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# Dear Garden Visitor

Welcome to the Leicestershire & Rutland 2024 booklet.

The support of garden visitors allows the National Garden Scheme to give generously to our beneficiaries. In 2023 we raised over £100,000 in Leicestershire and Rutland.

Our season starts in February with 4 gardens showcasing glorious displays of snowdrops. We have over 70 gardens open throughout the year, with the season culminating in gardens specialising in autumn colour. Scanning our QR code at the bottom of this page takes you to the Leicestershire & Rutland page of our website. The website ([www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)) provides the most up to date information and it is always worth checking for any alterations, cancellations and Pop-Up openings not listed in the booklet.

Most gardens can be pre-booked on the website and will also accept payment on the gate. Some gardens also have the facility to accept cashless payments.

Many gardens open "By Arrangement" and you can contact the owners direct to make bookings for a visit by your garden club etc. If you are planning a programme of events for a group, why not book a talk giving a fascinating insight into the history of the National Garden Scheme? And check out our social media sites for the latest news on gardens, recipe ideas, wildlife and much more.

Thank you to the garden owners, their helpers and our small teams of county volunteers who work so hard to make your visits an enjoyable experience.

Please feel free to contact us if you need any further information about visiting our gardens.

Thank you so much for your support and we look forward to seeing you in 2024.

*Pam, Sally and Lucy*

**Pamela Shave, Sally Killick and Lucy Hurst**  
County Organisers, Leicestershire & Rutland

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of all our Leicestershire  
& Rutland gardens

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# OPENING DATES

Extended openings are shown at the beginning of the month.

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

## February

### Snowdrop Openings

#### Sunday 18th

The Acers	1
Oak Cottage	28

#### Saturday 24th

Hedgehog Hall	20
Westview	44

#### Sunday 25th

Hedgehog Hall	20
Westview	44

## March

#### Sunday 3rd

Tresillian House	42
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#### Sunday 17th

Gunthorpe Hall	16
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## April

#### Sunday 28th

Tresillian House	42
Westbrooke House	43

## May

#### Sunday 5th

Burrough Hall	8
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#### Sunday 12th

Carlton Gardens	9
The Old Vicarage,	
Whissendine	35

#### Saturday 18th

Hedgehog Hall	20
8 Hinckley Road	21
The New Barn	27

#### Sunday 19th

1 The Dairy, Hurst Court	11
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Fox Cottage	12
Goadby Marwood Hall	14

Hedgehog Hall	20
8 Hinckley Road	21
The New Barn	27
<b>NEW</b> The Old Rectory,	
Goadby Marwood	33

#### Saturday 25th

Westview	44
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#### Sunday 26th

The Old Vicarage, Burley	34
Westbrooke House	43

#### Monday 27th

Westview	44
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## June

### Every day from Tuesday 11th to Sunday 16th

Nevill Holt Hall	26
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#### Every Wednesday

Stoke Albany House	40
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#### Saturday 1st

28 Gladstone Street	13
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#### Sunday 2nd

28 Gladstone Street	13
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#### Saturday 8th

88 Brook Street	6
109 Brook Street	7
The Secret Garden at Wigston Framework Knitters Museum	38

#### Sunday 9th

88 Brook Street	6
109 Brook Street	7
Dairy Cottage	10
The Secret Garden at Wigston Framework Knitters Museum	38

#### Saturday 15th

The Old Rectory	32
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#### Sunday 16th

The Old Rectory	32
59 Thistleton Road	41

#### Saturday 22nd

The Secret Garden, Glenfield Hospital	39
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#### Sunday 23rd

Westbrooke House	43
Wing Gardens	48
15 The Woodcroft	49

#### Friday 28th

Brickfield House	5
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#### Saturday 29th

Oak Tree House	29
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#### Sunday 30th

Oak Tree House	29
Tresillian House	42

## July

#### Every Wednesday

Stoke Albany House	40
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#### Wednesday 3rd

The Old Hall	31
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#### Saturday 6th

12 Hastings Close	18
<b>NEW</b> 22 Hastings Close	19

#### Sunday 7th

Market Bosworth Gardens	23
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#### Saturday 13th

8 Hinckley Road	21
Wigston Gardens	46

#### Sunday 14th

Green Wicket Farm	15
8 Hinckley Road	21
Wigston Gardens	46
Willoughby Gardens	47

#### Wednesday 17th

Green Wicket Farm	15
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#### Saturday 20th

The Secret Garden, Glenfield Hospital	39
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#### Sunday 21st

St Wolstan's House	37
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## August

#### Every Sunday

Honeytrees Tropical Garden	22
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### Every day from Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th

221 Markfield Road	24
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#### Saturday 3rd

182 Ashby Road	2
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#### Sunday 4th

182 Ashby Road	2
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#### Saturday 17th

The Old Barn	30
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#### Sunday 18th

The Old Barn	30
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#### Sunday 25th

Tresillian House	42
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## September

#### Thursday 12th

Redhill Lodge	36
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#### Saturday 14th

Westview	44
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#### Sunday 15th

Westview	44
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#### Saturday 21st

St Wolstan's House	37
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## October

#### Sunday 6th

Hammond Arboretum	17
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#### Sunday 27th

Tresillian House	42
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## 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 Acers	1
Bank Cottage	3
Barracca	4
88 Brook Street	6
109 Brook Street	7
1 The Dairy, Hurst Court	11
Farmway, Willoughby Gardens	47
Goadby Marwood Hall	14
Green Wicket Farm	15
Honeytrees Tropical Garden	22
221 Markfield Road	24
Mountain Ash	25
The Old Barn	30
Stoke Albany House	40
Tresillian House	42
Westview	44
The White House Farm	45

Our donation to Marie Curie this year equates to 17,496 hours of nursing care.

**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.

🏡 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](http://www.ngs.org.uk).

**Children** are welcome but 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.

**Share To** indicates that a proportion of the money collected will be given to the nominated charity.

**Toilets are not usually available at private gardens.**

Open your garden with the National Garden Scheme and join a community of like-minded individuals, all passionate about gardens, and raise money for nursing and health charities. Big or small, if your garden has quality, character and interest we'd love to hear from you. Contact Pamela Shave 01858 575481 [pamela.shave@ngs.org.uk](mailto:pamela.shave@ngs.org.uk)



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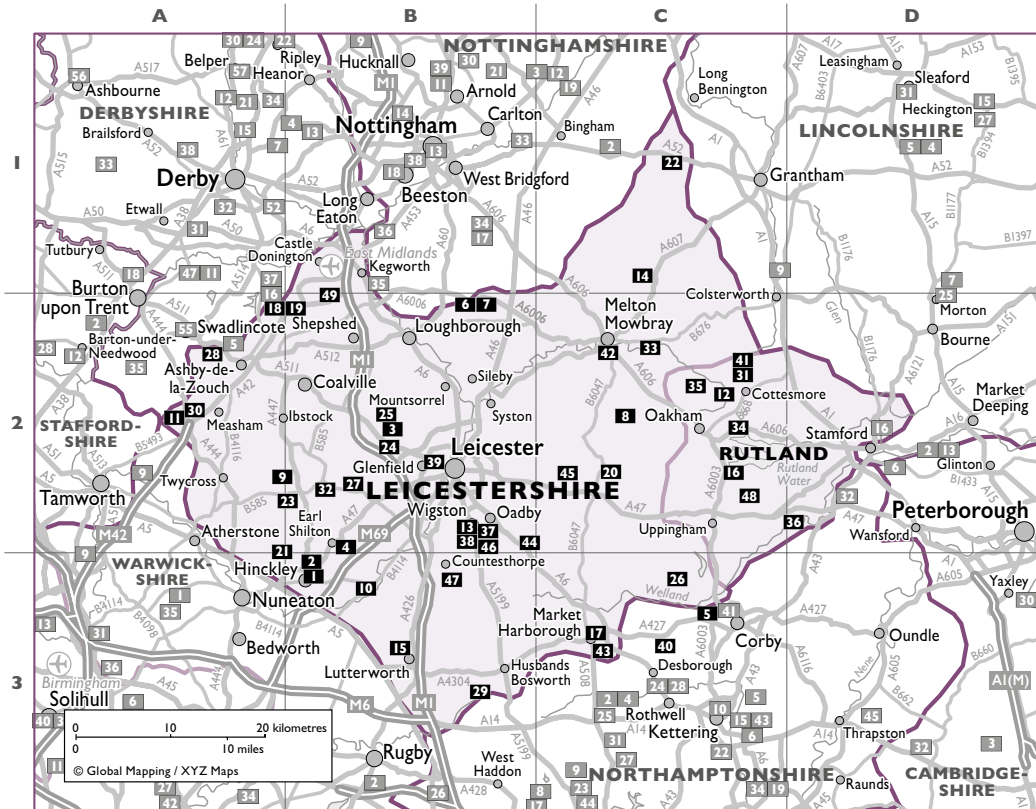


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Brickfield House

# THE GARDENS

## THE ACERS B3

10 The Rills, Hinckley, LE10 1NA. Mr Dave Baggott, 01455 617237, [davebaggott18@hotmail.com](mailto:davebaggott18@hotmail.com). 10 mins from J1 of the M69. Off B4668 out of Hinckley. Turn into Dean Rd then 1st R into The Rills. Last house on the R. Sun 18 Feb (10.30-4). Adm £5, chd free. Visits also by arrangement Sept & Oct.

Medium sized garden, with a Japanese theme inc a zen garden, Japanese tea house, koi pond, more than 20 different varieties of acers, many choice alpinas, trilliums, cyclamen, erythroniums, cornus, hamamelis and dwarf conifers. Approximately 200 different varieties of snowdrops in spring. Large greenhouse.

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## ARTHINGWORTH OPEN GARDENS

Arthingworth, nr Market Harborough, LE16 8LA. See Northamptonshire County Booklet or visit [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk)

## 182 ASHBY ROAD B3

Hinckley, LE10 1SW. Ms Lynda Blower. Hinckley is SW Leics near to the border with Warks, with access off the M69 or A5. From Hinckley town centre on the B4667 on R 400yds before the A47/A447 jnc. Parking in the road nearby. Sat 3, Sun 4 Aug (11-4). Adm £3.50, chd free. Light refreshments.

120ft cottage style garden packed with lots of colourful perennials and annuals. Many pots and containers full of cannas, agapanthus, banana plants and dahlias. A small pond and bog garden planting. A garden room and plenty of comfortable seating to sit and view different aspects of the garden. Many salvage collectables cited around the garden which provide further interest.

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## BANK COTTAGE B2

90 Main Street, Newtown Linford, Leicester, LE6 0AF. Jan Croft, 07429 159910, [gardening91@icloud.com](mailto:gardening91@icloud.com). 6m NW Leicester. 2½m from M1 J22. From Leicester via Anstey Bank cottage is on the L after Markfield Ln, just before a public footpath sign. If coming via Warren Hill cottage is on the R just after public footpath sign. Visits by arrangement Mar to Aug. Home-made teas or bring your own picnic to sit and relax by the River Lin. Adm £3, chd free. Home-made teas. Celebration parties can be accommodated. The owner sets up appropriately by the river.

Traditional cottage garden set on different levels leading down to the River Lin. Providing colour all year-round but at its prettiest in the spring. Aconites, snowdrops, blue and white bells, primroses, alliums, aquilegia, poppies, geraniums, roses, honeysuckle, Philadelphia, acers, wisteria, autumn crocus, perennial sweet pea, perennial sunflowers, some fruit trees, small pond. Full of wildlife.

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26th May  
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30th June  
Tresillian House,  
Melton Mowbray

25th August  
Tresillian House,  
Melton Mowbray

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**4 BARRACCA B2**

Ivydene Close, Earl Shilton, LE9 7NR. Mr John & Mrs Sue Osborn, 01455 842609, susan.osborn1@btinternet.com. 10m W of Leicester. From A47 after entering Earl Shilton, Ivydene Cl is 4th on L from Leicester side of A47. Visits by arrangement 21 Feb to 31 July for groups of up to 50. Adm £9, chd free. Refreshments included in admission price.

1 acre garden with lots of different areas, silver birch walk, wildlife pond with seating, apple tree garden, Mediterranean planted area and lawns surrounded with herbaceous plants and shrubs. Patio area with climbing roses and wisteria. There is also a utility garden with greenhouses, vegetables in beds, herbs and perennial flower beds, lawn and fruit cage. Part of the old gardens owned by the Cotton family who used to open approx 9 acres to the public in the 1920's. Partial wheelchair access.

**BOSWORTH HOUSE**

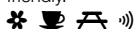
Oxendon Road, Arthingworth, nr Market Harborough, LE16 8LA.

See Northamptonshire County Booklet or visit [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk)

**5 BRICKFIELD HOUSE C3**

Rockingham Road, Cottingham, Market Harborough, LE16 8XS. Simon & Nicki Harker. SatNav will take you into Cottingham Village but garden is 1/2 m from Cottingham on Rockingham Rd/B670 towards Rockingham. Fri 28 June (12-4). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.

Lovely views overlooking the Welland Valley, this 2 acre garden has been developed from a sloping brickyard rubbish plot over 36 yrs. There is a kitchen garden, orchard, herbaceous borders filled with roses, perennials and shrubs, paths and many pots, filled with succulents, herbs and colourful annuals. Steps abound so sadly not wheelchair friendly.

**6 88 BROOK STREET B2**

Wymeswold, LE12 6TU. Adrian & Ita Cooke, 01509 880155, itacooke@btinternet.com. 4m NE of Loughborough. From A6006 Wymeswold turn S by church onto Stockwell, then E along Brook St. Roadside parking on Brook St. Sat 8, Sun 9 June (2-5). Combined adm with 109 Brook Street £6, chd free. Home-made teas at 109 Brook Street. Visits also by arrangement May to July for groups of 10 to 40.

The garden is set on a hillside with lovely views across the village. It comprises a cottage style garden; then a series of water features inc a stream and a 'champagne' pond; and finally a vegetable plot, small orchard and wildflower meadow. Artistic touches run throughout and local artwork is featured. The ponds attract great crested and common newts, frogs, toads and grass snakes. The garden was featured in Garden Answers (August 2023).

**7 109 BROOK STREET B2**

Wymeswold, LE12 6TT. Maggie & Steve Johnson, 07973 692931, steve@brookend.org, www.brookend.org. 4m NE of Loughborough. From A6006 Wymeswold turn S onto Stockwell, then E along Brook St. Roadside parking along Brook St. Steep drive with limited disabled parking at house. Sat 8, Sun 9 June

(2-5). Combined adm with 88 Brook Street £6, chd free. Home-made teas inc gluten free and vegetarian options. Visits also by arrangement May to July.

South facing, 3/4 acre, gently sloping garden with views over open countryside. Modern garden with mature features. Patio with roses and clematis, wildlife and fish ponds, mixed borders, vegetable garden, orchard, hot garden and woodland garden. Something for everyone. Optional tour of rain water harvesting. Some gravel paths. Drive to top of drive and ask for assistance.

**8 BURROUGH HALL C2**

Somerby Road, Burrough on the Hill, Melton Mowbray, LE14 2QZ. Richard & Alice Cunningham. Somerby Rd, Burrough on the Hill. Close to B6047. 10 mins from A606. 20 mins from Melton Mowbray. Sun 5 May (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.

Burrough Hall was built in 1867 as a classic Leicestershire hunting lodge. The garden, framed by mature trees and shrubs, was extensively redesigned by garden designer George Carter in 2007. The garden continues to develop. This family garden designed for all generations to enjoy is surrounded by magnificent views across High Leicestershire. In addition to the garden there will be a small collection of vintage and classic cars on display. Gravel paths and lawn.

**GROUP OPENING****9 CARLTON GARDENS A2/B2**

64, Main Street, Carlton, Nuneaton, CV13 0EZ.

Mr & Mrs Boston. Carlton is 2m N of Market Bosworth & 5m S of Ibstock. All the gardens are either on or close to Main St. There is plenty of on-street parking. Sun 12 May (11-4.30). Combined adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments in St Andrew's Parish Church, Main Street, Carlton.

**BUMBLE COT**

Murray & Pat Lockwood.

**HOME FARM HOUSE**

Mr & Mrs C J Peat.

**64 MAIN STREET**

Paul & Judith Boston.

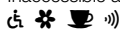
**NEW PENWOOD COTTAGE**

Simon and Jill Cooper.

**WOODMILL**

Tom & Liz Alun-Jones.

Five very different and interesting gardens displaying a variety of styles and a range of spring flowers. Bumble Cot is a small courtyard style garden, 64, Main Street is planted to encourage wildlife with views to open countryside with a variety of trees. Woodmill is a recently redeveloped garden with areas planted in both traditional and modern styles. Penwood is a small, pretty cottage garden and Home Farm is an informal, family garden with a beautiful spring woodland of 1 1/2 acres, planted in 2000. All of the gardens are partially wheelchair accessible, although some have gravel paths. Inaccessible areas will be clearly labelled.





**10 DAIRY COTTAGE B3**

15 Sharnford Road, Sappcote, LE9 4JN. Mrs Norah Robinson-Smith. 9m SW of Leicester. Sharnford Rd joins Leicester Rd in Sappcote to B4114 Coventry Rd. Follow NGS signs. Sun 9 June (11-4). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of Sappcote in Bloom. Peaceful garden with places to sit and enjoy the old cottage setting. The garden is over half an acre which inc a walled cottage garden, stumpery, potager, fernery and woodland walk. The planting consists of many unusual shrubs and trees and over 90 clematis, climbing roses and colourful herbaceous borders. The garden has been featured in Garden News and Garden Answers. May need to access over a gravel drive.

**11 THE DAIRY, HURST COURT A2**

Netherseal Road, Chilcote, Swadlincote, DE12 8DU. Alison Dockray, [alisondockray56@gmail.com](mailto:alisondockray56@gmail.com). 3m from J11 of the M42. 10m from Tamworth & Ashby de la Zouch. Hurst Court is situated on Netherseal Rd but SatNav show it as Church Rd. Due to limited parking it is advisable to park on Netherseal Rd. Chilcote is on the border of four counties. Sun 19 May (1-5). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments. Visits also by arrangement 19 May to 31 Aug for groups of up to 20. Adm inc tea and coffee. Cakes may be purchased.

Developed over the last 17 years from a muddy ¼ acre patch attached to a barn conversion, the garden now contains a large Japanese Koi Carp pond, goldfish pond and

a stream with planting having a Japanese connection viewed from winding paths. With many rhododendrons, camellias and azaleas combined with cloud pruning and a variety of other plants, an air of peace pervades the garden.

**EASTON WALLED GARDENS**

Easton, NG33 5AP.

See Lincolnshire County Booklet or visit [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk)

**12 FOX COTTAGE C2**

Woodside, Ashwell, Oakham, LE15 7LX. Mr & Mrs D Pettifer. No access via Woodside. Follow signs for parking.

Sun 19 May (11.30-4.30). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments. Refreshments in aid of Village charities.

A 2 acre country garden on the edge of the village with sweeping views across the surrounding open fields. Walks through the wonderful ancient oaks and ash underplanted with spring bulbs and lawns surrounded by rampant cow parsley. South facing terrace with seasonal planting. Teas and light lunches in garden, live music from Happy Jazz Band.



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Hedgehog Hall

**[E] 28 GLADSTONE STREET B2**

Wigston Magna, LE18 1AE. Chris & Janet Huscroft. 4m S of Leicester. Off Wigston by-pass (A5199) follow signs off McDonalds r/about. **Sat 1, Sun 2 June (11-5). Adm £3.50, chd free. Home-made teas. Opening with Wigston Gardens on Sat 13, Sun 14 July.**

The mature 70'x15' town garden is divided into rooms and bisected by a pond with a bridge. It is brimming with unusual hardy perennials, inc collections of ferns and hostas. David Austin roses chosen for their scent feature throughout, inc a 30' rose arch. A shade house with unusual hardy plants and a Hosta Theatre. Regular changes to planting. Wigston Framework Knitters Museum and Secret garden nearby - open Sunday afternoons. Parts of the garden can be viewed, narrow paths and step limit full access.

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**[E] GOADBY MARWOOD HALL C1**

Goadby Marwood, Melton Mowbray, LE14 4LN. Mr & Mrs Westropp, 01664 464202, vwestropp@gmail.com. 4m NW of Melton Mowbray. Between Waltham-on-the-Wolds & Eastwell, 8m S of Grantham. Plenty of parking. **Sun 19 May (10.30-5). Combined adm with The Old Rectory, Goadby Marwood £10, chd free. Light refreshments in village hall. Visits also by arrangement Apr to Oct.**

Redesigned in 2000 by the owner based on C18 plans. A chain of five lakes (covering 10 acres) and several ironstone walled gardens all interconnected. Lakeside woodland walk. Planting for year-round interest. Landscaper trained under plantswoman Rosemary Verrey at Barnsley House. Beautiful C13th church open. Gravel paths and lawns.

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**[E] GREEN WICKET FARM B3**

Ullesthorpe Road, Bitteswell, Lutterworth, LE17 4LR. Mrs Anna Smith, 01455 552646, greenfarmbitt@hotmail.com. 2m NW of Lutterworth J20 M1. From Lutterworth follow signs through Bitteswell towards Ullesthorpe. Garden situated behind Bitteswell Cricket Club. Use this as a landmark rather than relying totally on SatNav. **Sun 14, Wed 17 July (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments. Visits also by arrangement 24 June to 31 Aug for groups of up to 25.** A fairly formal garden on an exposed site surrounded by open fields. Mature trees enclosing the many varied plants chosen to give all round year interest. Many unusual hardy plants grown along side good reliable old favourites present a range of colour themed borders. Grass and gravel paths allow access to the whole garden. Disabled parking areas.

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**[E] GUNTHORPE HALL C2**

Gunthorpe, Oakham, LE15 8BE. Tim Haywood. A6003 between Oakham & Uppingham; 1½ m S of Oakham, up drive between gate lodges. **Sun 17 Mar (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.**

Large garden in a country setting with extensive views across the Rutland landscape with the carpets of daffodils being a key seasonal feature. The Stable Yard has been transformed into a series of parterres. The kitchen garden and borders have all been rejuvenated over recent years. Gravel path allows steps to be avoided.

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**[E] HAMMOND ARBORETUM C3**

Burnmill Road, Market Harborough, LE16 7JG. The Robert Smyth Academy, www.hammondarboretum.org.uk. 15m S of Leicester on A6. From High St, follow signs to The Robert Smyth Academy via Bowden Ln to Burnmill Rd. Park in 1st entrance on L. **Sun 6 Oct (2-4.30). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of Robert Smyth Academy.**

A site of just under 2½ acres containing an unusual collection of trees and shrubs, many from Francis Hammond's original planting dating from 1913 to 1936 whilst headmaster of the school. Species from America, China and Japan with malus and philadelphus walks and a moat. Proud owners of three champion trees identified by national specialist and 37 which are the best in Leicestershire. Walk plans available. Some steep slopes.

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**[E] 12 HASTINGS CLOSE A2**

Breedon-on-the-Hill, Derby, DE73 8BN. Mr & Mrs P Winship. 5m N from Ashby de la Zouch. Follow NGS signs in the Village. Parking around the Village Green. Please do not park in the close due to limited parking. **Sat 6 July (1-5). Combined adm with 22 Hastings Close £5, chd free.**

A medium sized prairie garden, organically managed and planted in the Piet Oudolf style. Also many roses and a wide range of perennials. The back garden has a small 'white' garden with box hedging and more colourful style perennial borders.

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**19 NEW 22 HASTINGS CLOSE B2**

**Breedon-on-the-Hill, Derby, DE73 8BN. John and Kathy Newall.** 5m N from Ashby de la Zouch. Follow NGS signs in the village. Parking around the Village Green. Please do not park in the close due to limited parking. **Sat 6 July (1-5).**

**Combined adm with 12 Hastings Close £5, chd free.**

**Light refreshments.** Set on a slight incline the south facing medium sized garden has stunning views of Breedon Priory church. There are three distinct rooms within the rear garden. Firstly, there is the sundial garden containing a mixture of alpines and acers leading through into a seating area with raised beds culminating in a traditional styled garden with wide borders.

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**20 HEDGEHOG HALL C2**

**Loddington Road, Tilton on the Hill, LE7 9DE. Janet & Andrew Rowe.** 8m W of Oakham. 2m N of A47 on B6047 between Melton & Market Harborough. Follow yellow NGS signs in Tilton towards Loddington. Disabled parking on road outside the White House 20 yds past our entrance.

**Sat 24, Sun 25 Feb (11-4), open nearby Westview. Sat 18, Sun 19 May (11-4). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas in the church for February opening. In the garden for May opening.** Refreshments in aid of St Peters

Church Bell Restoration Fund Tilton on the Hill.

½ acre organically managed plant lover's garden. Steps leading to three stone walled terraced borders filled with shrubs, perennials, bulbs and a patio over looking the valley. Lavender walk, herb border, beautiful spring garden, colour themed herbaceous borders. Courtyard with collection of hostas and acers and terrace planted for year-round interest with topiary and perennials. Snowdrop collection. Regret, no wheelchair access to terraced borders.

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**21 8 HINCKLEY ROAD A2/B2**

**Stoke Golding, Nuneaton, CV13 6DU. John & Stephanie Fraser.** 3m NW of Hinckley. Approach from any direction into village then follow NGS signs. Please park roadside with due consideration to other residents properties. **Sat 18 May (12-4); Sun 19 May (12-3); Sat 13 July (12-4); Sun 14 July (12-3). Adm £4, chd free. Light refreshments.**

A small SSW garden with water features to add interest to the colourful and some unusual perennials inc climbers to supplement the trees and shrubs in May and July. Garden established and recently re-established by current owner to provide seating for a variety of views of the garden. Many perennials in the garden are represented in the plants for sale. Wheelchair access to garden room patio which provides a view of the lower part of the garden.

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**HOME FARM HOUSE, 17 MAIN STREET**

Keyworth, Nottingham, NG12 5AA.

See Nottinghamshire County Booklet or visit [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk)**22 HONEYTREES TROPICAL GARDEN C1**

85 Grantham Road, Bottesford, NG13 0EG.

Julia Madgwick &amp; Mike Ford, 01949 842120,

Julia\_madgwick@hotmail.com, [www.facebook.com/HoneytreesTropicalGarden](http://www.facebook.com/HoneytreesTropicalGarden).

Bottesford, Leicestershire. 7m E of Bingham on A52. Turn into village. Garden is on L on slip road behind hedge going out of village towards Grantham. Parking on grass opposite property. **Every Sun 4 Aug to 25 Aug (11-4). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement July & Aug for groups of 10+.**

Tropical and exotic with a hint of jungle! Raised borders with different themes from lush foliage to arid cacti. Exotic planting as you enter the garden gives way on a gentle incline to surprises, inc glasshouses dedicated to various climatic zones interspersed with more exotic planting, ponds and a stream. Representation of over 20 yrs plant hunting. Treehouse and viewing platform to view tree ferns from above whilst being among the canopy of the trees. Fernery new for 2024. There are some steps and ramps. Gravel and bark in certain areas but wheelchair access to most parts of the garden.

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**83 MAIN ROAD**

Collyweston, Stamford, PE9 3PQ.

See Northamptonshire County Booklet or visit [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk)

## GROUP OPENING

**23 MARKET BOSWORTH GARDENS A2B2**

Market Bosworth, CV13 0LE.

[www.bosworthinbloom.co.uk](http://www.bosworthinbloom.co.uk). 13m W of Leicester; 8m

N of Hinckley. 1m W off A447 Coalville to Hinckley Rd, 3m

E off A444. Burton to Nuneaton Rd. **Sun 7 July (11-5).****Combined adm £7.50, chd free. Light refreshments at****13 Spinney Hill, 10 Weston Drive and 37 Heath Road.**

Donation to Bosworth in Bloom.

**GLEBE FARM HOUSE**

Mr Peter Ellis &amp; Ms Ginny Broad.

**NEW 37 HEATH ROAD**

Jacquie Davis.

**4 LANCASTER AVENUE**

Mr Peter Bailliss.

**26 NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE**

Mrs Kathy Boot.

**NEW 157 THE PARK**

Brian and Sandra Claybrook.

**22 PARK STREET**

Mr John Henderson.

**30 PARK STREET**

Lesley Best.

**13 SPINNEY HILL**

Mrs J Buckell.

**138 STATION ROAD**

Sheila &amp; Peter Loseby.

**NEW 2 TUDOR CLOSE**

Dave and Helen Morris.

**10 WESTON DRIVE**

Ms Diane Shepherd.

Market Bosworth is an attractive market town, with an enviable record for the quality of its regular entry in the annual East Midlands in Bloom competition. There are a number of gardens open, all within walking distance of the Market Square. The gardens show various planting styles and different approaches to small and intimate spaces in the historic town centre, as well as larger plots in more recent developments. Tickets and descriptive maps obtainable in the Market Place, with refreshments available there and at some of the gardens. Plants will be on sale at a number of gardens. A proportion of the proceeds from the Gardens Open Day will be used to support Bosworth in Bloom, the voluntary group responsible for the town's floral displays. Regrettably, due to steps and narrow entrances, most gardens are not accessible to wheelchairs.

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**24 221 MARKFIELD ROAD B2**

Groby, Leicester, LE6 0FT. Jackie Manship,

01530 249363, [jackiemanship@btinternet.com](mailto:jackiemanship@btinternet.com). From

M1 J22 take A50 towards Leicester. In approx 3m at the

T-lights junction with Lena Dr turn L. Parking available along

this road, no parking on A50. **Daily Sat 10 Aug to Sun****18 Aug (10-4). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments.****Visits also by arrangement 5 Aug to 9 Aug for groups****of 20+.** A south facing plot of land nestled between the

village of Groby and Markfield approx 1 acre in size. The

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which sits on one of the main trunk roads out of Leicester.

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dishevelled overgrown plot you will be presented with a

garden full of delight.

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**25 MOUNTAIN ASH B2**

140 Ulverscroft Lane, Newtown Linford, LE6 0AJ. Mike

& Liz Newcombe, 01530 242178, [mjnew12@gmail.com](mailto:mjnew12@gmail.com).

7m SW of Loughborough, 7m NW of Leicester, 1m NW

of Newtown Linford. Head ½m N along Main St towards

Sharpley Hill, fork L into Ulverscroft Ln &amp; Mountain Ash, is

about ½m along on the L. Parking is along the opp verge.

**Visits by arrangement May to Sept for groups of 15 to****50. Adm £9, chd free. Home-made teas. Refreshments****included in the entry price. 2 acre garden with stunning**

views across Charnwood countryside. Near the house are

patios, lawns, water feature, flower and shrub beds, fruit

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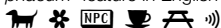
**26 NEVILL HOLT HALL C3**

Drayton Road, Nevill Holt, Market Harborough, LE16 8EG. Mr David Ross. 5m NE of Market Harborough. Signed off B664 at Medbourne. **Daily Tue 11 June to Sun 16 June (12-4). Adm £6, chd free. Light refreshments in restaurant marquee, provided and served by Nevill Holt Opera.** Refreshments in aid of Nevill Holt Opera education programme. **Donation to another charity.** Nevill Holt Hall dates from the C13. Spacious and well proportioned, 10 acres of gardens are designed by Chelsea gold medal winner Rupert Golby. Highlights inc 3 distinctive walled gardens and generous herbaceous borders showing off an ancient Cedar of Lebanon. Nevill Holt Festival is a monthlong programme of exceptional events featuring world class musicians, performers, and speakers. Full details of the festival programme will be announced in January on [www.nevillholtopera.co.uk](http://www.nevillholtopera.co.uk) - where tickets will be available for purchase. Walk-up tickets will also be available for purchase on the day of your visit subject to availability.

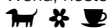
**27 THE NEW BARN B2**

Newbold Road, Desford, Leicester, LE9 9GS. A Nichols & R Pullin. 8m from J21 M1 & 12m from J22 M1. **Sat 18, Sun 19 May (11-4). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments. Donation to Plant Heritage.**

A large, sloping garden of ¾ acre with wonderful views. Enter via a side gate and follow a narrow path opening up into what feels like a large secret garden, different levels and spaces add to this illusion enabling you to admire the planting and views. This is a well established plantsman's garden with many unusual plants, inc a collection of Asters and Benton irises. Plant heritage collection *Geranium phaeum* feature in English Garden Magazine Sept 2023.

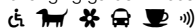
**28 OAK COTTAGE A2**

Well Lane, Blackfordby, Swadlincote, DE11 8AG. Colin & Jenny Carr. *Blackfordby, just over 1m from (& between) Ashby-de-la-Zouch or Swadlincote. From Ashby-de-la-Zouch take Moira Rd, turn R on Blackfordby Ln. As you enter Blackfordby, turn L to Butt Ln & quickly R to Strawberry Ln. Park then it is a 2 min walk to Well Ln entrance. Sun 18 Feb (10-4). Adm £5, chd free.* ½ acre garden set around Blackfordby's 'hidden' listed thatched cottage, which itself is more than 300 years old. In total there are 3.4 acres of paddocks, front and rear gardens to explore with an extensive display of snowdrops (inc a named collection in rear garden) as well as Hellebores throughout. Later in spring the display changes to Snakes Heads and mature Magnolias. The lower paddock has been planted with 450 native trees as part of the National Forest Freewoods scheme, with a drainage pond created at its base. The central swathe is being developed with wildflowers. At the top of the rear garden there is a chicken run, old and new orchards and a peach house. Oak Cottage's garden is due to appear on BBC Gardeners' World, hosted by Adam Frost, early in 2024.

**29 OAK TREE HOUSE B3**

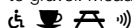
North Road, South Kilworth, LE17 6DU. Pam & Martin Shave. 15m S of Leicester. From M1 J20, take A4304 towards Market Harborough. At North Kilworth turn R,

signed South Kilworth. Garden on L after approx 1m. **Sat 29 June (11-5); Sun 30 June (11-2). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.** 2/3 acre beautiful country garden full of colour, formal design, softened by cottage style planting. Modern sculptures. Large herbaceous borders, vegetable plots, pond, greenhouse, shady area, colour-themed borders. Extensive collections in pots, home to everything from alpines to trees. Trees with attractive bark. Many clematis and roses. Dramatic arched pergola. Constantly changing garden. Access to patio and greenhouse via steps.

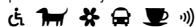
**30 THE OLD BARN A2**

Rectory Lane, Stretton-en-le-Field, Swadlincote, DE12 8AF. Gregg & Claire Mayles, 07870 160318, [greggmayles@gmail.com](mailto:greggmayles@gmail.com). On A444, 1½m from M42/A42 J11. *Rectory Ln is a concealed turn off the A444, surrounded by trees. Look out for brown 'church' signs. Postcode in SatNav usually helps. Sat 17, Sun 18 Aug (10-4). Adm £5, chd free. Cream teas. Made by local WI. Visits also by arrangement in Aug for groups of 10+.* 2 acres in secluded hamlet, lots of interest. Lawned garden with colourful shrubs and tree-lined cobbled paths. Walled garden has fishpond, pergola with climbers and cottage garden planting. Large open views, rewilding meadow. A laid back peaceful garden to stroll around and relax. Lots of wildlife, inc our Peafowl. Plenty of drinks, cakes and seats.

Redundant old church close, open to visitors. Tombola and a treasure hunt around the garden for children. Main garden fully wheelchair accessible. Walled garden partial access due to gravel. Meadow is accessible, but uneven.

**31 THE OLD HALL C2**

Main Street, Market Overton, LE15 7PL. Mr & Mrs Timothy Hart. 6m N of Oakham. 6m N of Oakham; 5m from A1 via Thistleton. 10m E from Melton Mowbray. **Evening opening Wed 3 July (5.30-8.30). Adm £10, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please visit [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) for information & booking. Wine and Hambleton Bakery savouries.** Set on a southerly ridge. Stone walls and yew hedges divide the garden into enclosed areas with herbaceous borders, shrubs, and young and mature trees. There are interesting plants flowering most of the time. In 2020 a Japanese Tea House was added at the bottom of the garden. Large plant stall. Partial wheelchair access. Gravel and mown paths. Return to house is steep. It is, however, possible to just sit on the terrace.

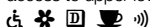
**32 THE OLD RECTORY B2**

Main Street, Newbold Verdon, Leicester, LE9 9NN. Gianni and Kate De Fraja. 10m W of Leicester. *On the village Main St, just before the turning for the church. Bus stop 'Old White Swan' on lines 152 153 159. Sat 15 June (12-7); Sun 16 June (10-4). Adm £5.50, chd free. Home-made teas.* The garden surrounds the Georgian Old Rectory. It contains many species of trees, ranging in age from centuries-old to very young saplings. This year we open when the roses are at their best, other attractions are the wisteria, the hostas, and the woods around the gravel paths. Recent additions are a greenhouse and a box parterre. The garden is accessed via a gravel drive. Wheelchair access is possible with some attention.



**NEW THE OLD RECTORY, GOADBY MARWOOD C2**

30 Main Street, Goadby Marwood, Melton Mowbray, LE14 4LN. Mr & Mrs N Allen. 6m NE of Melton Mowbray. Adjacent to the Church in the village of Goadby Marwood. Sun 19 May (10.30-5). Combined adm with Goadby Marwood Hall £10, chd free. Light refreshments in Goadby Marwood Village Hall. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and savouries. Refreshments in aid of Goadby Marwood Village Hall and St. Deny's Church. A walled garden surrounds the listed Georgian Old Rectory. The front facade is clad with wisteria which flowers in May. Of special interest are the Courtyard Garden, Cotinus Border and Coach House Walk recently designed by Bunny Guinness. Also features a parterre, wildflower meadow and woodland border with a fine, centuries old copper beech tree. Plant stall by local nursery. Wheelchair access to upper level of the garden is via a ramp.



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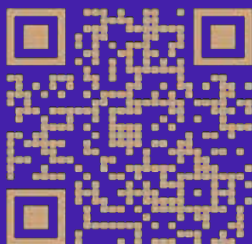
The Old Rectory, Goadby Marwood



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**84 THE OLD VICARAGE, BURLEY C2**

Church Road, Burley, Oakham, LE15 7SU. Jonathan & Sandra Blaza, [www.theoldvicarageburley.com](http://www.theoldvicarageburley.com). 1m NE of Oakham. In Burley just off B668 between Oakham & Cottesmore. Church Rd is opp village green. **Sun 26 May (11-5). Adm £6, chd free. Light refreshments.**

The Old Vicarage is a relaxed country garden, planted for year-round interest and colour. There are lawns and borders, a lime walk, rose gardens and a sunken rill garden. The walled garden produces fruit, herbs, vegetables and cut flowers. There are two orchards, an acer garden and areas planted for wildlife inc mature woodland, a meadow and a pond. Featured in an episode of ITV programme 'Love your Garden', presented by Alan Titchmarsh. He described it as 'a breathtaking garden, packed with sensory inspiration'. Some gravel paths and steps between terraced areas.

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**85 THE OLD VICARAGE, WHISSENDINE C2**

2 Station Road, Whissendine, LE15 7HG. Prof Peter & Dr Sarah Furness, [www.rutlandlordlieutenant.org/garden](http://www.rutlandlordlieutenant.org/garden). Up hill from St Andrew's church, first L in Station Rd. **Sun 12 May (2-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas in St Andrew's Church, Whissendine (next door).** 2/3 acre packed with variety. Terrace with topiary, a formal fountain courtyard and raised beds backed by gothic orangery. Herbaceous borders surround main lawn. Wisteria tunnel leads to raised vegetable beds and large ornate greenhouse, four beehives, Gothic hen house plus rare breed hens. Hidden white walk, unusual plants. New Victorian style garden room. Pebble mosaics, woodwork, doves and hens. Country Living April 2024, has featured on Gardeners' World, Garden News, Rutland Pride and on local radio. The gravel drive is hard work for wheelchair users. Some areas are accessible only by steps.

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**86 REDHILL LODGE C2/D2**

Seaton Road, Barrowden, Oakham, LE15 8EN. Richard & Susan Moffitt, [www.m360design.co.uk](http://www.m360design.co.uk). Redhill Lodge is 1m from village of Barrowden along Seaton Rd. **Evening opening Thur 12 Sept (5.30-8.30). Adm £6, chd free. Light refreshments and wine.**

A bold contemporary garden on varying levels. The formal structure inc landform and water in the form of a modern rill and a natural swimming pond. Planting is colourful and varied. The prairie style garden is naturalistic and vibrant especially in autumn. Natural swimming pond, turf amphitheatre, modern sculpture.

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**87 ST WOLSTAN'S HOUSE B2**

Church Nook, Wigston Magna, LE18 3RA. Mr Kevin DeVoy & Mr Stephen Walker. On corner of Church Nook & Bull Head St opp St Wistan's church. No parking at garden. Public car parks, all within 5 min walk on Frederick St, Junction Rd & Paddock St. **Sun 21 July (11-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Evening opening Sat 21 Sept (6.30-9). Adm £5. Light refreshments.**

Approx 1/2 acre divided into garden rooms with formal and informal planting plus specimen trees. Incl. formal white garden, rose garden, sunken Italian garden, rose and wisteria pergola and laburnum arch, Edwardian conservatory, terracotta garden and well garden with raised beds. Sept opening to view garden lit up at night.

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**88 THE SECRET GARDEN AT WIGSTON**

**FRAMEWORK KNITTERS MUSEUM B2**  
42-44 Bushloe End, Wigston, LE18 2BA.  
Wigston Framework Knitters Museum, [www.wigstonframeworkknitters.org.uk](http://www.wigstonframeworkknitters.org.uk). 4m S of Leicester. On A5199 Wigston bypass, follow yellow signs to Paddock St public car park, yellow signs onto Long St to All Saints Church turn R onto Bushloe End, Museum on R. **Sat 8, Sun 9 June (11-5). Adm £3.50, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of Framework Knitters Museum.

Victorian walled garden approx 70'x80' with traditional cottage garden planting, referred to as Higgledy Piggledy because of the random planting. Managed by a group of volunteers with much replanting during past 3 years. Garden located in the grounds of a historic museum, (an extra charge applies). A unique garden in the centre of Wigston which still retains an air of tranquillity. Visit from BBC Radio Leicester. Cobble area before garden, gravel paths through main parts of the garden.

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**89 THE SECRET GARDEN, GLENFIELD HOSPITAL B2**

Groby Road, Leicester, LE3 9QP. Karen James. Upon arrival to the Glenfield Hospital, please follow the blue directional signage. **Sat 22 June, Sat 20 July (10-3). Adm £3.50, chd free. Light refreshments at The Secret Garden Cafe.** Set within the grounds of the Glenfield Hospital, the Secret Garden is 1 acre in size, hidden behind the walls of a Victorian Walled garden which has been lovingly designed and restored for the benefit of all those who visit it and in consideration of the rich history and heritage of the garden and the wider Leicester Frith site. All main pathways are wheelchair accessible.

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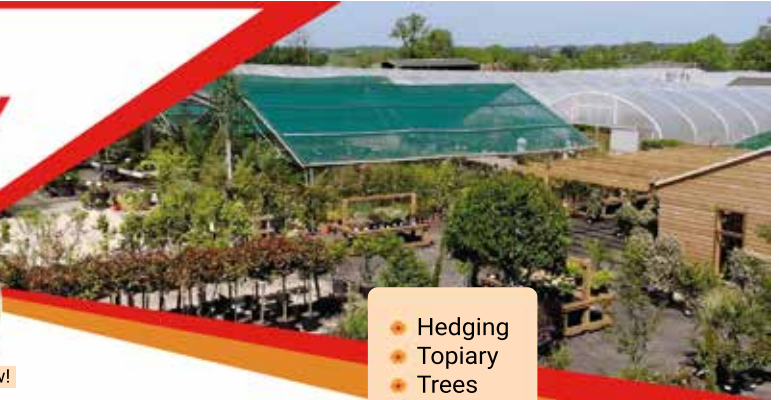


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**40 STOKE ALBANY HOUSE C3**

Desborough Road, Stoke Albany, Market Harborough, LE16 8PT. Mr & Mrs A M Vinton, 01858 535227, del.jones7@googlemail.com, www.stokealbanyhouse.co.uk. 4m E of Market Harborough. Via A427 to Corby, turn to Stoke Albany, R at the White Horse (B669) garden ½m on the L. **Every Wed 5 June to 31 July (2-4.30). Adm £6, chd free.** Visits also by arrangement 5 June to 31 July. **Wednesday afternoons only.** Donation to Marie Curie Cancer Care. 4 acre country house garden; fine trees and shrubs with wide herbaceous borders and sweeping striped lawn. Good display of bulbs in spring, roses June and July. Walled grey garden; nepeta walk arched with roses, parterre with box and roses. Mediterranean garden. Heated greenhouse, potager with topiary, water feature garden and sculptures.

**SUTTON BONINGTON GARDENS**

Main Street, Sutton Bonington, Loughborough, LE12 5PE.

See Nottinghamshire County Booklet or visit ngs.org.uk

**41 59 THISTLETON ROAD C2**

Market Overton, Oakham, LE15 7PP. Wg Cdr Andrew Stewart JP. Market overton. 6m NE of Oakham. **Sun 16 June (12-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas at local bowls club.**

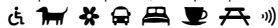
Over the last 15 yrs, the owners have transformed 1.8 acres of bare meadow into a wildlife friendly garden full of colour and variety. Against a backdrop of mature trees, the garden inc a small kitchen garden, rose pergola, large pond, shrubbery with 'Onion Day Bed', orchard, wildflower

meadow, a small arboretum, a woodland walk and large perennial borders a riot of colour. Small area of shingle to access main path, woodland walk inaccessible to wheelchairs.

**42 TRESILLIAN HOUSE C2**

67 Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0BQ. Mrs Alison Blythe, 01664 481997, alisonblythe@tresillianhouse.com, www.tresillianhouse.com. ½m S of Melton Mowbray centre. Situated on B6047 Dalby Rd, S of Melton town centre. (Melton to Gt Dalby/Market Harborough rd). **Parking on site. Sun 3 Mar, Sun 28 Apr, Sun 30 June, Sun 25 Aug, Sun 27 Oct (11-4). Adm £5.50, chd free.** **Light refreshments inc cream teas, ploughmans' lunches, soup in winter, stew & dumplings in October.** Visits also by arrangement 19 Feb to 25 Oct for groups of up to 40. Coach parking near by. On site parking for 14 cars/small mini bus.

¾ acre garden re-established by current owner. Beautiful blue cedar trees, specimen tulip tree. Variety of trees, plants and bushes reinstated. Original bog garden and natural pond. Koi pond; glass garden room holds exhibitions and recitals. Vegetable plot. Cowslips and bulbs in springtime. Wide variety of unusual plants, trees and shrubs. Quiet and tranquil oasis. Small Art Exhibition by local artists. The natural pond has been replanted by pond specialists, Wild Water Ponds. Replanted the natural pond at Tresillian House. Relax in June and August with cream tea listening to live traditional jazz. Keep warm in October with stew and dumplings or soup. Slate paths, steep in places but manageable.



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## Kapalua, Willoughby Gardens

**43 WESTBROOKE HOUSE C3**

52 Scotland Road, Little Bowden, Market Harborough, LE16 8AX. Bryan & Joanne Drew.  $\frac{1}{2}$  m S Market Harborough. From Northampton Rd follow NGS arrows & park in public car park or on nearby roads - not on the road directly opp the entrance. No parking at property. **Sun 28 Apr, Sun 26 May, Sun 23 June (10-4.30). Adm £5, chd free. Cream teas.**

Westbrooke House is a late Victorian property built in 1887. The gardens comprise 6 acres in total and are approached through a tree lined driveway of mature limes and giant redwoods. Key features are walled flower garden, walled kitchen garden, fernery, lower garden, wildlife pond, spring garden, lawns, woodland paths and a meadow with a wildflower area, ha-ha and hornbeam avenue.

**44 WESTVIEW B2/C2**

1 St Thomas's Road, Great Glen, Leicester, LE8 9EH. Gill & John Hadland, 01162 592170, gillhadland1@gmail.com. 7m S of Leicester. Take either r/about from A6 into village centre then follow NGS signs. Please park in Oaks Rd. **Sat 24, Sun 25 Feb (11-4). Light refreshments. Open nearby Hedgehog Hall. Sat 25, Mon 27 May, Sat 14, Sun 15 Sept (11-4). Home-made**

**teas. Adm £3.50, chd free. Home-made soup & rolls served at the Feb openings. Visits also by arrangement Feb to Sept for groups of up to 20.**

Organically managed small walled cottage garden with year-round interest. Rare and unusual plants, many grown from seed. Formal box parterre, courtyard garden, alpines, herbaceous borders, woodland areas with unusual ferns, small wildlife pond, greenhouse, vegetables, fruit and herbs. Collection of Snowdrops. Recycled materials used to make quirky garden ornaments and water feature. Restored Victorian outhouse functions as a garden office and houses a collection of old garden tools and ephemera. This garden is proud to provide plants for the National Garden Scheme's Show Garden at Chelsea Flower Show 2024.

**45 THE WHITE HOUSE FARM C2**

Billesdon Road, Ingarsby, Leicester, LE7 9JD.

Pam & Richard Smith, 01162 595448,

Pamsmithwhf@gmail.com. 7m E of Leicester. From A47 bet Billesdon and Houghton on the Hill, take the turn signed to Quenby Hall. After 1m, take 1st L, signed to Ingarsby; garden is 1m further on. **Visits by arrangement 1 June to 15 Sept for groups of 20 to 40. Adm £6, chd free.**

**Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of Animal Charity. Former Georgian farm in 2 acres of country garden. Beautiful views. Box, yew and beech hedges divide a cottage garden of gaily coloured perennials and roses; a formal herb garden; a pergola draped with climbing plants; an old courtyard with roses, shrubs and trees. Herbaceous borders lead to pools with water lilies and informal cascade. Orchard, wild garden and lake. Home for lots of wildlife. Garden News: Garden of the Week, August 12th, 2023. Most of the formal parts of the garden can be accessed without steps.

## GROUP OPENING

**46 WIGSTON GARDENS B2/B3**

Wigston, LE18 3LF. Zoe Lewin. Just S of Leicester off A5199. **Sat 13, Sun 14 July (11-5). Combined adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas at Little Dale Wildlife Garden and 28 Gladstone Street.**

**28 GLADSTONE STREET**

Chris & Janet Huscroft.

(See separate entry)

**2A HOMESTEAD DRIVE**

Mrs Sheila Bolton.

**LITTLE DALE WILDLIFE GARDEN**

Zoe Lewin & Neil Garner,

www.facebook.com/zoesopengarden.

**'VALLENVINA' 6 ABINGTON CLOSE**

Mr Steve Hunt.

Wigston Gardens consists of four relatively small gardens all within a 2m radius of each other. There is something different to see at each garden from traditional and formal to a taste of the unusual via wildflowers, upcycling, interesting artefacts and prairie style planting. A couple of the gardens are within walking distance of one another but you will need to travel by car to visit all of the gardens in the group or it will make for quite a long walk and you'll need your comfy shoes.

## GROUP OPENING

**47 WILLOUGHBY GARDENS B3**

Willoughby Waterleys, LE8 6UD. 9m S of Leicester. From A426 heading N turn R at Dunton Bassett lights. Follow signs to Willoughby. From Blaby follow signs to Countesthorpe. 2m S to Willoughby. **Sun 14 July (11-5).** Combined adm £6, chd free. Light refreshments in the Village Hall.

**2 CHURCH FARM LANE**

Valerie & Peter Connelly.

**FARMWAY**

Eileen Spencer, 07795 058582, eileenfarmway9@msn.com.

Visits also by arrangement 23 June to 25 Aug for groups of up to 25.

**HIGH MEADOW**

Phil & Eva Day.

**JOHN'S WOOD**

John & Jill Harris.

**KAPALUA**

Richard & Linda Love.

**3 ORCHARD ROAD**

Diane Brearley.

**3 YEW TREE CLOSE**

Emma Clanfield.

Willoughby Waterleys lies in the South Leicestershire countryside. 7 gardens will be open. John's Wood is a 1/2 acre nature reserve planted to encourage wildlife. 2 Church Farm Lane has been professionally designed with many interesting features. Farmway is a plant lovers garden with many unusual plants in colour themed borders. 3, Orchard Road is a small south facing garden packed with interesting features. High Meadow has been evolving over 14yrs. Inc mixed planting and ornamental vegetable garden. Kapalua has an interesting planting design incorporating views of open countryside. 3 Yew Tree Close is a wrap around garden that naturally creates a series of rooms with cottage garden style borders. Farmway was featured on BBC Gardeners' World in 2022.

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## GROUP OPENING

**48 WING GARDENS C2**

Wing, Oakham, LE15 8SA. 2m S of Rutland Water. Off A6003 between Oakham & Uppingham. **Sun 23 June (2-6).** Combined adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas in Wing Village Hall. Refreshments in aid of Wing Church.

**NEW SOL HOUSE**

Mr & Mrs John Dejardin.

**TOWNSEND HOUSE**

David & Jeffy Wood.

Two very different gardens in pretty stone village of Wing with medieval church and turf maze. Townsend House, located opp Village Hall, is a cottage garden, full of roses and herbaceous borders. Sol House, further along Top St (follow signs) is a contemporary garden surrounding a PassivHaus with a serpentine yew hedge, trees, mixed borders, a woodland and meadow.

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**49 15 THE WOODCROFT B1/B2**

Diseworth, Derby, DE74 2QT. Nick & Sue Hollick. The Woodcroft is off The Green, parking on The Woodcroft. **Sun 23 June (11-4).** Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas. Refreshments & plants in aid of St Michael's Church.

1/3 acre garden developed over 44 yrs with mature choice trees and shrubs, old and modern shrub roses, fern garden, wildlife garden, alpine troughs and mixed herbaceous borders, planted with a garden designer's eye and a plantsman's passion. Comfortable gazebo overlooking recently planted wildlife pond. New for 2024; the large border at the bottom of the garden has been refreshed. Three steps from the upper terrace to the main garden.

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