Hartburn off B6343. Entrance at east end of Longwiton village. **Sun 9 July (12-4). Adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of Hartburn Community Project. 6 acre historic site with glorious views to the south. Sheltered, mature garden, with specimen trees and acers, redeveloped with new borders. Circular rose garden, crescent shaped pool surrounded by foliage plants, 'standing stone' feature and a rhododendron and azalea glade leading to newly planted tunnel and cherry circle. Tree peonies and yew walk. Good wheelchair access.

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21 LOUGHBROW HOUSE

Hexham, NE46 1RS. Mrs K A Clark, 01434 603351, patriciaclark351@hotmail.com. 1m S of Hexham on B6306. Dipton Mill Rd. Rd signed Blanchland, ¼m take R fork; then ¼m at fork, lodge gates & driveway at intersection. **Visits by arrangement 1 Jan to 14 Dec. Adm £5, chd free.** A real country house garden with sweeping, colour themed herbaceous borders set around large lawns. Unique Lutyens inspired rill with grass topped bridges and climbing rose arches. Part walled kitchen garden and paved courtyard. Bog garden with pond. New rose bed. Wildflower meadow with specimen trees. Woodland quarry garden with rhododendrons, azaleas, hostas and rare trees. Home-made jams and chutneys for sale.

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22 MARIE CURIE HOSPICE

Marie Curie Drive, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE4 6SS. www.mariecurie.org.uk/help/hospice-care/hospices/newcastle/about. In West Newcastle just off Elswick Rd. At the bottom of a housing estate. Turning is between MA Brothers & Dallas Carpets. **Sun 18 June (2-4.30). Adm by donation. Light refreshments in our Garden Café.** The landscaped garden of the purpose-built Marie Curie Hospice overlooks the Tyne and Gateshead and offers a beautiful, tranquil place for patients and visitors to sit and chat. Rooms open onto a patio garden with gazebo and fountain. There are climbing roses, evergreens and herbaceous perennials. The garden is well maintained by volunteers. Come and see the work NGS funding helps make possible. Plant sale. The Hospice and gardens are wheelchair accessible.

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23 MIDDLETON HALL RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Middleton St George, Darlington, DL2 1HA. www.middletonhallretirementvillage.co.uk. From A67 D'ton/Yarm, turn at 2nd r'about signed to Middleton St George. Turn L at the mini r'about & immed R after the railway bridge, signed Low Middleton. Main entrance is ¼m on L. **Sat 19 Aug (11-4). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.** Like those in our retirement community, the extensive grounds are gloriously mature, endlessly interesting and with many hidden depths. 45 acres of features beckon; natural woodland and parkland, Japanese, Mediterranean and Butterfly Gardens, putting green, allotments, ponds, wetland and bird hide. For more information please visit our website. All wheelchair accessible and linked by a series of woodland walks.

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24 ♦ MINDRUM GARDEN

Mindrum, TD12 4QN. Mr & Mrs T Fairfax, 01890 850634, tpfairfax@gmail.com, www.mindrumestate.com. 6m SW of Coldstream, 9m NW of Wooler. Off B6352. Disabled parking close to house. **For NGS: Sun 18 June (2-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of North Northumberland HospiceCare. **For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.**

A magical combination of old-fashioned roses and hardy perennials. Lawns surround the house with climbing roses, mature shrubs and trees throughout. Mindrum has evolved into a series of gardens inc a rose garden, limestone rock garden (steep slope), fishponds with terraced area, a woodland walk with mature pines, and wildflower garden by the river.

25 THE MOORE HOUSE

Whalton, Morpeth, NE61 3UX. Phillip & Filiz Rodger. 5m W of Morpeth & 4m N of Belsay on B6524. House in middle of village. Park in village & follow NGS signs. **Sun 18 June (2-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.**






Refreshments in aid of Whalton Village Gardening Club & Whalton church. 2½ acre mature garden extensively but sympathetically redesigned by Sean Murray, BBC/RHS Great Chelsea Garden Challenge winner. Garden divided into sections. Wide use and mix of flowering perennials and grasses, Thyme walk, orchard, rose garden, Zen inspired courtyard. Decorative stonework around beds in patio area. Emphasis on scent, colour, texture and form with year-round interest.

26 NAGS HEAD FARM

Croft Road, Darlington, DL2 2SD. Jo & Ian Fearnley. 2m S of Darlington on A167. ¾m S from A167/A66 r'about between Darlington & Croft. **Evening opening Thur 25 May (5-8). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments. Opening with Hidden Gardens of Croft Road on Fri 30 June, Sun 2 July.**

Refreshments in aid of The Great North Air Ambulance Service (25%). 3 adjacent rural gardens invite you to spend an evening strolling around their late spring flower beds and wildlife ponds. New Cottage also has vegetable beds and spring borders, whilst Oxney Flatts has interesting planting and wide borders; both gardens have stunning wisteria displays. Nags Head Farm offers a vegetable plot with greenhouse and woodland walks leading to a viewpoint and a polytunnel. Partial wheelchair access over grass, mainly level but with some gravel.

27 ♦ NGS BUZZING GARDEN

East Park Road, Gateshead, NE9 5AX. Gateshead Council, maureen.kesteven@ngs.org.uk, www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/3958/Saltwell-Park. Between Pets' Corner & Saltwell Towers. Pedestrian entrance from East Park Rd or car park in Joicey Rd. Open all year as part of the 55 acre Saltwell Park, known as The People's Park. **For opening times and information, please email or visit garden website.** A unique collaboration between the National Garden Scheme North East, Trädgårdsresan, Region Västra Götaland and Gateshead Council. It was funded by sponsorship and is a tribute to the importance of international friendship. The Swedish design reflects the landscape of West Sweden, with coast, meadow and woodland areas. Many of the plant species grow wild in Sweden, providing a welcoming vision for visitors and a feast for pollinators. Planted in 2019 the garden is maturing. Visitors can make a donation to the NGS. Refreshments available at the Saltwell Towers Café. Wide tarmac path around the garden and mown grass paths through the meadow, but much of the garden is loose gravel.

In 2022 the National Garden Scheme donated £3.11 million to our nursing and health beneficiaries.

GROUP OPENING

23 OLD QUARRINGTON GARDENS

The Stables, Old Quarrington, Durham, DH6 5NN. John Little, 07967 267864, johndlittle10@gmail.com, facebook.com/thestablesOQ. 1m from J61 of A1(M). All vehicle access from Crow Trees Lane, Bowburn. SatNav may be misleading. **Sun 25 June (11-4). Combined adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas at The Stables - also picnics and WC.** Refreshments in aid of local Mountain Rescue Team. Visits also by arrangement Apr to Oct for groups of 10+.

13 HEUGH HALL ROW

Jacqueline Robson, facebook.com/OldQuarringtonGardens.

ROSE COTTAGE

Mr Richard & Mrs Ann Cowen.

THE STABLES

John & Claire Little, facebook.com/thestablesOQ.

Three very distinct gardens in the hamlet of Old Quarrington. The Stables is a large family garden full of hidden surprises and extensive views. The main garden is about an acre inc gravel garden, vegetable patch, orchard, play area, lawn and woodland gardens. There is a further 4 acres to explore which inc wildlife ponds, woodlands, meadows, hens, ducks and alpacas. Number 13 has been developed over 20 yrs with many small garden rooms inc a rose garden, a white garden, a small link garden which contains ferns, viburnum, birch trees and a *Cercidiphyllum japonicum*. There is a pond and herbaceous beds which contain perennials and grasses. Many roses can be seen throughout the garden and a greenhouse devoted to a large Brown Turkey fig. The main garden at Rose Cottage is planted with wildlife friendly flowers, has slate paths and a pond that attracts 2 species of newts. To the rear there is a Mediterranean area and a woodland garden with stream beyond. Plant sales at 13 Heugh Hall Road.

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29 OLIVER FORD GARDEN

Longedge Lane, Rowley, Consett, DH8 9HG. Bob & Bev Tridgett, www.gardensanctuaries.co.uk. 5m NW of Lanchester. Signed from A68 in Rowley. From Lanchester take rd towards Sately. Garden will be signed as you pass Woodlea Manor. **Sun 11 June (1-5). Adm £4, chd free. Light refreshments.**

A peaceful, contemplative 3 acre garden developed and planted by the owner and BBC Gardener of the Year as a space for quiet reflection. Arboretum specialising in bark, stream, wildlife pond and bog garden. Semi-shaded Japanese maple and dwarf rhododendron garden. Rock garden and scree bed. Insect nectar area, orchard and 1½ acre meadow. Annual wildflower area. Terrace and ornamental herb garden. The garden is managed to maximise wildlife and there are a number of sculptures around the garden.

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30 25 PARK ROAD SOUTH

Chester le Street, DH3 3LS. Mrs A Middleton, 0191 388 3225, midnot2@gmail.com. 4m N of Durham. Located at S end of A167 Chester-le-St bypass rd. Precise directions provided when booking visit. **Visits by arrangement 2 May to 1 Sept. Adm £3.50, chd free. Light refreshments.**

A stunning town garden with year-round interest. Herbaceous borders with unusual perennials, grasses, shrubs surrounding lawn and paved area. Courtyard planted with foliage and small front gravel garden. The garden owner is a very knowledgeable plantswoman who enjoys showing visitors around her inspiring garden. No minimum size of group. Plants for sale.

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31 RAVENSFORD FARM

Hamsterley, Bishop Auckland, DL13 3NH. Jonathan & Caroline Peacock, 01388 488305, caroline@ravensfordfarm.co.uk. 7m W of Bishop Auckland. From A68 near Witton-le-Wear turn W to Hamsterley. On Open Day follow yellow NGS signs. Otherwise, turn left at W end of village & go to bottom of hill. **Sun 14 May (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.** Visits also by arrangement Mar to Oct.

In 1984 Ravensford Farm was a ruin in a field full of weeds, with just one tree. Today it is surrounded by a richly varied garden, with a wood, two ponds, an orchard, a Rhododendron dell and extensive flowerbeds. While children hunt for hidden animal figures, expert gardeners will have fun discovering unusual shrubs and trees, and all visitors will enjoy tea, home-made cakes and local music. Colour, variety, ponds, unusual trees and shrubs. Refreshments under cover in case of inclement weather. Some gravel, so assistance will be needed for wheelchairs. Assistance dogs only, please.

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32 ST CUTHBERT'S HOSPICE

Park House Road, Durham, DH1 3QF. Paul Marriott, CEO, www.stcuthbertshospice.com. 1m SW of Durham City on A167. Turn into Park House Rd, the Hospice is on the L after bowling green car park. Parking available. **Sun 30 July (10-5). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments.**

5 acres of mature gardens surround this CQC outstanding-rated Hospice. In development since 1988, the gardens are cared for by volunteers inc a Victorian-style greenhouse and large vegetable, fruit and cut flower area. Lawns surround smaller scale specialist planting, and areas for patients and visitors to relax. Woodland area with walks, sensory garden, and an 'In Memory' garden with stream. Plants and produce for sale. We are active participants in Northumbria in Bloom and Britain in Bloom, with several awards in recent years, inc overall winner in 2015, 2018 and 2019 for the Care/Residential/Convalescent Homes/Day Centre/Hospices category. Almost all areas are accessible for wheelchairs.

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There are brilliant plant sales at many gardens. Look out for the symbol in the garden description – and don't forget to bring a bag to carry your plants home in.

GROUP OPENING

33 NEW SECRET GARDENS OF LANGHOLM CRESCENT

Langholm Crescent, Darlington, DL3 7ST. Barbara-Anne Johnson. *All on street parking in the surrounding streets.* **Sun 9 July (1-5). Combined adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas at The Cottage, 20 Langholm Crescent.**

The Cottage Garden at 20 Langholm Crescent is a mature garden but new to the present owner. It is evolving, hidden from public view, has large lawns, borders, mature trees, small pond, rose garden and more. The 7 gardens behind the Langholm Terrace houses are individually delightful, with each making creative use of the limited space available.






   

34 STANTON FENCE

Stanton, Morpeth, NE65 8PP. Sir David Kelly, stantonfence@hotmail.com. *5m NW of Morpeth. Nr Stanton on the C144 between Pigdon & Netherwitton.*

OS map ref NZ 135890. **Visits by arrangement Mar to Sept for groups of 15+. Visits to show seasonal changes possible for groups. Adm £10, chd free.**

Contemporary 4.7 acre country garden designed by Chelsea Gold Medal winner, Arabella Lennox-Boyd, in keeping with its rural setting. A strong underlying design unites the different areas from formal parterre and courtyard garden to orchard, wildflower meadows and woodland. Romantically planted rose covered arbours and long clematis draped pergola walk. Nuttery, greenhouse and greenhouse garden. Delightful views. Wheelchair access for chairs that can use mown paths as well as hard paving.

GROUP OPENING

35 WALWORTH GARDENS

Walworth, Darlington, DL2 2LY. Iain & Margaret Anderson, **01325 778446.** *Approx 5m W of Darlington on A68 or ½m E of Piercebridge on A67. Follow brown signs to Walworth Castle Hotel. Just up the hill from the Castle entrance, follow NGS yellow signs down private track. Tickets & teas at Quarry End.* **Sun 13 Aug (1-4.30). Combined adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas at Quarry End.**

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Stephen & Becky Street-Howard.

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


THE DOVECOTE

Tony & Ruth Lamb.

QUARRY END

Iain & Margaret Anderson.

Quarry End is a 1½ acre woodland garden developed over 20 yrs on the site of an ancient quarry. The garden offers a wide variety of mature trees, shrubs, perennials, a fernery and potager. It inc a reclaimed quarry woodland, an C18 ice house and offers lovely views over South Durham. The Dovecote has three themes; an English cottage garden featuring espalier fruit trees, and heavily scented tea roses, a Japanese garden with a Moon Gate leading to a collection of specimen Acer trees and a small Zen garden overlooking a Koi pond. The compact vegetable plot is wrapped round with a Grade II listed vented wall and has great space saving ideas. Castle Barn gardens are now well established with fruit trees, raised beds and colourful borders. This year a new herb garden and new grape vines have been developed. The Arches' expansive garden comprises an orchard, a large vegetable garden, a wild swimming pond, an ornamental garden and an arboretum. There will be plants for sale at Quarry End. Some areas of the Quarry End garden are not accessible for wheelchairs but most is grassy and flat.



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36 ♦ WHALTON MANOR GARDENS

Whalton, Morpeth, NE61 3UT. Mr T R P S Norton, gardens@whaltonmanor.co.uk, www.whaltonmanor.co.uk. 5m W of Morpeth. On the B6524, the house is at E end of the village & will be signed. **For NGS: Sun 25 June (11-4). Adm £8, chd free. Light refreshments in The Game Larder.** For other opening times and information, please email or visit garden website. The historic Whalton Manor, altered by Sir Edwin Lutyens in 1908, is surrounded by 3 acres of magnificent walled gardens, designed by Lutyens with the help of Gertrude Jekyll. The gardens, developed by the Norton family since the 1920s inc extensive herbaceous borders, spring bulbs, 30yd peony border, rose garden, listed summerhouses, pergolas and walls festooned with rambling roses and clematis. Partial wheelchair access to main area but otherwise stone steps and gravel paths.

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37 NEW WILLOW BURN HOSPICE

Howden Bank, Lanchester, DH7 0BF. Rachel Todd, www.willowburnhospice.org.uk. Located in the Maiden View estate. If using a SatNav use postcode DH7 0BF. If walking from Lanchester, there is a pedestrian entrance with signage for the Willows Café. Blue badge parking at the hospice, additional parking at St Bede's Catholic School, (DH7 0RD) a 10-15 min uphill walk. **Sun 11 June (10-3). Adm £3, chd free. Light refreshments in the Willows Café. A selection of refreshments, inc breakfast, lunch & baked goods are available.** With a mix of both natural and cultivated areas, this beautiful garden is the setting for outstanding views from the hospice across the Derwent Valley. The gardens are maintained and cared for by volunteers and inc wildflowers, shrubs, perennials, and a large wooded area, as well as memorials and dedications for loved ones. The Willows Café is open throughout the duration of the open day. Lawn games, The Potting Shed Plant & Gift Shop. Pathways give access to view all the areas of the garden.

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38 WOODLANDS

Pearth Hall Road, Springwell Village, Gateshead, NE9 7NT. Liz Reid, 07719 875750, liz.reid@ngs.org.uk, www.facebook.com/visitgarden. 3½m N Washington Galleries. 4m S Gateshead town centre. On B1288 turn opp Guide Post pub (NE9 7RR) onto Pearth Hall Rd. Continue for ½m passing 2 bus stops on L. 3rd drive on L past Highbury Ave. **Sat 24 June (1.30-4.30). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas. Beer & wine also available.** Visits also by arrangement 5 June to 31 July for groups of 10 to 30. Refreshments can be arranged on request. Mature garden on a site of approx one seventh acre - quirky, with tropical themed planting and Caribbean inspired bar. Also an area of cottage garden planting. A fun garden with colour year-round, interesting plants, informal beds and borders and pond area. On the 24-26 June 2022 Springwell Village plans a 'Forties Weekend' with many attractions. Eg: 2nd WW battle re-enactments and a military camp are planned on the nearby Bowes Railway (SAM) site. There are also plans for craft and other stalls and live music throughout the village.

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The health and community benefits of gardens and gardening are well known. Here are a few projects you might like to visit and maybe get involved. They are not gardens open for the National Garden Scheme.

CaféBeam (Smile For Life Children's Charity) The Old Fire Station, High Street, Gosforth, NE3 1HH 0191 284 4166 www.smileforlife.org.uk supports youngsters with disabilities to get into employment. It has a small café and nearby allotment supplying produce.

Cresswell Pele Tower Garden and Orchard Cresswell, Morpeth NE61 5JU <https://cresswellpeletower.org.uk/> A volunteer restored community green space (walled garden & orchard).

Gibside Community Farm Fellside Rd, Burnopfield, NE16 4JT. www.gibsidecommunityfarm.co.uk A community interest co-operative, providing an organic veg bag scheme.

The Hop Garden - 1 The Crescent Allotments, off Bute Road South, High Spennings, NE39 2AW. Community orchard and allotment to help people learn more about food growing.

Whitley Bay Community Allotment and Orchard Whitley Bay Waggonways Path, Churchill Playing Fields, Whitley. Jean Morrison allotnews@gmail.com or 07811587977. Small allotment plots and orchard growing organic veg and fruit.



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