The Museum of East Dorset lecture series

The National Garden Scheme are working with the Museum of East Dorset on a garden lecture series which will run throughout the autumn. The aim is to provide a number of talks which are of high interest, offer enough diversity in their content and are relevant to our local garden community within Dorset. As a result, we have approached head gardeners, garden designers and garden writers to speak on a variety of topics.

Knoll Gardens

Speaker: Neil Lucas, Director and owner of Knoll Gardens, Friday 11th September

Neil will give a talk on Knoll Gardens. Since 1994 internationally acclaimed gardener Neil Lucas and his team have created a wonderful naturalistic garden, a haven for both people and wildlife. Seamlessly blending graceful grasses, adding drama with striking perennials and structure with mature trees and shrubs, the gardens offer a wealth of interest and diverse habitat throughout the seasons. Neil Lucas is a leading expert on ornamental grasses and was previously a Council Member for the RHS.

Thomas Hardy's Gardens in Dorset

Speaker: Caps Browning, Senior Gardener at Max Gate, Dorchester & Hardy's Cottage, Higher Bockhampton, Friday 16th October

Both of these gardens are now in the custodianship of the National Trust. Caps gardens them, with the help of volunteers, to aim to keep these gardens as close to how they would have been in Hardy's day. Her knowledge is extensive & this will be an entertaining & informative talk about the garden environment of one of the country's best loved authors & poets.

Holme-the making of an RHS partner garden

Speaker: Simon Goldsack, owner of Holme for Gardens, Friday 20th November.

Set within the picturesque Isle of Purbeck, award winning Holme for Gardens is a family run treasure, with beautifully landscaped gardens. It is the brainchild of Simon Goldsack, who, having qualified from Writtle College, set about creating the gardens, with the help of his wife Liz, from his parents' dairy & fruit farm. His success is self evident and Holme is now an RHS partner garden which can be enjoyed alongside the well respected garden centre.

Talks will be held at the Museum of East Dorset,
23-29 High Street, Wimborne Minster, BH21 1HR.
6pm – 8.30pm, lecture runs 6.45pm – 7.45pm

Tickets are £15 per person, see bit.ly/museumofeastdorset to purchase, or scan the qr code

The café adjoining the lecture room will be serving light refreshments and drinks, including wine, which can be bought separately.