

Award-winning Seaford garden opens for summer visits

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An award-winning coastal garden will reopen to visitors for a limited time this summer.

Driftwood By Sea, located in Seaford on Marine Drive in Bishopstone, will be open to pre-booked guests from June 1 to August 2.

Now in its 18th year of welcoming the public, the garden has been named a winner in Tripadvisor's 2026 Travelers' Choice Awards.

The award places Driftwood in the top 10 per cent of all listings on Tripadvisor worldwide.

It recognises experiences that consistently earn excellent reviews from visitors.

Driftwood has received 264 five-star reviews since it joined the platform in 2016.

A visitor from Reading, who posted a review in June 2025, said the visit was "a lovely afternoon".

The visitor wrote: "Driftwood had been on my list of gardens to visit for some time so I was delighted when I realised I'd be staying close for a few days.

"From my first email asking if it was possible to visit Geoff couldn't be more helpful.

"The garden itself is a fairly average size garden and it's just astonishing what Geoff has achieved.

"Overall theme (especially the front) is seaside garden, some of the details are subtle, all appear effortless and Geoff is disarmingly modest. It is perfectly executed with every plant in peak condition.

"Geoffs talk is worth paying extra for and do prebook tea and cake. His polenta cake was the best I've eaten.

"It made for a lovely afternoon exploring his garden, relaxing with tea and cake whilst chatting gardens and gardening with Geoff, he really is a perfect host."

The garden will open as part of the National Garden Scheme, with all proceeds going to support nursing and caring charities.

Entry is £7 per person, with children admitted free of charge.

For an extra £3, visitors can listen to a talk by Mr Stonebanks about the creation of the garden.

Those with a BBC Gardeners' World 2for1 card can enter for £10 per pair, which includes the talk.

Guests can also enjoy homemade tea and cakes during their visit for £6 per person.

