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## Dear Garden Visitor,

The organising team of the National Gardens Scheme in Northern Ireland is delighted to welcome you to the 3rd year of garden openings in Northern Ireland. Our Garden Owners can't wait to welcome you through their garden gates.

This year we have a number of new and unique gardens. Many of the gardens are **open to all comers** on specified dates. For logistical and people management reasons, some are only open to those who have **pre-booked online**. Others are only open **by arrangement**. Please be sure to study this booklet carefully.

We wish to thank the dedicated Garden Owners and their helpers for their support during the year. Apart from the joy of visiting gardens, your visit generates meaningful financial support to the health-related charities supported by the National Garden Scheme, many of whom do sterling work in Northern Ireland – see *the list in this booklet*. In addition, over the last two years, we have awarded several Community Garden Grant Awards in Northern Ireland.

We extend a big thank you to all the Garden Owners of this exciting collection of new and previously opened gardens for you to visit in 2024.

The website [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) will always carry up-to-date information about the gardens and may even list gardens which are not included in this booklet. Be sure to check out the "Find a Garden" feature within the website - in the dialog box enter Northern Ireland.

**Leaving a gift:** If you love gardens and garden visiting, you can help inspire that passion in future generations by leaving a gift in your will to the National Garden Scheme. See <https://ngs.org.uk/leaving-a-gift>

If you have a beautiful garden with that WOW factor and would like to join the NGS NI in raising money for charity OR you would like to become a Volunteer, please get in touch.

Finally, we wish to thank **John Minnis Estate Agents** for the very generous financial support used for the production and distribution of this booklet.

Best wishes for an enjoyable garden visiting year.

*Trevor*

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**Cover image:** Beechmount House Garden,  
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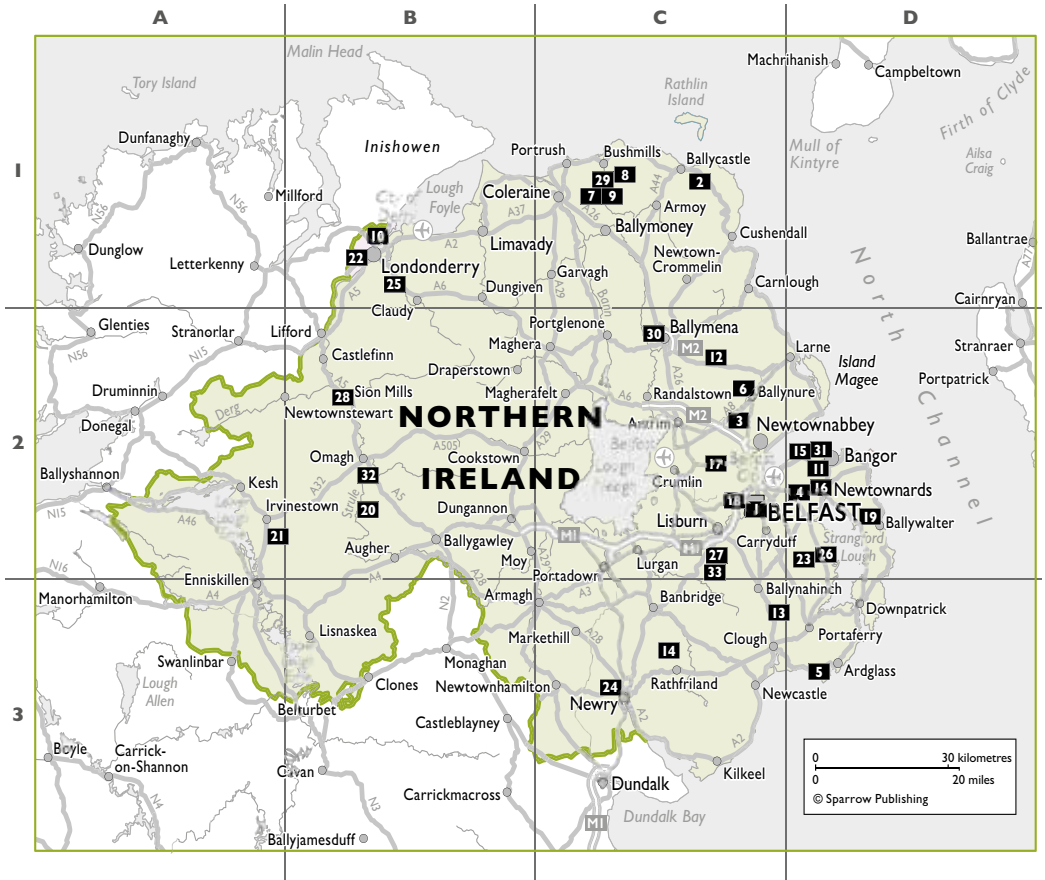
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**Symbols at the end of each garden entry indicate features and items of special interest at the garden.**

- 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** 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.**

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# OPENING DATES

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

## February

### Snowdrop Openings

<b>Saturday 10th</b>	
Benvarden Gardens	7
Billy Old Rectory Peace Garden	8
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	
Benvarden Gardens	7
Billy Old Rectory Peace Garden	8

## April

<b>Saturday 13th</b>	
♦ Brook Hall Estate & Gardens	10
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	
♦ Brook Hall Estate & Gardens	10

## May

<b>Saturday 11th</b>	
Clandeboyne Estate	11
<b>Sunday 12th</b>	
Clandeboyne Estate	11
<b>Saturday 18th</b>	
<b>NEW</b> The Old Methodist Manse	28
<b>Sunday 19th</b>	
<b>NEW</b> The Old Methodist Manse	28

<b>Saturday 25th</b>	
<b>NEW</b> Brockagh Wood	9
<b>NEW</b> 35 Sheridan Drive	31
<b>Sunday 26th</b>	
<b>NEW</b> Brockagh Wood	9
<b>NEW</b> 35 Sheridan Drive	31

## June

<b>Saturday 1st</b>	
Old Balloo House & Barn	26
<b>Sunday 2nd</b>	
Old Balloo House & Barn	26

<b>Saturday 8th</b>	
Holly House Garden	17

<b>Sunday 9th</b>	
Holly House Garden	17

<b>Saturday 15th</b>	
Billy Old Rectory Peace Garden	8
<b>NEW</b> Lavender Manor	21

<b>Sunday 16th</b>	
Billy Old Rectory Peace Garden	8
<b>NEW</b> Lavender Manor	21

<b>Saturday 22nd</b>	
<b>NEW</b> Trillick House	33

<b>Sunday 23rd</b>	
<b>NEW</b> Trillick House	33

<b>Saturday 29th</b>	
<b>NEW</b> Old Barrack House Garden	27

<b>Sunday 30th</b>	
<b>NEW</b> Old Barrack House Garden	27

## July

<b>Saturday 6th</b>	
Oak Gardens	25

<b>Sunday 7th</b>	
Oak Gardens	25

<b>Saturday 13th</b>	
Kilcootry Barn	20

<b>Sunday 14th</b>	
Kilcootry Barn	20

<b>Saturday 20th</b>	
<b>NEW</b> ♦ Ballyrobert Gardens	3

<b>Sunday 21st</b>	
<b>NEW</b> ♦ Ballyrobert Gardens	3

## August

<b>Every day from Thursday 8th to Wednesday 14th</b>	
<b>NEW</b> Rustic Garden, 14 Woodgrove	30
<b>Saturday 31st</b>	
Helen's Bay Organic	15

## October

<b>Sunday 13th</b>	
<b>NEW</b> Horatio's Garden Northern Ireland	18

## 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.

Adrian Walsh Belfast Garden	1
13 Ballynagard Road	2
Barley House	4
The Barn Gallery and Rose Gardens	5
Beechmount House Garden	6
<b>NEW</b> Brockagh Wood	9
Clayburn	12
61 Crawfordstown Road	13
Forth Cottage Garden	14
<b>NEW</b> The Henrys Garden	16
<b>NEW</b> Iona Cottage Garden	19
<b>NEW</b> 63 Letterkenny Road	22
Linden	23
The McKelvey Garden	24
Old Balloo House & Barn	26
<b>NEW</b> The Old Methodist Manse	28
10 Riverside Road	29
Tattykeel House Garden	32

All entries are subject to change. For up to date information check [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) or <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/> Search; Northern Ireland

## Would you like to join our team of friendly and energetic volunteers?

If you have experience in social media or publicity, enjoy finance, are a keen photographer or simply love visiting gardens and talking to people – there's a role that's perfect for you.

Contact Trevor Edwards for more information. Tel 07860 231115 or email [trevor.edwards@ngs.org.uk](mailto:trevor.edwards@ngs.org.uk)



# THE GARDENS

## ADRIAN WALSH BELFAST GARDEN C2

59 Richmond Park, Stranmillis, Belfast, BT9 5EF. Adrian Walsh, 07808 156856. *From the r'about at Stranmillis College & going along the Stranmillis Rd towards Malone Rd, Richmond Park is the 2nd exit on the L. No 59 is on the L. Visits by arrangement June to Oct for groups of up to 25. Adm £5, chd free.*

Described by Shirley Lanigan, in 'The Open Gardens of Ireland', as 'a paradise garden' and 'a veritable sea of plants', this is an imaginatively designed naturalistic city garden that combines a vibrant mix of annuals, perennials, grasses, shrubs and trees set within a formal layout.

## 13 BALLYNAGARD ROAD C1

Ballyvoy, Ballycastle, BT54 6PW. Tom & Penny McNeill, 07754 190687, pennymcneill@yahoo.co.uk. *3m outside Ballycastle. Drive through Ballycastle, pass hotel on L, 2nd exit at r'about to Cushendall. From Ballyvoy drive ¾ m, Ballynagard Rd is on R. Drive ¾ m. Arrive at 1st bungalow on R. Visits by arrangement June to Aug for groups of up to 10. Adm £5.*

A challenging ½ acre site 400 ft above sea level with stunning rural and sea views. Designed to meet prevailing environmental conditions and to protect each section from severe winds. Seasonal planting with mature shrubs and rockery on a terraced site create cosy contrasting rooms with seating area. Regret unsuitable for young children due to steep paths through rockery.

## NEW ♦ BALLYROBERT GARDENS C2

154 Ballyrobert Road, Ballyclare, BT39 9RT. Mr Maurice Parkinson, 02893 322952, maurice.parkinson@ballyrobertgardens.com, www.ballyrobertgardens.com. *At the northern edge of Ballyrobert Village, on the B56. For NGS: Sat 20 July (11-4); Sun 21 July (2-4). Adm £12, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Light refreshments.*

For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website. Ballyrobert Gardens is a uniquely created Ulster Garden. The setting for the garden is a C17 landscape complete with the original cottage, barn and wilding area extending to 16 acres. Sensitively integrating the elements is a six acre garden containing an extensive collection of plants. Appeared in 2016 on BBC TV's Breakfast programme as an exemplar naturalistic garden. Booking essential. Traditional entrance, extensive plant collection, small lake/large pond, large spiral, concentric rings and Bridgid's Cross in the wilding area. Traditional buildings in the cottage and nearby barn. Stream running through a glen. Access is available for key areas in the garden.

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## 4 BARLEY HOUSE D2

3 Brooklands Park, Newtownards, BT23 4XY. Miss Gillian Downing, 02891 815263, downingoriginals@gmail.com. *Newtownards, Co. Down. From Dundonald follow A20 to the r'about at Ards Shopping Centre. Take the 1st exit onto Blair Mayne Rd N. Turn L onto Manse Rd. Continue until you reach Brooklands Pk on the L. Visits by arrangement May to Aug. Adm £5, chd free.* A constantly evolving garden with emphasis on roses, trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials grown to attract birds, bees and butterflies. It has an extensive range of

plants and the garden areas have features aimed to enhance and intrigue. It has been artistically planted to give year-round interest. Most of the garden is wheelchair accessible.

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## 5 THE BARN GALLERY AND ROSE GARDENS D3

49 Rossglass Road South, Killough, Downpatrick, BT30 7RA. Mr Bernard Magennis, 02844 842082, bernardjmagennis@hotmail.com, www.facebook.com/barngalleryandrosegardens. *2m E of Tyrella Beach. From Clough on A2 6 m. After Minerstown turn R signed St John's Point. From Killough A2 1.8 m turn L. Park opp Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, then 2 min walk. Limited disabled parking at garden. Visits by arrangement 18 May to 30 Sept for groups of up to 15. Adm £6, chd free.*

Home made teas by arrangement.

The Garden contains circa 300 roses of over 100 varieties. The rose walk leads up hill to a stunning view point across Dundrum Bay to Newcastle, Kilkeel and the Mourne. The downhill route leads through massed dahlias and a white garden to a planting of sunflowers. Original stone built farmyard, fishpond, waterfall, rockery, herbaceous perennials etc. Artist's Studio and Gallery.

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## 3 BEECHMOUNT HOUSE GARDEN C2

85 Ballyabanagh Road, Ballyclare, BT39 9SP. Mr David Henderson, 07977 324940, dchenderson2@btopenworld.com. *N of Ballyeaston nr Ballyclare. From Ballyclare town centre take the Rashee Rd after 1.8 m at 5 Corners Guest House fork R onto the Sawmill Rd at junction turn R. Ballyabanagh Rd is next R. Visits by arrangement 20 June to 30 Sept for groups of 15 to 50. Adm £6, chd free.* A large country garden on all sides of house with herbaceous plants, mixed shrub borders and trees. Lawns and a large elevated rockery offer stunning views of the surrounding Co Antrim countryside.



### Great British Garden Party

You don't have to open your garden for the National Garden Scheme to enjoy sharing your garden! Join our annual Great British Garden Party fundraiser and gather your friends and family for a garden get-together to raise much needed funds for some of the UK's best-loved nursing and health charities.

Whether it's afternoon tea, a birthday celebration, cake sale or coffee morning you too can make a difference!

For more information and to join in visit:  
ngs.org.uk/gardenparty

## 13 Ballynagard Road



### 7 BENVARDEN GARDENS C1

Benvardin Road, Ballybogy, Ballymoney, BT53 6NN.

**Hugh Montgomery.** From Ballymoney head toward Portrush, in the village of Ballybogy turn R into the Benvardin Rd after ½ m (before the River Bush) the Gardens are on your R. **Sat 10, Sun 11 Feb (12-4.30).**

**Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments.**

The garden at Benvardeen enclosed since the C17, when it was most probably a semi-fortified Bawn, built for the purpose of protecting livestock from roaming thieves. Bought by the Montgomery family in the late C18, it was transformed into a modern, for those days, walled garden with the bawn wall faced with brick, the height raised to the present 16ft and paths and beds laid out. From the pond, paths lead to the banks of the River Bush, well-known as the river which leads to the Bushmills Distillery, the world's oldest whiskey, and here the river is spanned by a splendid bridge, built by Robert James Montgomery, who survived the charge of the Heavy Brigade in the Crimean war. Riverside walk.



### 8 BILLY OLD RECTORY PEACE GARDEN C1

5 Cabragh Road, Castlecat, Bushmills, BT57 8YH. Mrs

**Meta Page.** B/money bypass straight at Kilraughts Rd take 2nd R to B66 sign Dervock turn L (B66) sign Bushmills thro Derrykeighan after 2.3 m at Castlecat, R sign Billy ½ m & L - Haw Rd at Church R -Cabragh Rd. **Sat 10, Sun 11 Feb (1-4). Adm £5, chd free. Sat 15, Sun 16 June (1-5).**

**Adm £5, chd £5. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of Kidney Research.

A mature three acre garden on an historic site. Front of the Georgian rectory is a large lawn with mature trees, an ancient well and a developing woodland garden with a small fernery. Rear has another large lawn with contrasting borders of roses, herbaceous, shrubs and pond area. Also kitchen, greenhouse, herb, vegetable and fruit gardens - a large old orchard and area with wildflowers and annuals. Limited refreshments during Snowdrop Opening.



## Brockagh Wood



**NEW BROCKAGH WOOD C1**  
47 Benvardin Road, Ballybogey, Ballymoney,  
BT53 6NN. Mr Shaun Boyd, 07973 682319,  
shaunboyd2020@gmail.com. From Ballymoney take road  
to Portrush. At Ballybogey turn R onto Benvardin Rd. 1½  
m on L. **Sat 15 Sun 26 May (1-5), Visits by arrangement  
June to Sept. Adm £5, chd free.**

Living better with nature. A rewilding habitat created during  
lockdown 2020. This 15 acre site inc a two acre pond, native  
wildflower meadows, marginal plants, water lilies, moorhens,  
mallard ducks and little grebes. The one mile undulating walk  
around the perimeter of Brockagh Wood will enrich our lives  
and help us to reconnect with Mother Nature. Key to a happy  
and healthy life. Wheelchair access is available to the main  
pond but not the walk around Brockagh Wood.



**◆ BROOK HALL ESTATE & GARDENS B1**  
65-67 Culmore Road, Londonderry, BT48 8JE.  
Mr Gilliland, 02871 358968, info@brookhall.co.uk,  
www.brookhall.co.uk. 3m N of Derry-Londonderry. From  
the Culmore r'about off the Foyle Bridge, take the exit  
towards Moville (A2). Continue on the Culmore Rd (A2)  
for 1m to the entrance on the R. **For NGS: Sat 13, Sun  
14 Apr (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments in  
the Visitors Centre, check on the day for additional  
refreshment locations. For other opening times and  
information, please phone, email or visit garden website.**  
Brook Hall Estate & Gardens is a C18 demesne, home to  
one of the finest private arboretums in the north west of  
Ireland with unique collections of conifers, rhododendrons,  
magnolias and camellias. The C17 walled garden on the  
edge of the River Foyle once used to feed the people of the  
City of Derry, now home to many of the gardens magnolia  
and camellia collections. Hard surface paths suitable for  
wheelchairs and prams through the arboretum and gardens.  
Please note that some paths may be quite steep.



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**11 CLANDEBOYE ESTATE D2**

Bangor, BT19 1RN. Mrs Karen Kane, [www.clandeboyec.co.uk](http://www.clandeboyec.co.uk). *Clandeboyec Estate Bangor Co Down. Main entrance is off the main Belfast to Bangor A2 circa 2m before Bangor. Sat 11, Sun 12 May (2-5). Adm £10, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please visit [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) for information & booking. Teas, coffees, tray bakes, scones etc. available to purchase in the Banqueting Hall.*

A series of intimate walled gardens adjoin the courtyard and house. These inc the delightful Bee Garden, the Chapel Walk and the intimate Conservatory Garden. Garden features in Shirley Lanigan's 'The Open Gardens of Ireland'.

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**12 CLAYBURN C2**

30A Ballynulto Road, Glenwherry, Ballymena, BT42 4RJ. Judith & Hugh Jackson, 07539 712991. *What3words app - schematic.composers.remedy. From the A36 Ballymena to Larne Rd, 1/2 m E of its junc with the B94, turn L onto Ballynulto Rd. The garden is 0.8m on the R. Visits by arrangement 15 June to 14 Sept for groups of up to 8. House tours by special arrangement. Adm £5, chd free. Refreshments available by arrangement.*

Clayburn has been transformed from an exposed site in the shadow of Slemish Mt. to become a low maintenance prairie style garden. It has winter interest, shrubs, grasses and insect attracting perennials along with traditional hedging and many dry stone walls. Also incorporated are numerous trees providing both windbreaks and habitat for many bird species.

**13 61 CRAWFORDSTOWN ROAD C3/D3**

Drumaness, Ballynahinch, BT24 8LZ. Mr Liam & Mrs Brigid McDonald, 07470 728803. *A24 Ballynahinch to Newcastle, after 2m turn L to Drumaness. Through village, straight at mini r about onto Crawfordstown Rd. No 61 on L after 1 m. Pass black railings. Garden signed. Visits by arrangement May & June. Adm £5, chd free.*

Two acre country garden in which rock is a dominant feature. This has been put to good use creating paths and beds for alpines etc. A recently developed woodland walk contains birch, larch, conifers and oak trees. Roses, hydrangeas, shrubs and perennial plants add to the colour palette. Not all of the garden can be accessed by wheelchair.

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**14 FORTH COTTAGE GARDEN C3**

67 Lisnacroppan Road, Rathfriland, Newry, BT34 5NZ. Mrs Helen Harper, 02840 651649, [helenharper@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helenharper@yahoo.co.uk). *From A1 take B10 Rathfriland Rd. After 7 1/2 m turn R up steep hill onto Lisnacroppan Rd After 2m garden is on R. Park on R after cottage. From Rathfriland take B10 for 2m & turn L. Visits by arrangement May to July for groups of up to 8. Adm £5, chd free.*

Forth Cottage garden is inc in Shirley Lanigan's book "The Open Gardens of Ireland". A cottage garden with three distinct and contrasting areas. Summer emphasis on violas, geraniums, orchids, alpines and drought tolerant plants. There is partial wheelchair access.

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Helen's Bay

**15 HELEN'S BAY ORGANIC D2**

Coastguard Avenue, Helen's Bay, BT19 1JY. Mr John McCormick, [www.helensbayorganic.com](http://www.helensbayorganic.com). Coastguard Ave. off Craigdarraugh Rd. Coming from A2 (Main Belfast-Bangor Rd). Drive 200 metres past the railway bridge on Craigdarraugh Rd then turn L Coastguard Ave. Go over 2 speed bumps & enter 1st farm gate on L. **Sat 31 Aug (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Light Tea and/or Coffee by Community Garden Volunteers.**

An urban market garden, established in 1991, producing over 50 varieties of organic vegetables for direct retailing. Also hosts a community garden and allotments which inc an extensive range of fruit and vegetables. An ideal space to get ideas to combine flowers, fruit, food and biodiversity in your garden.

**16 NEW THE HENRY'S GARDEN D2**

5 Aldergrange Avenue, Newtownards, BT23 4FY.

Mr Victor & Mrs Roz Henry, 02891 826764, [vichenry@aol.com](mailto:vichenry@aol.com). From Dundonald follow A20 to r'about at Ards Shopping Centre. Take the 1st exit onto Blair Mayne Rd N. Turn L onto Manse Rd. Turn R to Aldergrange Pk then R into Aldergrange Ave. Turn R to No 5. **Visits by arrangement 20 May to 31 July for groups of up to 50. Adm £5, chd free.**

An abundance of plants and wildlife await you at this multi award winning large urban garden. Tropical ginger lilies and banana plants give the garden an exotic feel. Roses, agapanthus, clematis, succulents give colour and scent. The pond adds more wildlife activity to the garden. A selection of tree ferns tower and flourish, adding interest, texture and a jungle feel to this area of the garden. Partially suitable for wheelchairs.

**17 HOLLY HOUSE GARDEN C2**

3 Ballyutoag Hill, Nutts Corner, Crumlin, BT29 4UH.

Mr Will Hamilton, [www.hollyhousegardens.com](http://www.hollyhousegardens.com). In the hills over looking W Belfast. Crumlin Rd, following signs for Crumlin/Int Airport (A52). After 3m Horseshoe bend, 4m turn L onto Ballyutoag Hill & the garden is the 1st entrance on the R. **Sat 8, Sun 9 June (2-5). Adm £5, chd free.**

Refreshments in aid of Horatio's Garden Northern Ireland. Holly House Garden is an area of six acres created out of farmland over the past 20 yrs. The garden comprises woodlands, herbaceous borders and an iris garden where thousands of spring and summer bulbs have been planted. There is an alpine bed, wildlife ponds and a newly planted shrub and woodland garden. Also, in contrast to the traditional parts there is a modern contemporary garden. Partially wheelchair friendly.

**18 NEW HORATIO'S GARDEN NORTHERN IRELAND**

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Musgrave Park Hospital, Stockmans Way, Belfast, BT9 7JB. Mr Matthew Lee, [www.horatiosgarden.org.uk/the-gardens/horati-os-garden-northern-ireland](http://www.horatiosgarden.org.uk/the-gardens/horati-os-garden-northern-ireland).

Off Stockmans Ln, Balmoral. Off Stockmans Ln turn into Stockmans Way - signed Musgrave Park Hospital the garden is to the rear of the Withers Orthopaedic Centre.

**Sun 13 Oct (2-6). Adm £5, chd free.** Horatio's Garden Northern Ireland is a beautiful, accessible, restorative garden located at the heart of the Spinal Cord Injuries Unit (SCIU) at Musgrave Park Hospital in Belfast. Designed by nine-time RHS Chelsea Gold Medal winner Andy Sturgeon, the garden supports people adjusting to life-changing spinal injuries from across the entirety of Northern Ireland. Designed for patients, their friends and families, and NHS staff spending time at the Spinal Cord Injuries Unit (SCIU) at Musgrave Park Hospital in Belfast. Horatio's Garden Northern Ireland has featured in Belfast Telegraph, Belfast News Letter, Sunday Life, Ulster Tatler, Gardeners' Corner on BBC Radio Ulster and The Lynette Fay Show on BBC Radio Ulster, amongst others. Full wheelchair access throughout the garden.

**19 NEW IONA COTTAGE GARDEN D2**

14C Cardy Road, Greyabbey, Newtownards, BT22 2LS.

Mr Darren & Mrs Victoria Colville, 07793 672653, [victoria.colville@googlemail.com](mailto:victoria.colville@googlemail.com). From N'Ards 4 m down P'ferry Rd, turn L onto Mount Stewart Rd. After 3 m, sharp R turn onto Cardy Rd. Immed on R go down concrete lane. Go over 3 speed bumps to 2nd lane, 14C on R. **Visits by arrangement in June. Adm £5, chd free.**

A relaxed, environmentally friendly country cottage garden which has been under development for the past 9 years. The garden, which inc herbaceous borders, kitchen garden and cut flower garden is pesticide free with wildlife friendly habitats such as pond, log piles, bird boxes and meadow. Some natural exposed rock areas and slightly uneven terrain. Fantail doves fly freely. 2023 In Bloom Competition, Runner up- Garden for Wildlife. Most of the garden has wheelchair access.

**20 KILCOOTRY BARN B2**

Fintona, Omagh, BT78 2JF. Miss Anne Johnston, 07761 918951, [annejohnston678@btinternet.com](mailto:annejohnston678@btinternet.com).

Situated 2 m from Fintona on the A5 & approx 6 m from Omagh on the L. Google map directions are best found searching for Kilcootry Barn rather than postcode.

**Sat 13, Sun 14 July (1-4). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments. Light refreshments provided by Pandora's box.**

A 2½ acre mature cottage garden featuring herbaceous seasonal perennials, water feature, fruit trees, vegetable garden, children's play area, alpacas and ponies in delightful surroundings. Some areas have uneven surfaces.



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## Kilcootry Barn

**21 NEW LAVENDER MANOR A2/B2**

61 Salloon Road, Ballinamallard, Enniskillen, BT94 2GH. Vera Cassidy, 07923 802848, veracassidy@hotmail.com, [www.lavenderlets.com](http://www.lavenderlets.com). 6 m from Enniskillen. Take the A32 from Enniskillen to Ballinamallard, turn L onto the Irvinestown Rd then after 100 yds R onto Salloon Rd. Garden is 1 m on R. **Sat 15, Sun 16 June (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments.**

A range of well-maintained gardens, accessed via a sweeping avenue with well established trees and a beech hedge. In front of the Manor there are many manicured topiaries and a lush wildlife pond surrounded by a tranquil white garden. To the rear a vibrant herbaceous border leads past a stream to the enchanting woodland garden. Also visit our secluded courtyard and fruit and vegetable garden.

**22 NEW 63 LETTERKENNY ROAD B1**

Londonderry, BT48 9XQ. Mr William & Mrs Elma Lynn, 07771 608084, [wlynn\\_geology@hotmail.com](mailto:wlynn_geology@hotmail.com). 3 m S of Derry-Londonderry. On Letterkenny Rd (N40). From lower deck Craigavon Bridge turn L to Letterkenny. Pass settlement at Nixon's Corner then 1/2 m with entrance on R (white gates). **Visits by arrangement 29 Apr to 31 May for groups of up to 12. Adm £5, chd free.**

A mature garden set in 2 1/2 acres of woodland surrounding a Georgian house c1780. Variety of trees and shrubs most notably a collection of rhododendrons, camellias and azaleas with mature trees, some dating from the construction of the house. Easy access with a network of level gravel or grass paths with a profusion of bluebells in late April/early May. Some remnants of United States naval hospital in the grounds from 1943 to 1945. Owner can provide information on request. Wheelchair access to main features.

**23 LINDEN D2**

24 Raffrey Road, Killinchy, Newtownards, BT23 6SF. Alan & Margaret McAteer, 07770 773611. From the Saintfield Xrds take Todds Hill Rd to Station Rd for 1.6 m then L bend. After 1 m go R & then L at the staggered junc. Go along road signed Killinchy for 1.6 m, Raffrey Rd is on the R. **Visits by arrangement in June for groups of up to 8. Adm £6, chd free.**

A new (Six years) 2 acre country garden with formal and informal areas. A large rose covered pergola and small parterre and lawn are complemented by year-round colour from perennials, grasses and trees. An orchard of approximately 1/3 acre with apple, pear and damson trees along with a good mix of soft fruits. Trial planting beds are a feature of the upper garden. There is a large greenhouse. Wheelchair access most areas.

**24 THE MCKELVEY GARDEN C3**

7 Mount Charles North, Bessbrook, Newry, BT35 7DW. Mr William & Mrs Hilary McKelvey, 02830 838006. In the village of Bessbrook. Enter village from junc beside Morrow's Garage, 300 yds up hill past terraced houses turn L through gate. **Visits by arrangement May to Aug for groups of up to 50. Adm £5, chd free.**

A connoisseurs garden situated in a village setting containing snowdrops, alpine crevice beds, salvias and a large collection of clematis planted among herbaceous and shrub borders. Can also be accessed by a side entrance.



## Old Balloo House &amp; Barn

**25 OAK GARDENS B1**

219 Glenshane Road, Derry, Londonderry, BT47 3EW. Mr & Mrs Kelly. 4 m from Londonderry. From the A6, slip off for Eglinton/airport, follow brown signs for Faughan Valley Woodlands. **Sat 6, Sun 7 July (1-5). Adm £5, chd free.**

**Light refreshments.**

Our family garden has been developing on a 2 acre site since 2014. The gardens offer an array of different graded areas encompassing everything from the humble vegetable garden through to the formal gardens with its neoclassical statues and reflective pond. Salvaged pieces sit in unison with a diverse range of planting to create harmonious schemes within each garden area. Flat grass paths.

**26 OLD BALLOO HOUSE & BARN D2**

15-17 Comber Road Balloo, Killinchy, Newtownards, BT23 6PB. Ms Lesley Simpson & Miss Moira Concannon, 07484 649767, lsimpsonballoo@gmail.com. Balloo, Killinchy, Co. Down. Between Comber & Killyleagh on the A22. On the Xrds opp Sofaland shop. **Sat 1, Sun 2 June (2-5). Adm £5. Visits also by arrangement 3 June to 7 June.**

Restored and newly created, shared, informal gardens around late Georgian house and barn. There is a great variety of trees, shrubs and perennials but the garden is open in 2024 especially for late rhododendrons and early roses. Part of the garden is not accessible to everyone due to the steep incline, but can be seen from viewing points. Unsuitable for children.

**27 NEW OLD BARRACK HOUSE GARDEN C2**

7 Main Street, Hillsborough, BT26 6AE. Mr Ken & Mrs Dawn McEntee. Situated at the bottom of Main St in Royal Hillsborough, opp the Parish Church. **Sat 29, Sun 30 June (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.**

Old Barrack House garden is in essence a secret garden, hidden behind the Grade I listed house. Venturing down the alley between the houses you reach the yard and barn, subtly changed and improved to create charming pebbled terraces and garden areas. Dawn's creative instinct is much in evidence. Plants and flowers are chosen for height, form and leaf colour in relation to the ambience of each area. Most of garden has wheelchair access.



The National Garden Scheme donated £3,403,960 to our nursing and health beneficiaries from money raised at gardens open in 2023.

**28 NEW THE OLD METHODIST MANSE B2**

52 Moyle Road, Newtownstewart, Omagh, BT78 4JT. Mr Uel Henderson, 07864 855315. 100 metres off A5 main Omagh / Strabane Rd in Newtownstewart. Approaching Omagh on A5, Moyle Rd is S of the town Newtownstewart. From Strabane on the A5, bypass Newtownstewart & turn L onto Strahalter Rd which joins Moyle Rd. **Sat 18 May (11-5); Sun 19 May (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Visits also by arrangement 13 May to 23 June for groups of 5 to 40.** When the riverside garden was purchased 50 years ago, the only trees were 10 mature Scots pine and a huge elm predating the house of 1880. Today it is mainly a woodland garden with 120 rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolias, camellias and other acid soil loving plants; betulas, parrotias, malus, ilex, abutilons and eucryphia. Herbaceous perennials to attract wildlife. Also a vegetable garden and greenhouse. Loose stone driveway. Toilet not wheelchair accessible. Regrettably the glen and the riverside walk are not suitable for wheelchairs.

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**29 10 RIVERSIDE ROAD C1**

Bushmills, BT57 8TP. Mrs Pam Traill, 02820 731219, pmtraill@gmail.com. 1½ m from Bushmills on Riverside Rd, off the B66. Turn L by Drum Lodge, 100 yds further on R beware ramps. **Visits by arrangement 12 Feb to 16 Sept for groups of up to 10. Parking for 3 cars only. Adm £5, chd free.**

Rambling cottage garden with unusual shrubs, deep borders, woodland spring walk, rockery and arboretum. Springtime is a sea of snowdrops and aconites and May/June see the perennials in the borders at their best.

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**30 NEW RUSTIC GARDEN, 14 WOODGROVE C2**

Ballymena, BT43 5JQ. Mr Colin Agnew. 1½ m N of B'mena on the B'money Rd At r'about turn L onto the Carnburn Rd. Turn R onto the Carniny Rd then L onto the Woodtown Rd. Woodgrove is the 1st cul-de-sac on the R. **Daily Thur 8 Aug to Wed 14 Aug (10-8). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments.**

The Rustic Garden' is a suburban garden bordered to the north by the Antrim countryside. Features inc a small pond and stream with marginal planting and a modest collection of Hydrangea species. Well established trees help to create a natural canopy under which a 'Sunken Fernery' has been developed. Ornamental grasses and Agapanthus thrive in the south facing aspect of the garden. Sunken Fernery, and water feature. Mature ornamental trees.

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**31 NEW 35 SHERIDAN DRIVE D2**

Helen's Bay, Bangor, BT19 1LB. Prof Desmond and Mrs Amy Archer. Located between Bangor and Holywood, Co. Down. A2 to Craigdarraugh Rd, Helen's Bay and 2nd L to Sheridan Dr. The garden is on the sea side. **Sat 25, Sun 26 May (2-5). Adm £5, chd free.**

Two acre garden along Belfast Lough. Developed over 50 years from a challenging site with a stream and small pond, it features Japanese maples, magnolias, azaleas, hydrangeas, unusual trees inc *Cornus controversa* 'Variegata', *Cercidiphyllum japonicum* and *Parrotia persica*.

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The Old Methodist Manse

**B2 TATTYKEEL HOUSE GARDEN B2**

115 Doogary Road, Omagh, BT79 0BN. Mr Hugh & Mrs Kathleen Ward, 02882 249801, tattykeelhouse@hotmail.com, www.tattykeelhouse.com/gardens. *Tattykeel House is approx 2½m from Omagh on the S side of the A5 Omagh to Ballygawley Rd. There's a sign outside the entrance Tattykeel House & Studio. Visits by arrangement May to Aug for groups of 5 to 30. Adm £5, chd free. Refreshments to be arranged at booking.*

A country garden of approximately 1½ acres created over a 30 year period, planted with conifers, shrubs, roses and perennials. There is a sheltered seating area, a Japanese influenced area, interesting features and a collection of well grown climbers on the house. Numerous exciting and significant improvements were carried out in early 2022. Partially suitable for wheelchairs.

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**B3 NEW TRILLICK HOUSE C2**

50 Edentrillick Hill, Hillsborough, BT26 6PQ. Mr & Mrs Robert Brown. *S of Hillsborough off the A1 Rd onto the Dromore Rd. Travel on the A1 S side of Hillsborough turn off the A1 Rd at the major junc (signed into Hillsborough) quickly then turn onto the Dromore Rd (heading S) after 1m turn L into Edentrillick Rd. Sat 22, Sun 23 June (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments.*

Just outside the heart of Royal Hillsborough, the 4 acre garden combines both native and exotic plantings. Manicured lawns are punctuated with bursts of colour from perennial borders, with secluded nooks. Contains ornate water features and statuesque trees. This garden is not just a visual delight but a sensory experience, with fragrant blooms, rustling leaves, and the gentle hum of pollinators.

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