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- 🌻 English Heritage £125,000
- 🌻 Perennial £100,000
- 🌻 National Botanic Garden, Wales £26,000
- 🌻 Professional Gardeners' Trust £20,000
- 🌻 Garden Museum £10,000
- 🌻 Support for Community Gardens £260,000

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- 🌻 Maggie's £100,000
- 🌻 Horatio's Garden £90,000
- 🌻 Army Benevolent Fund £80,000
- 🌻 Mencap £50,000
- 🌻 Sue Ryder £40,660
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West Sussex County Organisers
Meryl Walters and Maggi Hooper

Welcome to Sussex Gardens



East and Mid Sussex County Organiser
Irene Eltringham-Willson

Dear Garden Visitor

Whether you are a keen gardener or love to explore gardens – or both – visiting a National Garden Scheme garden ticks all the boxes. Here in the beautiful county of Sussex we have a rich and varied choice of more than 200 gardens opening for us in 2024.

And there is truly something for everybody from the compact town gardens (but often filled to the brim with plants) to the rolling acres of landscaped country gardens and everything in between including community gardens and vineyards. There are many gardens that welcome families and children, allow dogs, have wheelchair access, open by arrangement for groups (see page 8), have an NGS open day, and pretty much everyone lays on the refreshments and cakes that the NGS is renowned for. For many gardens you can now book your tickets online via the NGS website and a number of gardens also offer cashless payment on the day.

Of course opening your garden for the NGS or being a visitor is the way we raise extraordinary amounts of funding for our beneficiary charities (see opposite). Our Sussex gardens contributed nearly £300,000 of this.

Our county booklets are printed at the start of the year to give you all the details from snowdrop gardens opening in January and February to autumnal gardens opening in October. The information here is correct as we go to press but do always check on the NGS website [ngs.org.uk](https://www.ngs.org.uk) for updates, there is also an NGS app for your smartphone and you can scan the QR code here which takes you directly to Sussex gardens.

And for those coming to RHS Chelsea Flower Show this year, don't miss the NGS garden sponsored by Project Giving Back and designed by Tom Stuart-Smith.

Happy visiting!

Maggi, Meryl and Irene

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Gardens Open By Arrangement

Arrange a personalised garden visit with your club, in a couple or as a group of friends, on a date to suit you. See individual garden entries for full details as some have minimum numbers, others allow single visitors and some open for public days too.

Alpines	Lordington House
The Beeches	Luctons
4 Ben's Acre	Malthouse Farm
Berlas	Manor of Dean
Black Barn	Meadow Farm
Bourne Botanicals	Mill Hall Farm
Brickyard Farm Cottage	Mitchmere Farm
Brightling Down Farm	Oaklands Farm
Broad Street House	Ocklynge Manor
Butlers Farmhouse	Old Cross Street Farm
Camberlot Hall	Old Erringham Cottage
Champs Hill	The Old Rectory
Colwood House	The Old Vicarage
Cookscroft	Orchard Cottage
Cosy Cottage, Seaford	Peelers Retreat
The Cottage	6 Plantation Rise
Cupani Garden	Rymans
Dale Park House	Saffrons
47 Denmans Lane	Selhurst Park
Down Place	Shepherds Cottage
Driftwood	The Shrubbery
Durrance Manor	South Grange
54 Elmleigh	Springbourne
Fairlight End	Town Place
Findon Place	Tuppenny Barn
Fittleworth House	4 Waterworks Cottages
The Folly	46 Westup Farm Cottages
Foxwood Barn	Whitehanger
The Garden House	Winterfield
4 Hillside Cottages	Wych Warren House
Holly House	
Hollymount	
36 Jellicoe Close, Eastbourne	
Legsheath Farm	

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OPENING DATES

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Extended openings are shown at the beginning of the month.

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

The Sussex county map is on pages 32 and 33.

January

Snowdrop Openings

Thursday 25th
5 Whitemans Close 147

Saturday 27th
5 Whitemans Close 147

Sunday 28th
5 Whitemans Close 147

Tuesday 30th
5 Whitemans Close 147

Wednesday 31st
5 Whitemans Close 147

February

Thursday 1st
5 Whitemans Close 147

Saturday 3rd
5 Whitemans Close 147

Tuesday 6th
5 Whitemans Close 147

Wednesday 7th
5 Whitemans Close 147

Thursday 8th
The Old Vicarage 109
Pembury House 115

Friday 9th
Pembury House 115

Sunday 11th
Sandhill Farm House 125

Tuesday 13th
5 Whitemans Close 147

Wednesday 14th
5 Whitemans Close 147

Thursday 15th
◆ Highdown Gardens 66
The Old Vicarage 109
Pembury House 115
5 Whitemans Close 147

Friday 16th
Pembury House 115

Sunday 18th
Manor of Dean 90

Thursday 22nd
The Old Vicarage 109
Pembury House 115

Friday 23rd
Pembury House 115

Thursday 29th
NEW Crosslands Flower
Nursery 31
The Old Vicarage 109
Pembury House 115

March

Friday 1st
Pembury House 115

Tuesday 5th
NEW Crosslands Flower
Nursery 31

Thursday 7th
The Old Vicarage 109
Pembury House 115

Friday 8th
Pembury House 115

Thursday 14th
The Old Vicarage 109

Saturday 16th
◆ Nymans 101

Sunday 17th
◆ Bates Green
Garden 8
◆ Denmans Garden
Manor of Dean 90

Thursday 21st
The Old Vicarage 109

Saturday 23rd
Down Place 39
◆ King John's Lodge 78

Sunday 24th
Down Place 39

Thursday 28th
The Old Vicarage 109

Friday 29th
Judy's Cottage
Garden 75

Saturday 30th
47 Denmans Lane 37

April

Monday 1st
47 Denmans Lane 37
The Old Vicarage 109

Thursday 4th
The Old Vicarage 109

Saturday 6th
Butlers Farmhouse 23

Sunday 7th
Butlers Farmhouse 23

Tuesday 9th
Bignor Park 13

Thursday 11th
The Old Vicarage 109

Saturday 13th
NEW 5 Coastguard
Cottages 27
Rymans 121

Sunday 14th
NEW 5 Coastguard
Cottages 27
47 Denmans Lane 37
Penns in the Rocks 116
Rymans 121

Thursday 18th
The Old Vicarage 109

Friday 19th
The Garden House 56

Saturday 20th
Peelers Retreat 114
Winchelsea's Secret
Gardens 149

Sunday 21st
The Garden House 56
Manor of Dean 90
Newtimber Place 98

Monday 22nd
◆ Bateman's 7

Tuesday 23rd
◆ Bateman's 7
Peelers Retreat 114

Wednesday 24th
◆ Bateman's 7
Fittleworth House 50

Thursday 25th
◆ Bateman's 7
The Old Vicarage 109

Friday 26th
◆ Bateman's 7

Saturday 27th
Banks Farm 6
The Oast 103
Sandhill Farm House 125
Warnham Park 144

Sunday 28th
Banks Farm 6
◆ Denmans Garden 36
The Oast 103
Sandhill Farm House 125

May

Wednesday 1st
Fittleworth House 50

Thursday 2nd
◆ Highdown Gardens 66
The Old Vicarage 109
◆ Sheffield Park and
Garden 128

Saturday 4th
Peelers Retreat 114

Sunday 5th
Stanley Farm 134

Monday 6th
47 Denmans Lane 37

Tuesday 7th
Peelers Retreat 114

Wednesday 8th
Fittleworth House 50

Thursday 9th
The Old Vicarage 109

Saturday 11th
96 Ashford Road 3
Cookscroft 29

Sunday 12th
Hammerwood House 58
Mountfield Court 97
Penns in the Rocks 116

Tuesday 14th
◆ Borde Hill Garden 15

Wednesday 15th
Fittleworth House 50

Thursday 16th
The Old Vicarage 109

Saturday 18th
96 Ashford Road 3
NEW The Cottage 30

Forest Ridge 53
Meadow Farm 93

Sunday 19th
Champs Hill 25
47 Denmans Lane 37

Forest Ridge	53
Legsheath Farm	84
Wednesday 22nd	
Balcombe Gardens	5
Cupani Garden	33
Lavender Cottage	83

Thursday 23rd	
The Old Vicarage	109

Saturday 25th	
96 Ashford Road	3
54 Elmleigh	45
◆ King John's Lodge	78
Peelers Retreat	114
◆ The Priest House	119

Sunday 26th	
54 Elmleigh	45
Foxglove Cottage	54
Hollymount	72
◆ King John's Lodge	78
NEW 9 Puttock Way	120

Monday 27th	
54 Elmleigh	45
The Old Vicarage	109
NEW 9 Puttock Way	120

Tuesday 28th	
Peelers Retreat	114

Thursday 30th	
The Old Vicarage	109

Friday 31st	
NEW Bumble Farm	22
Judy's Cottage	
Garden	75
Orchard Cottage	111

June

Saturday 1st	
NEW Bumble Farm	22
Foxwood Barn	55
◆ Knepp Castle	80
Limekiln Farm	85
Orchard Cottage	111
Skyscape	131
Waterworks & Friends	145

Sunday 2nd	
Brickyard Farm	
Cottage	19
Eastbourne Central	
Garden Trail	44
Foxwood Barn	55
◆ High Beeches	
Woodland and Water	
Garden	65
Limekiln Farm	85
Offham House	105

Orchard Cottage	111
Pangdean Farm	112
Seaford Gardens	126
Skyscape	131

Tuesday 4th	
Bignor Park	13

Wednesday 5th	
Kemp Town Enclosures:	
South Garden	77
Kitchenham Farm	79

Thursday 6th	
The Old Vicarage	109

Friday 7th	
Hillside	69
1 Pest Cottage	117

Saturday 8th	
Alpines	1
NEW ◆ Farleys Sculpture	
Garden	48
Harlands Gardens	59
Hoopers Farm	73
Kitchenham Farm	79
The Old Rectory	108
Peelers Retreat	114
Sandhill Farm House	125
The Shrubbery	130

Sunday 9th	
Harlands Gardens	59
Hillside	69
4 Hillside Cottages	70
Hoopers Farm	73
The Old Rectory	108
1 Pest Cottage	117
Sandhill Farm House	125
The Shrubbery	130
Town Place	140

Wednesday 12th	
Fittleworth House	50
Stroods	135
Town Place	140

Thursday 13th	
Butlers Farmhouse	23
The Old Vicarage	109

Friday 14th	
Bramley	18
Butlers Farmhouse	23
Five Oaks Cottage	51
Wadhurst Park	142

Saturday 15th	
Bramley	18
NEW Bumble Farm	22
NEW 5 Coastguard	
Cottages	27
Durford Abbey Barn	41
Five Oaks Cottage	51
NEW Highlands	67

Lordington House	87
Oaklands Farm	102
Wadhurst Park	142
Winchelsea's Secret	
Gardens	149

Sunday 16th	
NEW Bumble Farm	22
NEW 5 Coastguard	
Cottages	27
Deaks Lane Gardens	35
Down Place	39
Durford Abbey Barn	41
Five Oaks Cottage	51
Hellingly Parish Trail	61
Lordington House	87

Monday 17th	
Down Place	39

Tuesday 18th	
Peelers Retreat	114

Wednesday 19th	
Fittleworth House	50
Town Place	140

Thursday 20th	
◆ Clinton Lodge	26
The Old Vicarage	109
Warnham Park	144

Friday 21st	
NEW 40 Michel Dene	
Road	94
Parsonage Farm	113

Saturday 22nd	
Balcombe Gardens	5
Peelers Retreat	114

Sunday 23rd	
Balcombe Gardens	5
The Folly	52
Hassocks Garden	
Trail	60
Herstmonceux Parish	
Trail	63
Hollymount	72
Rymans	121
Town Place	140
Warnham Park	144

Wednesday 26th	
NEW Brambletye	17
Nightingale House	99

Thursday 27th	
The Old Vicarage	109

Friday 28th	
◆ St Mary's House	
Gardens	124

Saturday 29th	
Hill House	68
◆ King John's Lodge	78

◆ The Priest House	119
St Barnabas House	123
◆ St Mary's House	
Gardens	124
Sunday 30th	
East Grinstead	
Gardens	43
The Hidden Garden	64
Hill House	68
◆ King John's Lodge	78
The Old Vicarage	109
Old Well Cottage	110
Seaford Gardens	126
Town Place	140

July

Tuesday 2nd	
Peelers Retreat	114

Wednesday 3rd	
NEW Brambletye	17
Foxglove Cottage	54
Nightingale House	99

Thursday 4th	
The Old Vicarage	109

Saturday 6th	
Cookscroft	29
NEW Ditchling Garden	
Trail	38
NEW Lodsbridge Mill	86
Peelers Retreat	114
Tuppenny Barn	141

Sunday 7th	
Bexhill-on-Sea Trail	12
Foxglove Cottage	54
Town Place	140
Whithurst Park	148

Wednesday 10th	
Fittleworth House	50
Knightsbridge House	81

Thursday 11th	
The Old Vicarage	109

Friday 12th	
Wych Warren House	151

Saturday 13th	
Knightsbridge House	81
Mayfield Gardens	92
Oaklands Farm	102
South Grange	132

Sunday 14th	
NEW Langney & Willingdon	
Garden Trail	82
Mayfield Gardens	92
South Grange	132
50 Wannock Lane	143

Wednesday 17th	
Fittleworth House	50

Thursday 18th	
The Old Vicarage	109
Sullington Old	
Rectory	136

Friday 19th	
NEW Springbourne	133
Sullington Old	
Rectory	136

Saturday 20th	
NEW Broad Street	
House	21
The Hundred House	74
NEW Springbourne	133

Sunday 21st	
Findon Place	49
The Folly	52
4 Hillside Cottages	70
Hollymount	72
The Hundred House	74

Wednesday 24th	
Fittleworth House	50

Thursday 25th	
Cumberland House	32
The Jungle Garden	76
The Old Vicarage	109
Thakeham Place	
Farm	138
Tor Cottage	139
33 Wivelsfield Road	150

Saturday 27th	
The Jungle Garden	76
Tor Cottage	139
33 Wivelsfield Road	150

Sunday 28th	
Cumberland House	32
Thakeham Place	
Farm	138

Tuesday 30th	
Marchants Hardy	
Plants	91

Wednesday 31st	
Marchants Hardy	
Plants	91

August

Thursday 1st	
The Old Vicarage	109

Sunday 4th	
Penns in the Rocks	116

Tuesday 6th	
Kitchenham Farm	79

Wednesday 7th	
Fittleworth House	50

Thursday 8th	
The Old Vicarage	109

Friday 9th	
NEW Nyetimber	
Manor	100

Saturday 10th	
Bourne Botanicals	16
Kitchenham Farm	79

Sunday 11th	
The Beeches	9
Champs Hill	25

Thursday 15th	
Bourne Botanicals	16
The Old Vicarage	109

Saturday 17th	
Holly House	71

Sunday 18th	
Bourne Botanicals	16
4 Hillside Cottages	70
Holly House	71
Whitehanger	146

Tuesday 20th	
Peelers Retreat	114

Thursday 22nd	
The Old Vicarage	109

Saturday 24th	
Butlers Farmhouse	23
Peelers Retreat	114

Sunday 25th	
Butlers Farmhouse	23
The Folly	52
Hollymount	72

Monday 26th	
Durrance Manor	42
The Old Vicarage	109

Thursday 29th	
The Old Vicarage	109

September

Sunday 1st	
East Grinstead	
Gardens	43
Malthouse Farm	89

Tuesday 3rd	
Bignor Park	13
Peelers Retreat	114

Wednesday 4th	
Knightsbridge House	81

Thursday 5th	
The Old Vicarage	109

The Old Vicarage	109
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Saturday 21st	
Peelers Retreat	114
Sandhill Farm House	125

Sunday 22nd	
Sandhill Farm House	125

Thursday 26th	
The Old Vicarage	109

Sunday 29th	
◆ Bates Green	
Garden	8
◆ High Beeches	
Woodland and Water	
Garden	65

October

Thursday 3rd	
The Old Vicarage	109

Saturday 5th	
Peelers Retreat	114

Thursday 10th	
The Old Vicarage	109

Sunday 27th	
◆ Denmans Garden	36



You don't need to open your garden to get involved and make a difference! Everyone is invited – whatever the state or size of your garden. Gather your friends, share your garden and hold a Great British Garden Party fundraiser. Every cuppa poured, cake sliced, and garden enjoyed will help make a difference to some of the best-loved nursing and health charities. Visit ngs.org.uk/gardenparty to find out how you can get involved.



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Spring

21 Apr, 10am–5pm Arundel Castle, Arundel, W. Sussex BN18 9AB
28 Apr, 10am–3pm Ramster Gardens, Godalming, Surrey GU8 4SN
12 May, 10am–3pm Borde Hill Gardens, Haywards Heath, W. Sussex RH16 1XP
21–25 May RHS Chelsea Flower Show. See us in the Grand Pavilion!

Summer

2 June, 12pm–5pm Sussex Prairie Garden, Henfield, W. Sussex BN5 9AT
9 June, 11am–4pm Benington Lordship Gardens, Stevenage, Herts. SG2 7BS
16 June, 10am–3pm Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens, Horsham, W. Sussex RH13 6PP
23 June, 11am–4pm Herstmonceux Castle, Hailsham, E. Sussex BN27 1RN
6 July, 11am–4pm Horniman Museum & Gardens, Forest Hill, London SE23 3PQ
18 Aug, 11am–4pm Hole Park, Rolvenden, Kent TN17 4JA

Late Summer

1 Sept, 12pm–5pm Sussex Prairie Garden, Henfield, W. Sussex BN5 9AT
15 Sept, 10am–3pm Borde Hill Gardens, Haywards Heath, W. Sussex RH16 1XP
22 Sept, 11am–4pm Mount Ephraim Gardens, Faversham, Kent ME13 9TX

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SYMBOLS

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 page 6 for County Organiser details, or visit www.ngs.org.uk.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Toilets are not usually available at private gardens.

Map references see map on page 32-33

C3 Example Map grid reference

Chester loves to visit our gardens but always wears his harness and short lead. Please check each listing, if there is a dog symbol, Chester and his friends are welcome.



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



96 Ashford Road

THE GARDENS

ALPINES D2

High Street, Maresfield, Uckfield, TN22 2EG. Ian & Cathy Shaw, 07887 825032, Info@shaw.buzz. 1½m N of Uckfield. Garden approx 150 metres N of Budletts r'about towards Maresfield. Blue Badge parking at garden, other parking in village approx 100 metres from garden. **Sat 8 June (11-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas & savouries. Visits also by arrangement for groups of 6+.**

A 1 acre garden put together by the owners to incorporate the ornamental and the edible. Offers riot of colour and scent over many months, especially early summer with large and rampant mixed borders, small orchard, wildflower meadow, fruit cage, vegetable garden, wildlife pond and bog garden. Pretty Victorian style greenhouse. Lots of spots to sit. Wheelchair access largely on grass over one level with a few steps round greenhouse and some gravel paths.

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ARUNDEL CASTLE & GARDENS B3

Arundel, BN18 9AB. Arundel Castle Trustees Ltd, 01903 882173, visits@arundelcastle.org, www.arundelcastle.org. In the centre of Arundel, N of A27. For opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

Ancient castle, family home of the Duke of Norfolk. 40 acres of grounds and gardens which inc hot subtropical borders, English herbaceous borders, stumpy, two glasshouses, walled flower and organic kitchen gardens and Fitzalan Chapel white garden.

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Hastings, TN34 2HZ. Lynda & Andrew Hayler. From A21 (Sedlescombe Rd N) towards Hastings, take 1st exit on r'about A2101, then 3rd on L (approx 1m). **Sat 11, Sat 18, Sat 25 May (1.30-4.30). Adm £3, chd free.**

Small (100ft x 52ft) Japanese inspired front and back garden. Full of interesting planting with many acers, azaleas and bamboos. Over 100 different hostas, many miniature ones. Also, an attractive Japanese Tea House. New Japanese bridge and pond in lower garden.

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ASHLING PARK ESTATE A3

West Ashling, Chichester, PO18 9DJ. Gail Gardner, 01243 967700, contact@ashlingpark.co.uk, www.ashlingpark.co.uk. Located on the Funtington Rd, 5m W of Chichester. Through the large metal gates onto the private driveway to the vineyard. **Wed 11, Wed 18 Sept (10-11.30am). Adm £8. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Light refreshments.**

A truly fascinating vineyard tour with wine tasting that starts promptly at 10am. First created in the C19, Ashling Park was cited on the Tithe map and has had a new lease of life when a vineyard was planted in 2017. Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, Chardonnay and Bacchus grape varieties, chef's kitchen garden and beehives.

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GROUP OPENING

BALCOMBE GARDENS C2

Balcombe. 3m N of Cuckfield on B2036, 3m S of J10A on M23. Individual gardens signed within Balcombe. **Wed 22 May, Sat 22, Sun 23 June (12-5). Combined adm £7.50, chd free. Home-made teas at Stumlet (22 May & 22 June) & at the tea venue for 46 Westup Farm Cottages (23 June).** Refreshments in aid of St Catherine's Hospice (22 May & 22 June) & Orchard & House, Residential Care Children's Services (23 June)..

STUMLET

Oldlands Avenue, RH17 6LW. Max & Nicola Preston Bell.

46 WESTUP FARM COTTAGES

London Road, RH17 6JJ. Chris & Clare Cornwell, 01444 811891, chris.westup@btinternet.com. Visits also by arrangement Apr to Sept for groups of 5 to 50.

WINTERFIELD

Oldlands Avenue, RH17 6LP. Sue & Sarah Howe, 01444 811380, sarahjhowe_uk@yahoo.co.uk. Visits also by arrangement 2 Apr to 30 June for groups of up to 50.

Within the Balcombe AONB there are three quite different gardens that are full of variety and interest, which will appeal to plant lovers. Set amidst the countryside of the High Weald, 46 Westup Farm Cottages is a classic cottage garden with unique and traditional features linked by intimate paths through lush and subtle planting with pollinators and wildlife in abundance. In the village, Winterfield is a country garden packed with uncommon shrubs and trees, herbaceous borders, a summerhouse, pond and wildlife area. At nearby Stumlet the garden is restful, there are places to sit and enjoy a little peace, scent and colour. Redesigned to inc interesting plants for lasting enjoyment by different generations. A garden to watch develop in the future.

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BALMORAL COTTAGE

The Green, Benenden, Cranbrook, TN17 4DL. See Kent County Booklet or visit ngs.org.uk

BANKS FARM D3

Boast Lane, Barcombe, Lewes, BN8 5DY. Nick & Lucy Addyman. 6m N of Lewes. From Barcombe Cross follow signs to Spithurst & Newick. 1st road on R into Boast Ln towards the Anchor Pub. At sharp bend carry on into Banks Farm. **Sat 27, Sun 28 Apr (11-4). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.**

9 acre garden set in rural countryside. Extensive lawns and shrub beds merge with the more naturalistic woodland garden set around the lake. An orchard, vegetable garden, ponds and a wide variety of plant species add to an interesting and very tranquil garden. Refreshments served outside, so may be limited during bad weather. Wheelchair access to the upper part of garden. Sloping grass paths in the lower part.

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7 ♦ BATEMAN'S E2

Bateman's Lane, Burwash, TN19 7DS. National Trust, 01435 882302, batemans@nationaltrust.org.uk, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/batemans. ½m S of Burwash. A265 W from Burwash, 1st turning on L after you leave the village, just before petrol station. Please look out for NT signs. Pick up & drop off points available. **For NGS: Daily Mon 22 Apr to Fri 26 Apr (10-4.30). Adm £14, chd £7. Light refreshments.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website. Bateman's is an idyllic spot; a family home loved by Rudyard Kipling. Nestled in a shallow valley, the house and garden were a joy and an inspiration to him, from the formal borders and clipped yew hedges to romantic meadows with the meandering river flowing through. Highlights inc wild garden carpeted with spring bulbs below flowering trees and shrubs, orchard, vegetable garden, potted tulips, spring flowering borders, working watermill and a dazzling mulberry garden display. On site tearoom offering beverages, cream teas, cakes, hot and cold food. Partly accessible grounds, some uneven paths. Blue Badge parking. Accessible WC. Wheelchairs available to borrow.

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8 ♦ BATES GREEN GARDEN D3

Tye Hill Road, Arlington, BN26 6SH. John McCutchan, 01323 485151, john@bluebellwalk.co.uk, www.batesgreen.co.uk. 3½m SW of Hailsham & A22. Midway between the A22 & A27, 2m S of Michelham Priory. Bates Green is in Tye Hill Rd (N of Arlington village), 350yds S of Old Oak Inn. Ample parking on hard-standing verges. **For NGS: Sun 17 Mar, Sun 29 Sept (10.30-4). Adm £7, chd £3. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Home-made soup, cakes & scones, plus light lunches in a large insulated barn.** Refreshments in aid of Cancer Research UK. For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website. This plantswoman's tranquil garden provides interest through the seasons. Woodland garden created around a majestic oak tree. Colour themed middle garden. Courtyard gardens with seasonal container displays. Front garden a spring and autumn joy with narcissi, primroses, violets then coloured stems and leaves of cornus and salix. Wildlife pond and wildflower meadow. Gardened for nature and wildlife. Spring visitors can walk through a wild daffodil glade leading to the 24 acre ancient oak woodland, home of the Arlington Bluebell Walk. Beatons Wood has been owned by the McCutchan family for 100 yrs and is managed for conservation and diversity. Autumn guests can enjoy spotting the abundant fungi. Bates Green Garden has been an RHS Partner Garden since 2023. Wheelchair access to most areas. Mobility scooters to borrow free of charge. Accessible WC.

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9 THE BEECHES D3

Church Road, Barcombe, Lewes, BN8 5TS. Sandy Coppen, 07771 655862, sand@thebeechesbarcombe.com, www.thebeechesbarcombe.com. From Lewes, A26 towards Uckfield for 3m, turn L signed Barcombe. Follow road for 1½m, turn L signed Hamsey & Church. Follow road for approx ½m & parking will be in the church car park on LHS. **Sun 11 Aug (1-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** Visits also by arrangement 16 May to 12 Aug for groups of 10+. C18 walled garden with

cut flowers, vegetables, salads and fruit. Separate orchard and rose garden. Herbaceous borders, a hot border and extensive lawns. A hazel walk is being developed and a short woodland walk. An old ditch has been made into a flowing stream with gunnera, ferns, tree ferns, hostas and a few flowers going into a pond. Eight page feature in The English Garden magazine (Sept 2023). Wheelchair access without steps, but some ground is uneven.

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10 4 BEN'S ACRE C2

Horsham, RH13 6LW. Pauline Clark, 01403 266912, brian.clark8850@yahoo.co.uk. E of Horsham. A281 via Cowfold, after Hilliers Garden Centre, turn R by Tesco on to St Leonards Rd, straight over r'about to Comptons Ln, next R Heron Way, 2nd L Grebe Cres, 1st L Ben's Acre. **Visits by arrangement 3 June to 30 Aug for groups of 10 to 25. Adm £10, chd free. Home-made teas inc. Call to discuss wine & canapé options.** Plants in aid of St Catherine's Hospice. Described as inspirational excellence in design and artistry. A visual delight on different levels, featuring ponds, rockery, summerhouse and arbour. Seating for your teas surrounded by borders full of harmonising perennials, roses, shrubs and more. See how a diverse small space created on different levels can be exciting and inspiring. 5 mins from Hilliers Garden Centre, 15 mins from Leonardslee and NT Nymans. Visit us on YouTube Pauline & Brian's Sussex Garden. Featured in West Sussex County Times 'Best 25 Gardens'. Partial wheelchair access, please discuss at time of booking.

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11 NEW BERLAS A2

Park Crescent, Midhurst, GU29 9ED. Mr & Mrs S Curzon-Hope, 07806 701186, suecurzonhope@hotmail.com. From the centre of Midhurst turn R from N or L from S, opp Angel Hotel. Berlas is on the L on Park Cres with lamppost outside. **Visits by arrangement 2 May to 13 Oct for groups of 5 to 20. Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.** 150ft south west facing, sloping town garden, developed over 10 yrs from scratch. Hedges and trees planted, and wildlife pond (2020). Enthusiastic plantswoman, attempting seasonal succession from spring bulbs through to late flowering prairie style planting. Two areas of grass kept as wild meadows. Collection of succulents, echeveria, pelargoniums. Unusual pots and planters.

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GROUP OPENING

12 BEXHILL-ON-SEA TRAIL E3

Bexhill & Little Common. Follow individual NGS signs to gardens from main roads. Tickets & maps at all gardens. **Sun 7 July (12-5). Combined adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas & light lunch at Westlands. Light refreshments at De Wilp.** Refreshments in aid of Family Support Work & NGS.

THE CLINCHES

Collington Lane East, TN39 3RJ. Val Kemm.

DE WILP

Collington Lane East, TN39 3RJ. Stuart & Hazel Wood.

ORCHARD COTTAGE

22 Gatelands Drive, TN39 4DP. Pat McCarthy.

NEW 2 RAVENS CLOSE

TN39 4TG. Jenny & Richard Burton.

NEW 13 THORNBANK CRESCENT

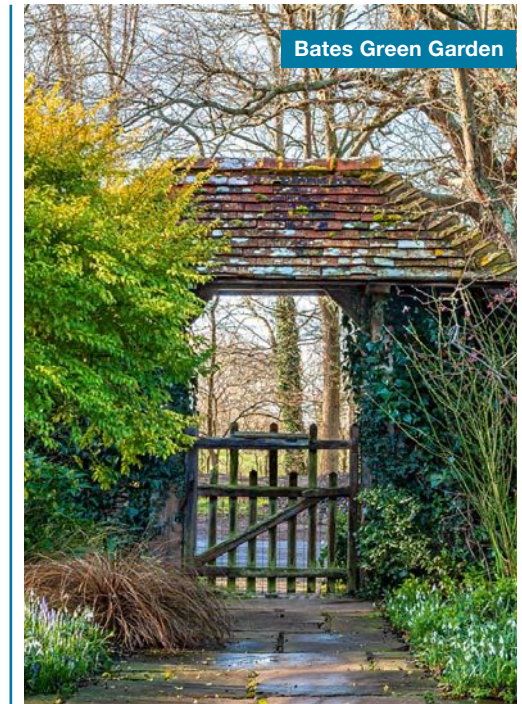
TN39 3ND. Barbara Echlin.

WESTLANDS

36 Collington Avenue, TN39 3NE. Madeleine Gilbart & David Harding.

De Wilp, a beautiful garden laid to lawn with beds, a large variety of perennial and annual plants, vegetables, a hosta corridor, mature trees and shrubs; light refreshments available. Adjacent to De Wilp, The Clinches is a mature cottage garden surrounded by trees and shrubs, Gaudi inspired steps and a pond with fish, toads and newts. 2 Ravens Close (new to trail) has beautifully laid out mixed planting inc roses, an arch with climbers along ropes, and fruit and vegetable beds. Orchard Cottage (returning to trail) is a plantswoman's small garden with climbers on trellis and herbaceous borders. 13 Thornbank Crescent (new to trail) has over 50 specimen fruit trees, a pond, flower and vegetable beds with an emphasis on attracting wildlife to the garden. Westlands (returning to trail), across the road from Thornbank Crescent, is a mature garden with significant range of trees, roses, mixed planting, vegetable and fruit garden, and is the main venue for teas. Parking in adjacent office block. Partial wheelchair access to some gardens.

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BIGNOR PARK B3

Pulborough, RH20 1HG. The Mersey Family, www.bignorpark.co.uk. 5m S of Petworth & Pulborough. Well signed from B2138. Nearest villages Sutton, Bignor & West Burton. Approach from the E, directions & map available on website. **Tue 9 Apr, Tue 4 June, Tue 3 Sept (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.**

11 acres of peaceful garden to explore with magnificent views of the South Downs. Interesting trees, shrubs, wildflower areas with swathes of daffodils in spring. The walled flower garden has been replanted with herbaceous borders. Temple, Greek loggia, Zen pond and unusual sculptures. Former home of romantic poet Charlotte Smith, whose sonnets were inspired by Bignor Park. Spectacular cedar of Lebanon and rare Lucombe oak. Wheelchair access to shrubbery and croquet lawn. Gravel paths in rest of garden and steps in stables quadrangle.

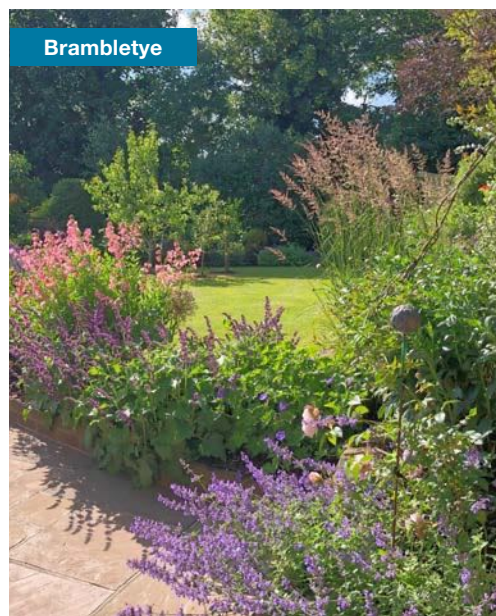
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BLACK BARN C2

Steyning Road, West Grinstead, Horsham, RH13 8LR. Jane Gates, 07774 980819, jane.er.gates@gmail.com. Between Partridge Green & A24 on Steyning Rd. From A24 follow Steyning Rd signed West Grinstead for 1m, passing Park Ln & Catholic Church on the L, continue round 2 bends, Black Barn is on L. Parking limited so car share appreciated. **Visits by arrangement 1 Apr to 29 Sept for groups of up to 20. Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.**

Black Barn Garden was designed and planted in Jan 2018. The site was cleared and only the mature trees remained. A hedgerow separating the garden from the field was removed and a large pond has been created in the southwest corner. A large gravel garden was created to the south of the barn and a terrace laid. The existing terrace at the back was increased and a large bed was created. Wheelchair access over grass only.

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BORDE HILL GARDEN C2

Borde Hill Lane, Haywards Heath, RH16 1XP. Borde Hill Garden, 01444 450326, info@bordehill.co.uk, www.bordehill.co.uk. 1½m N of Haywards Heath. 20 mins N of Brighton, or S of Gatwick on A23 taking exit 10a via Balcombe. **For NGS: Tue 14 May (10-5). Adm £12, chd £8. Light refreshments.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

Tranquil and picturesque, Borde Hill has been planted with passion by five generations of the Stephenson Clarke family. With rare and fine rhododendrons, magnolias, rose borders and champion trees, exploring the 13 outdoor rooms is like travelling around the world in one garden. Wheelchair access to 17 acres of formal garden.

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BOURNE BOTANICALS C2

The Bourne, Chesterfield Close, Furnace Wood, Felbridge, East Grinstead, RH19 2PY. Jackie & Andy Doherty A264 between Copthorne & Felbridge. 1¼m from Felbridge. Parking in layby RH19 2QF on W bound A264 signed to Furnace Wood. Metrobus 400. Enter Furnace Wood via footpath R of barrier, 8 min walk to Bourne Botanicals. **Sat 10, Thur 15, Sun 18 Aug (11-5). Adm £8. Pre-booking essential, please phone 07785 562558 or email bournebotanic@outlook.com for information & booking. Home-made teas.** Visits also by arrangement in Aug for groups of 15+.

A lush setting of huge bananas jostling alongside gunnera and arid beds of agave, yucca and cacti. A diverse tropical look garden with a wildlife pond and stream inc bog beds of carnivorous plants. Palms, tree ferns, tetrapanax and many unusual plants and quirky touches all set in an acre of woodland. Features inc a folly and a sunken garden. National Collection holder. Parking at property for disabled badge holders and those with mobility issues only.

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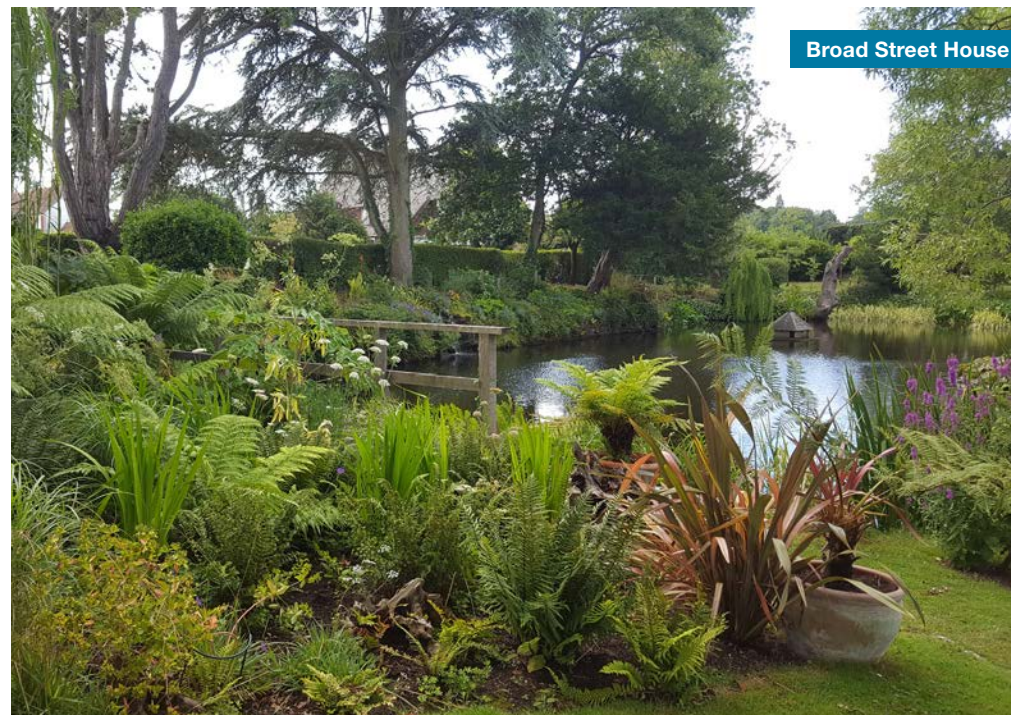
25 Maudlyn Park Way, Bramber, Steyning, BN44 3PT. Nicola & Paul Middleton. 4m N of Shoreham-by-Sea. On the eastern edge of Steyning, take Maudlyn Ln & turn into Sopers Ln. Take an immed R into Maudlyn Parkway. Brambletye is found on the LHS at the junction to The Ridings. **Wed 26 June, Wed 3 July (10.30-5). Combined adm with Nightingale House £7, chd free. Home-made teas at Nightingale House.**

A quiet south facing garden on the edge of the South Downs, designed with a prairie effect in mind to attract pollinators and birds. A mix of spring and early summer flowering bulbs, shrubs, herbaceous perennials and roses. There is a small sunken area with raised beds for vegetables and herbs.

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BRAMLEY D2

Lane End Common, North Chailey, Lewes, BN8 4JH. Marcel & Lee Duyvesteyn. 1m S of Sheffield Park NT. From A272 North Chailey mini r'abouts take NE turn to A275 signed Bluebell Railway, after 1m turn R signed Fletching. Bramley is 300yds on R. Free car park opp & roadside parking. **Fri 14, Sat 15 June (1-5). Adm £6, chd free.** Refreshments in aid of St Peter & St James Hospice. Rural 1 acre garden. Planting began in 2006 and inc an



Broad Street House

orchard avenue with wild flowers and long grassed areas and beehives. Vegetable garden, numerous formal and informal ornamental flowerbeds and borders. Planted for strong seasonal effect and structure. Interesting planting and design. SSSI nearby. Home-made teas and English sparkling wine from the Bluebell Vineyard Estate.

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BRICKYARD FARM COTTAGE E3

Top Road, Hooe, Battle, TN33 9EJ. David & Grace Constable, 07740 407998, dc@constablespublishing.com. From A269 turn R onto B2095, 2m on R. From A259 turn L onto B2095, 2½m on L. Parking in field adjacent to garden. **Sun 2 June (11-4.30). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** Visits also by arrangement 1 May to 15 Sept for groups of up to 25. A 4 acre garden started 24 yrs ago; stunning views, remarkable brick and stone follies, colourful mixed beds with alstroemeria and roses. Pine rockery surrounds pond. Topiary garden, pinetum, and a rhododendron and azalea walk leads to a planted parterre. Fruit and vegetables in cages. Orchard. Unique ruins in garden and also metal sculptures, made by garden owners. Rose-filled courtyard front garden where home-made teas will be served. Plentiful seating to admire the Sussex vista.

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BRIGHTLING DOWN FARM E3

Observatory Road, Dallington, TN21 9LN. Val & Pete Stephens, 07770 807060, valstephens@icloud.com. 1m from Woods Corner. At Swan Pub, Woods Corner, take road opp to Brightling. Take 1st L to Burwash & almost

immed, turn into 1st driveway on L. **Visits by arrangement 3 May to 27 Sept for groups of 12 to 35. Preferred days: Mondays or Fridays. Home-made teas inc.**

The garden has several different areas inc a Zen garden, water garden, walled vegetable garden with two large greenhouses, herb garden, herbaceous borders and a woodland walk. The garden makes clever use of grasses and is set amongst woodland with stunning countryside views. Winner of the Society of Garden Designers award. Most areas of garden can be accessed with the use of temporary ramps.

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BROAD STREET HOUSE F3

Broad Street, Icklesham, Winchelsea, TN36 4AS. Tony & Sally Thorne, 01424 814377, csallythorne@gmail.com. Halfway between Hastings & Rye, off the A259. From Hastings follow A259 for Icklesham, turn L into Broad St just before village. From Rye, follow A259 through Icklesham, then Broad St on R. Follow yellow signs. **Sat 20 July (9.30-4.30). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** Visits also by arrangement 26 Apr to 27 Apr for groups of up to 12. A big garden, under constant development with wonderful views down the Brede Valley. The garden features a wide variety of trees, a good number of flower beds, a natural pond much loved by wildlife, with a waterfall and viewing bridge. At the beginning of last year, the owners added a large waterfall with associated woodland planting to the front of the property.

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22 NEW BUMBLE FARM B2

Drungewick Lane, Loxwood, Billingshurst, RH14 0RS. Will Carver. *Very well signed in the middle of Drungewick Ln.* **Fri 31 May, Sat 1, Sat 15, Sun 16 June (12-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.**

Delightful large country garden. Passionately and imaginatively created by enthusiastic owner over the past 20 yrs. An interesting garden with a series of circular lawns surrounded by borders, full of mass drift, repeat planting of harmonious perennials, roses, shrubs, and more. A newly developed white garden, wisteria pergola, kitchen and cutting garden, fountains and various seating areas.

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23 BUTLERS FARMHOUSE I3

Butlers Lane, Herstmonceux, BN27 1QH. Irene Eltringham-Willson, 01323 833770, irene.willson@btinternet.com, www.butlersfarmhouse.co.uk. *3m E of Hailsham. Take A271 from Hailsham, go through village of Herstmonceux, turn R signed Church Rd, then approx 1m turn R. Do not use SatNav!* **Sat 6, Sun 7 Apr, Thur 13, Fri 14 June (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Sat 24, Sun 25 Aug (2-5). Adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of Family Support Work. Visits also by arrangement 29 Mar to 31 Oct. Discuss refreshment options on booking. Lovely rural setting for 1 acre garden surrounding C16 farmhouse with views of South Downs. Pretty in spring with daffodils, hellebores and primroses. Come and see our meadow in June and perhaps spot an orchid or two. Quite a fun quirky garden with surprises round every corner inc a rainbow border, small pond, Cornish inspired beach corners, a poison garden and secret jungle garden. Plants for sale. Picnics welcome in June and Aug. Live jazz in Aug. Most of garden accessible by wheelchair.

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CACKETTS FARMHOUSE

Haymans Hill, Horsmonden, TN12 8BX.
See Kent County Booklet or visit ngs.org.uk

24 CAMBERLOT HALL D3

Camberlot Road, Lower Dicker, Hailsham, BN27 3RH. Nicky & Paul Kinghorn, 07710 566453, nickykinghorn@hotmail.com. *500yds S of A22 at Lower Dicker, 4½m N of A27 Drusillas r'about. From A27 Drusilla's r'about through Berwick Stn to Upper Dicker & L into Camberlot Rd after The Plough pub, we are 1m on L. From A22 we are 500yds down Camberlot Rd on R.* **Visits by arrangement July & Aug for groups of 8 to 25. Adm £13, chd £5. Home-made teas.** A 3 acre country garden with a lovely view across fields and hills to the South Downs. Created from scratch over the last 10 yrs with all design, planting and maintenance by the owner. Lavender lined carriage driveway, naturalistic border, vegetable garden, shady garden, 30 metre white border and dahlia garden. Part-walled garden and summerhouse. Wheelchair access over gravel drive and some uneven ground.

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Our donation in 2023 has enabled Parkinson's UK to fund 3 new nursing posts this year directly supporting people with Parkinson's.



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25 CHAMPS HILL B3

Waltham Park Road, Coldwaltham, Pulborough, RH20 1LY. Mrs Mary Bowerman, 01798 831205, info@thebct.org.uk, www.thebct.org.uk. *3m S of Pulborough. On A29 turn R to Fittleworth into Waltham Park Rd, garden 400 metres on R.* **Sun 19 May, Sun 11 Aug (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments.** Visits also by arrangement 8 Apr to 13 Sept for groups of 10+.

A natural landscape, the garden has been developed around three disused sand quarries with far-reaching views across the Amberley Wildbrooks to the South Downs. A woodland walk in spring leads you past beautiful sculptures, against a backdrop of colourful rhododendrons and azaleas. In summer the garden is a colourful tapestry of heathers, which are renowned for their abundance and variety.

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26 CLINTON LODGE D2

Fletching, TN22 3ST. Lady Collum, 01825 722952, garden@clintonlodge.com, www.clintonlodgegardens.co.uk. *4m NW of Uckfield. Clinton Lodge is situated in Fletching High St, N of The Griffin Inn. Off road parking provided, weather permitting. It is important visitors do not park in street. Parking available from 11am.* **For NGS: Thur 20 June (11-5). Adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas from 12pm. No lunches.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website. Donation to local charities.

6 acre formal and romantic garden overlooking parkland with old roses, William Pye water feature, double white and blue herbaceous borders, yew hedges, pleached lime walks, medieval style potager, vine and rose allée, wildflower garden, small knot garden and orchard. Caroline and Georgian house (not open).

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To-date, National Garden Scheme funding has supported the creation of five Horatio's Gardens, which support thousands of patients and their families at spinal injury units across the country. Each garden hosts a range of activities including horticultural therapy and art sessions designed to improve patients' physical, social and psychological wellbeing and to contribute to their rehabilitation.
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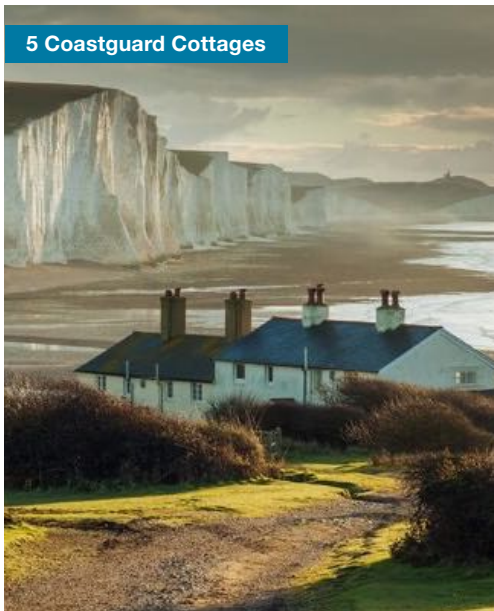
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5 Coastguard Cottages

**27 NEW** 5 COASTGUARD COTTAGES D3/D4

Cuckmere Haven, Seaford, BN25 4AR. Mr Daniel Martin. A259 turn S to Southdown Rd, turn 6th L onto Chyngton Rd edge of golf course, continue to Chyngton Way, at end take the R fork to the top, park & then walk 1m down hill to garden. **Sat 13, Sun 14 Apr, Sat 15, Sun 16 June (10-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of Celebrate Cuckmere & NGS.

This iconic garden at Coastguard Cottages overlooking the Seven Sisters will be known to many from a distance, but this garden is rarely seen. Nestled on the cliff top in the South Downs National Park with sea views. Planted with native plants and spring bulbs in April and poppies, herbs and acanthus in June it is a perfect setting for the owners sculpture and pottery display. An embryonic vegetable plot and beehives contribute to attracting wildlife to the garden. Note steep cliff drop, children to be supervised at all times.

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23 COLWOOD HOUSE C2

Cuckfield Lane, Warninglid, RH17 5SP. Mrs Rosy Brennan, 01444 461352. 6m W of Haywards Heath, 6m SE of Horsham. Entrance on B2115 Cuckfield Ln. From E, N & S, turn W off A23 towards Warninglid for ¾m. From W come through Warninglid village. **Visits by arrangement May to Sept for groups of 10 to 50. Adm £7, chd free. Light refreshments. Donation to Seaforth Hall, Warninglid.** 12 acres of garden with mature and specimen trees from the late 1800s, lawns and woodland edge. Formal parterre, rose and herb gardens. 100ft terrace and herbaceous border overlooking flower rimmed croquet lawn. Cut turf labyrinth and forsythia tunnel. Water features, statues and gazebos. Pets' cemetery. Giant chessboard. Lake with island and temple. Picnics welcome. Wheelchair access with gravel paths and some slopes.

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29 COOKSCROFT A4

Bookers Lane, Earnley, Chichester, PO20 7JG. Mr & Mrs J Williams, 01243 513671, john@cookscroft.co.uk, www.cookscroft.co.uk. 6m S of Chichester. At end of Birdham Straight A286 from Chichester, take L fork to East Wittering B2198. 1m on sharp bend, turn L into Bookers Ln, 2nd house on L. Parking available. **Sat 11 May (11-4). Evening opening Sat 6 July (4-8). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments (May). Wine & cheese (July).**

Refreshments in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice. **Visits also by arrangement for groups of up to 30.**

A garden for all seasons which delights the visitor. Started in 1988, it features cottage, woodland and Japanese style gardens, water features and borders of perennials with a particular emphasis on southern hemisphere plants. Unusual plants for the plantsman to enjoy, many grown from seed. The differing styles of the garden flow together making it easy to wander anywhere. Wheelchair access over grass, bark paths and unfenced ponds.

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30 NEW THE COTTAGE B3

Potts Lane, Pulborough, RH20 2BT. Claire Denman, 07739 820712, Claire.denman1@yahoo.co.uk. Potts Ln is a pedestrian lane off Lower St (A283). The entrance is between two houses next to T-lights. Parking in Lower St public car park. **Sat 18 May, Sat 7 Sept (10-6). Adm £6, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Two hour time slots at 10am, 12pm, 2pm & 4pm. Home-made teas.**

Visits also by arrangement 6 May to 7 Oct for groups of 10 to 20. Home-made teas inc.

A quintessential English cottage garden, jam packed with a mix of perennials and bulbs on a potentially challenging multi layered site. Comprising four distinct rooms inc a small roof terrace, top terrace sitting above the house garden and a vegetable garden built in what was a small swimming pool. This is not a huge garden, however every square inch has been used!

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Crosslands Flower Nursery



The Cottage

31 NEW CROSSLANDS FLOWER NURSERY B3

Barnham Lane, Walberton, Arundel, BN18 0AX. Ben Cross, www.facebook.com/CrosslandsFlowerNursery. 4m W of Arundel. Midway between Barnham & Walberton turn Barnham Ln, signed Crosslands Flower Nursery. **Thur 29 Feb, Tue 5 Mar (10-12). Adm £10, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Tea.** A 2 hr all access tour of a fourth generation, award-winning, sustainably run flower nursery with 3 acres of glasshouses filled to the brim with Sussex grown alstroemeria. There will be an opportunity to purchase flowers at the end of the tour.

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32 CUMBERLAND HOUSE B3

Cray's Lane, Thakeham, Pulborough, RH20 3ER. George & Jane Blunden. At junction of Cray's Ln & The Street, nr the church. **Thur 25, Sun 28 July (2-5). Combined adm with Thakeham Place Farm £10, chd free. Home-made teas at Thakeham Place Farm.** Refreshments in aid of Revitalise - Respite Holidays For Disabled People & Carers.

A Georgian village house (not open), next to the C12 church with a beautiful, mature ¾ acre English country garden comprising a walled garden laid out as a series of rooms with well-stocked flower beds, two rare ginkgo trees and yew topiary, leading to an informal garden with vegetable, herb and fruit areas, pleached limes and a lawn shaded by a copper beech tree. Wheelchair access through gate at right-hand side of house.

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☞ CUPANI GARDEN D3

8 Sandgate Close, Seaford, BN25 3LL. Dr Denis Jones & Ms Aideen Jones OBE. From A259 follow signs to Alfriston, E of Seaford. R off Alfriston Rd onto Hillside Ave, 2nd L, 1st R & 1st R. Park in adjoining streets. Bus 12A Brighton/Eastbourne, get off Millberg Rd stop & walk down alley to the garden. **Wed 22 May (1.30-5).**

Combined adm, inc home-made teas, with Lavender Cottage £12, chd £5. Pre-booking essential, please phone 01323 899452, email sweetpeasa52@gmail.com or visit www.cupanigarden.com for information & booking. Opening with Seaford Gardens on Sun 2, Sun 30 June. Refreshments in aid of Stay Up Late (50%) & NGS (50%) (by arrangement days). Plants in aid of Stay Up Late. Visits also by arrangement 20 May to 4 Aug for groups of 6 to 20. Adm inc teas. Lunch on request.

Cupani is a tranquil haven with a delightful mix of trees, shrubs and perennial border. Courtyard garden, gazebo, summerhouse, water features, sweet pea obelisks and a huge range of plants. See TripAdvisor reviews. The garden has undergone major renovations in 2023/2024 and now inc a gravel garden, some more tropical planting and the old cutting garden has been replaced with planted troughs.

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☞ DALE PARK HOUSE B3

Madehurst, Arundel, BN18 0NP. Robert & Jane Green, 01243 814260, robertgreenfarming@gmail.com. 4m W of Arundel. Take A27 E from Chichester or W from Arundel, then A29 (London) for 2m, turn L to Madehurst & follow red arrows. **Visits by arrangement 20 May to 5 July. Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.** Set in parkland,

enjoying magnificent views to the sea. Come and relax in the large walled garden which features an impressive 200ft herbaceous border. There is also a sunken gravel garden, mixed borders, a small rose garden, dreamy rose and clematis arches, an interesting collection of hostas, foliage plants and shrubs, and an orchard and kitchen garden.

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GROUP OPENING**☞ DEAKS LANE GARDENS C2**

Deaks Lane, Ansty, Haywards Heath. 3m W of Haywards Heath on A272. 1m E of A23. At r/about at junction of A272 & B2036 take exit A272 Bolney, then take immed R onto Deaks Ln. Park at Ansty Village Centre on R, where tickets for gardens are purchased. **Sun 16 June (12-4). Combined adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas at Ansty Village Centre.** Refreshments in aid of Ansty Village Centre Trust.

8 CROUCH FIELDS

RH17 5NW. Danielle & Jason Chapman.

3 LAVENDER COTTAGES

RH17 5AS. Derry Baillieux.

THICKETS

RH17 5AS. Becky & Matt Morgan.

Ansty's garden trail starts at the Village Centre where parking, tickets and maps are available, along with refreshments and plant sale. A walking trail; the owners are keen to tell you about their gardens with plenty of take home ideas. The two gardens on Deaks Lane each bring different designs and feel but are

united in attracting pollinators and wildlife. 3 Lavender Cottages is a bee haven with an attractive colourful cottage garden to the front and pretty courtyard to the rear. The planting is particularly well chosen. Two doors down, Thickets has raised beds and an abundance of roses and hydrangeas supplying plenty of bee and butterfly stops. There are seating areas from which to enjoy different aspects of the garden. Some mature trees give a woodland feel. Just 2 mins away is 8 Crouch Fields which offers stylish structure, a rill and beautiful repeat planting. A new garden with a crisp and modern feel to it.

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☞ DENMANS GARDEN B3

Denmans Lane, Fontwell, BN18 0SU. Gwendolyn van Paasschen. 5m from Chichester & Arundel. Off A27, 1/2m W of Fontwell r/about. **For NGS: Sun 17 Mar, Sun 28 Apr, Sun 27 Oct (11-4). Adm £9, chd £7. Pre-booking essential, please phone 01243 278950, email office@denmans.org or visit www.denmans.org for information & booking. Light refreshments.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website. Created by Joyce Robinson, a brilliant pioneer in gravel gardening and former home of influential landscape designer, John Brookes MBE. Denmans is a Grade II registered post-war garden renowned for its curvilinear layout and complex plantings. Enjoy year-round colour, unusual plants, structure and fragrance in the gravel gardens, faux riverbeds, intimate walled garden, ponds and conservatory. On site there is a plant centre with unusual plants for sale, a gift shop and Midpines Café offering breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and a selection of sweet treats.

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47 DENMANS LANE C2

Lindfield, Haywards Heath, RH16 2JN. Sue & Jim Stockwell, 01444 459363, jamesastockwell@aol.com, www.lindfield-gardens.co.uk/47denmans-lane. Approx 1½m NE of Haywards Heath town centre. From Haywards Heath Train Stn follow B2028 signed Lindfield & Ardingly for 1m. At T-lights turn L into Hickmans Ln, then after 100 metres take 1st R into Denmans Ln. **Sat 30 Mar, Mon 1, Sun 14 Apr, Mon 6, Sun 19 May (1-5). Adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas.** Plants in aid of St Peter & St James Hospice. **Visits also by arrangement Mar to Sept for groups of 5+. Home-made teas inc.** This beautiful and tranquil 1 acre garden was described by Sussex Life as a 'garden where plants star'. Created by the owners over the past 20 yrs, it is planted for interest throughout the yr. Spring bulbs are followed by azaleas, rhododendrons, roses and herbaceous perennials. The garden also has ponds, vegetable and fruit gardens. Extensive choice of perennial and annual bedding plants plus home-made jams for sale. Most of the garden accessible by wheelchair with some steep slopes.

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GROUP OPENING

NEW DITCHLING GARDEN TRAIL C3

Ditchling, nr Hassocks. Close to A23, 8m N of Brighton at the junction of the B2112 & B2116. No on road parking. Use new car park on B2116, West St, BN6 8TS. Ideally, follow signs through churchyard, Church Ln to High St & maps available at The Sandrock gardens. **Sat 6 July (11-5). Combined adm £8, chd free. Home-made teas at Meadow Cottage.**

NEW ASPIN

Farm Lane, BN6 8UN. Graeme & Lorna Hemsley.

NEW THE BARN

The Sandrock, BN6 8TA. Jane Traies.

NEW COUM COTTAGE

BN6 8TA. Valerie Winter.

NEW 4 THE DYMOCKS

BN6 8SU. Caroline Senior,
www.instagram.com/potandpen.

NEW MEADOW COTTAGE

24 Beacon Road, BN6 8UL. Yvonne Hennessy.

NEW SEPTEMBER COTTAGE

The Sandrock, BN6 8TA. Pamela Roy-Jones.

Set within the South Downs National Park, Ditchling is a thriving village dating back to the Anglo-Saxon period. Today it is still home to artists, writers and craftspeople, along with musicians and winemakers. The museum holds an internationally important collection of work by the artists and craftspeople who were resident over many yrs. The Horticultural Society was established in 1822 and is one of the oldest in the country. The love and passion for gardening is evident in the gardens opening. Set within the narrow roads of Ditchling there will be time to explore each garden to discover the different planting and design styles, from formal to country gardens plus the smaller gardens packed with colour and plants, and to talk to the owners. Each garden has its own feel, united by a love of bees, birds, butterflies and wildlife. Maybe even spot a hedgehog family. Public WC below the village hall.

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DOWN PLACE A3

South Harting, Petersfield, GU31 5PN. Mrs David Thistleton-Smith, 01730 825374, selina@downplace.co.uk. 1m SE of South Harting. B2141 to Chichester, turn L down unmarked lane below top of hill. **Sat 23, Sun 24 Mar, Sun 16, Mon 17 June (1.30-5.30). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas & cream teas.**

Visits also by arrangement for groups of 15+.

Set on the South Downs with panoramic views out to the undulating wooded countryside. The garden merges seamlessly into its surrounding landscape with rose and herbaceous borders that have been moulded into the sloping ground. There is a well-stocked vegetable garden and walks shaded by beech trees which surround the natural wildflower meadow where various native orchids flourish. The wildflower meadow is covered in natural wild daffodils in April, cowslips in May, and six varieties of wild orchids, plus various other wild flowers from the end of May through to early July. Seeds from the meadow are used to regenerate devastated areas in the South Downs National Park. Substantial top terrace and borders accessible to wheelchairs.

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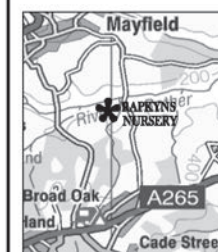
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40 DRIFTWOOD D3

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visitdriftwood@gmail.com, www.driftwoodbysea.co.uk.
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R into Bishopstone Rd, then immed L into Marine Dr, 2nd
on R. Only park same side as house please, not on bend
beyond the drive. Visits by arrangement June & July for
groups of up to 30. Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas
or discuss other catering options upon booking.

Monty Don introduced Driftwood on BBC Gardeners' World
in 2016 saying "a small garden by the sea, full of character
with inspired planting and design". Sunday Telegraph
said, "Geoff's enthusiasm is catching, he and his amazing
garden deserve every visitor that makes their way up his
enchanting garden path". Check out the 200 5-star reviews
on TripAdvisor, awarded three successive Certificates of
Excellence and three successive Travellers Choice Awards.
Selection of Geoff's home-made cakes, all served on vintage
china, on trays, in the garden. Filmed for BBC Gardeners'
World for the second time in Aug 2023 for broadcast in
2024. Four page feature in Garden News magazine (July
2023). Listed as recommended Coastal Garden to visit in
new book entitled 'Designing & Creating a Coastal Garden'
(Feb 2023). Sorry, no WC.

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41 DURFORD ABBEY BARN A2

Petersfield, GU31 5AU. Mr & Mrs Lund. 3m from
Petersfield. Situated on the S side of the A272 between
Petersfield & Rogate, 1m from the junction with B2072.
Sat 15, Sun 16 June (1-5.30). Adm £5, chd free.

Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of Motor Neurone
Disease Association. Plants in aid of Home-Start Butser.
A 1 acre plot with areas styled with cottage garden, prairie
and shady borders set in the South Downs National Park
with views of the Downs. Plants for sale and small art
exhibition. Partial wheelchair access due to quite steep grass
slopes.

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42 DURRANCE MANOR B2

Smithers Hill Lane, Shipley, RH13 8PE. Gordon Lindsay,
01403 741577, galindsay@gmail.com. 7m SW of
Horsham. A24 to A272 (S from Horsham, N from Worthing),
turn W towards Billingshurst. Approx 1 3/4 m, 2nd L Smithers
Hill Ln signed to Countryman Pub. Garden 2nd on L. **Mon
26 Aug (12-6). Adm £8, chd free. Home-made teas.**
Refreshments in aid of St Mary's Church, Shipley. Plants
in aid of St Catherine's Hospice & William Templeton
Foundation for Young Peoples Mental Health. Visits also
by arrangement 1 May to 22 Sept for groups of 10 to
30. Home-made teas inc.

This 2 acre garden surrounding a medieval hall house (not
open) with Horsham stone roof, enjoys uninterrupted views
over a ha-ha of the South Downs and Chanctonbury Ring.
There are many different gardens here, Japanese inspired
gardens, a large pond, wildflower meadow and orchard,
colourful long borders and vegetable garden. There is also a
Monet style bridge over a pond with water lilies.

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GROUP OPENING**43 EAST GRINSTEAD GARDENS D2**

East Grinstead. 7m E of Crawley on A264 & 14m N of
Uckfield on A22. For Allotments park at Imberhome Lane
Car Park, disabled parking on site. For 5 Nightingale Cl
& 7 Nightingale Cl park on Hurst Farm Rd. Roadside
parking at 35 Blount Ave. **Sun 30 June, Sun 1 Sept (1-5).**
**Combined adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas at 5
Nightingale Close.**

35 BLOUNT AVENUE

RH19 1JJ. Nicki Conlon.
Open on all dates

IMBERHORNE ALLOTMENTS

RH19 1QX. Imberhorne Allotment Association,
www.imberhorneallotments.org.
Open on Sun 30 June

5 NIGHTINGALE CLOSE

RH19 4DG. Carole & Terry Heather.
Open on all dates

7 NIGHTINGALE CLOSE

RH19 4DG. Gail & Andy Peel.
Open on all dates

5 Nightingale Close occupies a corner plot. Beautifully
landscaped on two levels with wonderful and colourful
planting around a naturalistic Koi pond, productive fruit and
vegetable area, rose and herbaceous beds, and topiary
trees. 7 Nightingale Avenue, contains a fabulous display
of roses and gorgeous romantic planting leading down to
a stream. The garden also inc a potager and collection of
bonsai. 35 Blount Avenue, where contemporary design
meets colourful and exuberant planting in this south facing
town garden. Colour themed large borders, tropical planting
and areas of colour are on show. Dahlias, roses and a variety
of interesting perennials feature in the front garden packed
with colour. Imberhorne Allotments consist of 80 plots
with a diverse range of planting inc grapevines, assorted
vegetables, fruit, flowers and a community orchard, well
worth a visit with produce on sale. Plant sales at 35 Blount
Avenue and 7 Nightingale Close. The Town Council hanging
baskets and planting in the High Street are not to be missed
and have achieved a Gold Medal from South and South East
in Bloom. For steam train fans, the Bluebell Railway starts
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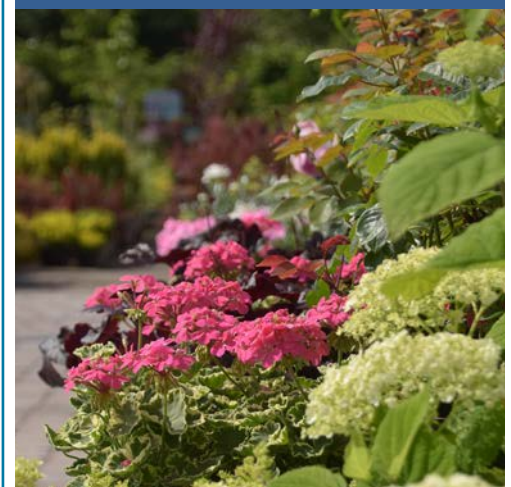
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GROUP OPENING

44 EASTBOURNE CENTRAL GARDEN TRAIL E3

Eastbourne. Four gardens in Eastbourne town centre, within walking distance of each other, or No. 3 bus. Tickets & trail maps available at each garden. Limited roadside parking, some metered. **Sun 2 June (1-5). Combined adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas.**

51 CARLISLE ROAD

BN21 4JR. E & N Fraser-Gausden, the3growbags.com.

NEW CHELMSFORD LODGE

12 Granville Road, BN20 7HE. Jane Stevens.

DITTONS END

Southfields Road, BN21 1BZ. Mrs Frances Hodgkinson.

HARDWYCKE

Southfields Road, BN21 1BZ. Lois Machin.

A garden that last opened for NGS in 2005, Chelmsford Lodge, returns to join three other gardens that have regularly opened, to create a central Eastbourne walking trail. 51 Carlisle Road is a secluded, award-winning garden with glorious early summer colour from an abundance of old roses, perennials mixed beds and diverse planting. Dittons End is a lovely well maintained town garden. The 35ft x 20ft back is a pretty garden with a small lawn area and a patio surrounded by a selection of pots and packed borders with lots of colour, while the front is 25ft x 18ft with a compact lawn with colourful borders. Hardwycke is just two houses away with many usual and unusual plants and many shrubs. Chelmsford Lodge's ¾ acre garden has a large lawn with herbaceous borders, a wild garden and a secret garden, a pond, greenhouse, rockery, orchard and many rare trees.



45 54 ELMLEIGH A2

Midhurst, GU29 9HA. Wendy Liddle, 07796 562275, wendyliddle@btconnect.com. ¼m W of Midhurst off A272. Parking off road on marked grass area. Reserved disabled parking at top of drive, please phone on arrival for assistance. **Sat 25, Sun 26, Mon 27 May (11-5). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made cakes, cream teas & home-made elderflower cordial. Visits also by arrangement 30 Apr to 30 Sept for groups of 10 to 20.**

½ acre property with terraced front garden, leading to a heavily planted rear garden with majestic 120 yr old black pines. Shrubs, perennials, and packed with interest around every corner providing all season colours. Many raised beds, numerous sculptures, vegetables in boxes, a greenhouse, pond and a large collection of tree lilies, growing 6-8ft. Child friendly. Come and enjoy the peace and tranquillity in this award-winning garden, enjoy our little bit of heaven. Not suitable for large electric buggies.



46 FAIRLIGHT END F3

Pett Road, Pett, Hastings, TN35 4HB. Chris & Robin Hutt, 07774 863750, chrishutt@fairlightend.co.uk, www.fairlightend.co.uk. 4m E of Hastings. From Hastings take A259 to Rye. At White Hart Beefeater turn R into Friars Hill. Descend into Pett village. **Visits by arrangement 15 May to 15 Sept for groups of 10+. Home-made teas. Donation to Pett Village Hall.** Gardens Illustrated said 'The

18th century house is at the highest point in the garden with views down the slope over abundant borders and velvety lawns that are punctuated by clusters of specimen trees and shrubs. Beyond and below are the wildflower meadows and the ponds with a backdrop of the gloriously unspoilt Wealden landscape'. Wheelchair access with steep paths, gravelled areas and unfenced ponds.



47 FAIRLIGHT HALL F3

Martineau Lane, Hastings, TN35 5DR. Mr & Mrs David Kowitz, www.fairlighthall.co.uk. 2m E of Hastings.

A259 from Hastings towards Dover & Rye, 2m turn R into Martineau Ln. **Thur 19 Sept (10-4). Adm £10, chd free. Home-made teas. Pre-booking preferred.**

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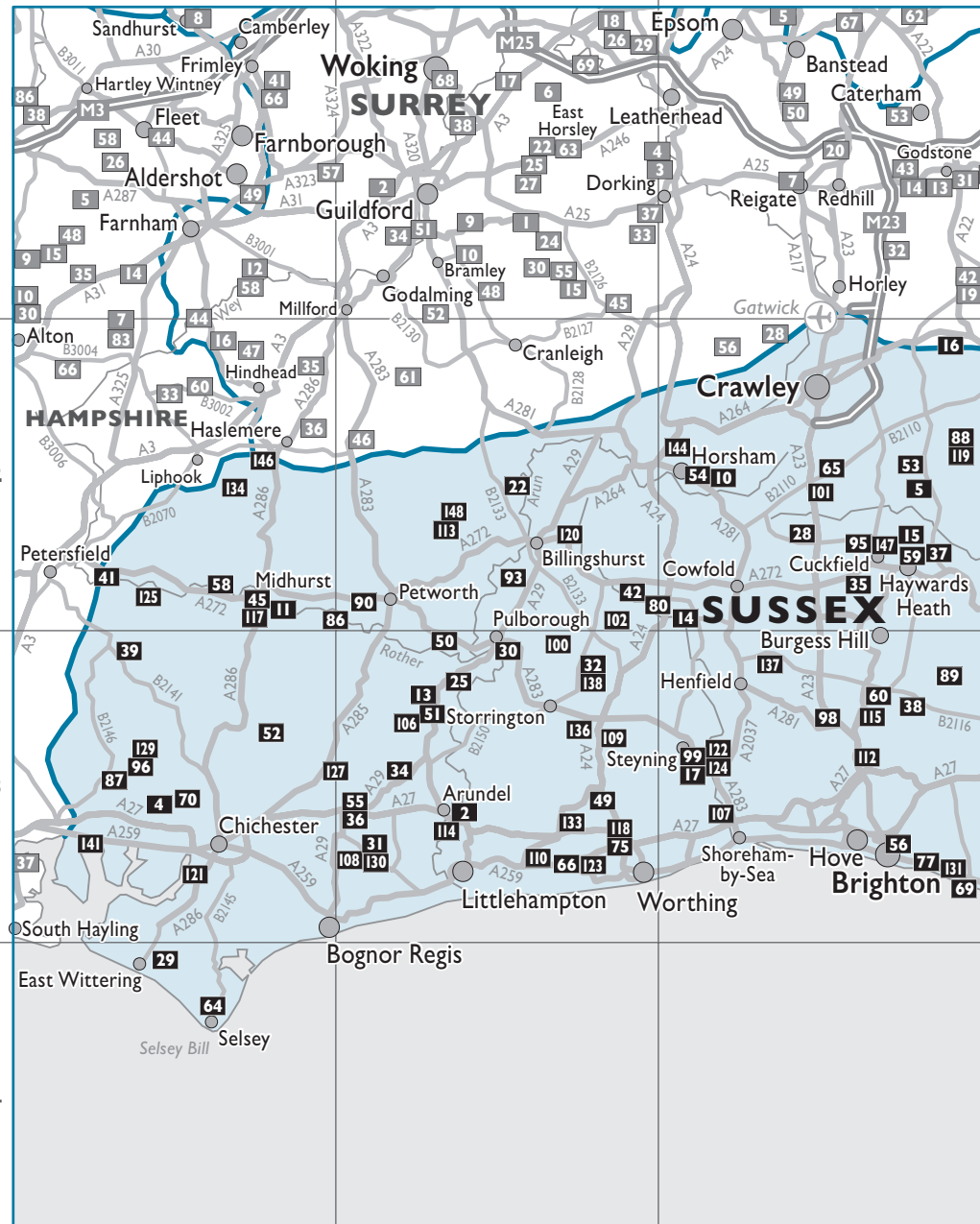
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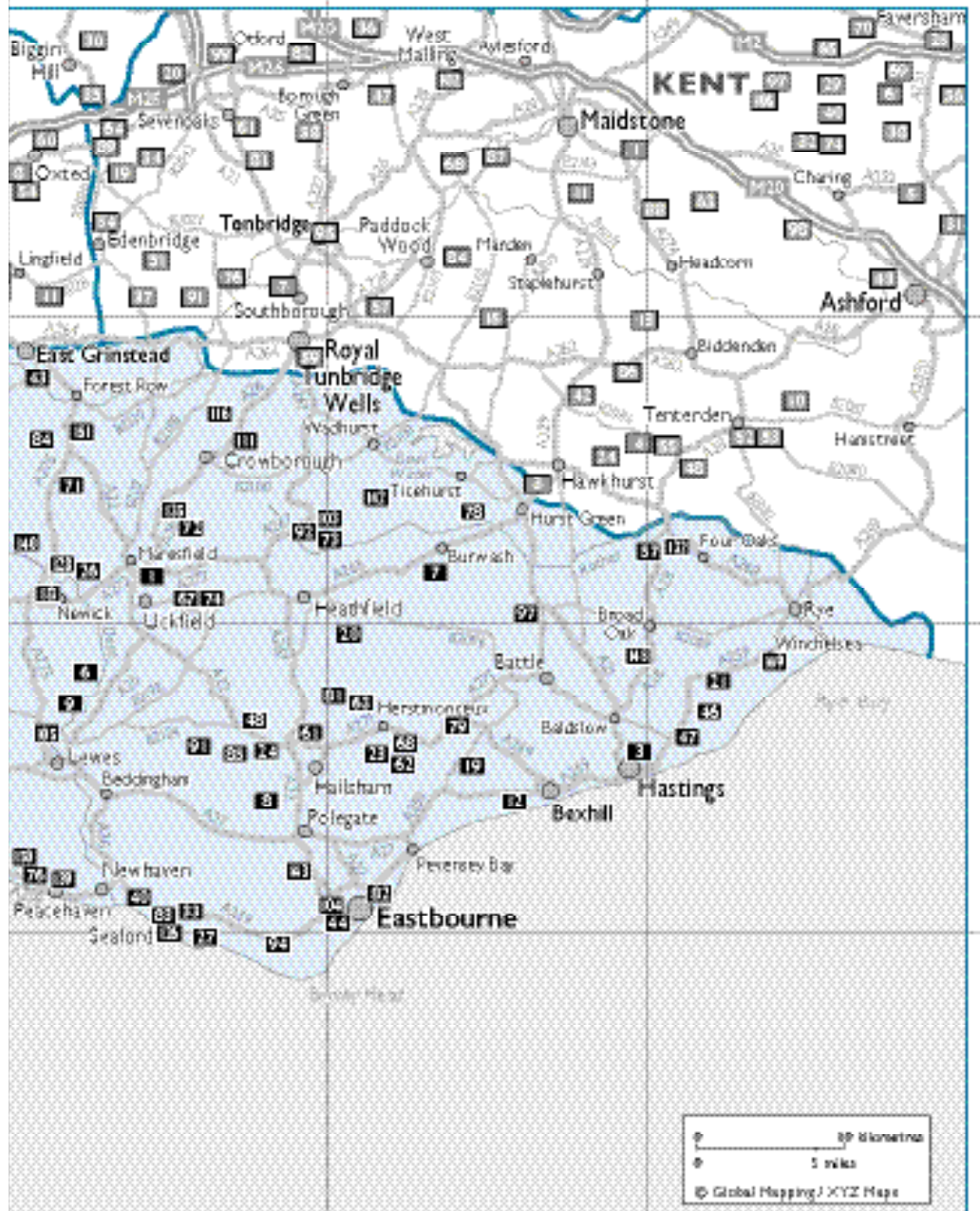
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Farleys Sculpture Garden

48 NEW ♦ **FARLEYS SCULPTURE GARDEN D3**
Muddles Green, Chiddingfold, nr Lewes, BN8 6HW.
Farleys House & Gallery Ltd, 01825 872856, www.farleyshouseandgallery.co.uk/sculpture-garden. 9m from Lewes, off A22. Turn L off A22 towards Eastbourne at BP garage at Golden Cross. After 1m turn R at T-junction. Farleys is on R. Free car park. **For NGS: Sat 8 June (10-4.30). Adm £6. Light refreshments.** For other opening times and information, please phone or visit garden website. Designed as different themed rooms for sculpture, Farleys garden presents our permanent collection of works chosen by photographer Lee Miller and surrealist artist Roland Penrose alongside works by contemporary guest sculptors. Over the yrs, giants, goddesses, mythical African creatures and Roland's own work has populated the garden in the company of work by their artist friends. Farleys is taking part in the NGS for the first time as part of its special 75 yrs celebrations. Also access to Farleys Gallery with two different exhibitions to enjoy. Locally baked cake, light salads and refreshments will be available in Farleys Gallery Café. 🐕 🍷 ☕ 🍷 🍷

49 FINDON PLACE B3
Findon, Worthing, BN14 0RF. Miss Caroline Hill, 01903 877085, hello@findonplace.com, www.findonplace.com. Directly off A24 N of Worthing. Follow signs to Findon Parish Church & park through the 1st driveway on LHS. **Sun 21 July (2-6). Adm £7, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Cream teas.** Visits also by arrangement May to Sept for groups of 15 to 30. Stunning grounds and gardens surrounding a Grade II listed Georgian country house (not open), nestled at the foot of the South Downs. The most glorious setting for a tapestry of perennial borders set off by Sussex flint walls. The many charms inc a yew alley, cloud pruned trees, espaliered fruit trees, a productive ornamental kitchen garden, rose arbours and arches, and a cutting garden. 🐕 🍷 ☕ 🍷 🍷

50 FITTLEWORTH HOUSE B3
Bedham Lane, Fittleworth, Pulborough, RH20 1JH. Edward & Isabel Braham, 01798 865074, marksaunders66.com@gmail.com, www.racingandgreen.com. 2m E, SE of Petworth. Midway between Petworth & Pulborough on the A283 in Fittleworth, turn into lane signed Bedham just off sharp bend. Garden is 50yds along on the L. Plenty of car parking space. **Every Wed 24 Apr to 15 May, Wed 12 June to 19 June, Wed 10 July to 24 July, Wed 7 Aug (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of Cruse Bereavement Support. Visits also by arrangement 22 Apr to 23 Aug for groups of 8 to 40.

3 acre tranquil, romantic, country garden with walled kitchen garden growing a wide range of fruit, vegetables and flowers inc a large collection of dahlias. Large glasshouse and old potting shed, mixed flower borders, roses, rhododendrons and lawns. Magnificent 115ft tall cedar overlooks wisteria covered Grade II listed Georgian house (not open). Wild garden, long grass areas and stream. Featured in The English Garden magazine (Dec 2023). The garden sits on a gentle slope, but is accessible for wheelchairs and buggies. 🐕 🍷 ☕ 🍷 🍷

51 FIVE OAKS COTTAGE B3
Petworth, RH20 1HD. Jean & Steve Jackman. 5m S of Pulborough. SatNav does not work! To ensure best route, we provide printed directions, please email jeanjackman@hotmail.com or call 07939 272443. **Fri 14, Sat 15, Sun 16 June (10-5). Adm £5. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Home-made teas (cash only).**

An acre of delicate jungle surrounding an Arts and Crafts style cottage (not open) with stunning views of the South Downs. Our unconventional garden is designed to encourage maximum wildlife with a knapweed and hogweed meadow on clay attracting clouds of butterflies, plus two small ponds and lots of seating. An award-winning, organic garden with a magical atmosphere. ☕

52 THE FOLLY A3
Charlton, Chichester, PO18 0HU. Joan Burnett, 01243 811307, joankeirburnett@gmail.com, www.thefollycharlton.com. 7m N of Chichester & S of Midhurst off A286 at Singleton, follow signs to Charlton. Follow NGS parking signs. No parking in lane, drop off only. Parking nr the Fox Goes Free pub. **Sun 23 June, Sun 21 July, Sun 25 Aug (2-4.30). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.** Visits also by arrangement 25 June to 29 Aug. Colourful cottage garden surrounding a C16 period house (not open), set in pretty downland village of Charlton, close to Levin Down Nature Reserve. Herbaceous borders well-stocked with a wide range of plants. Variety of perennials, grasses, annuals and shrubs to provide long season of colour and interest. Old well. Busy bees. Art studio open to visitors. Partial wheelchair access with steps from patio to lawn. Visitors with mobility issues can be dropped off at the gate. No dogs. 🐕 🍷 ☕ 🍷 🍷

53 FOREST RIDGE C2
Paddockhurst Lane, Balcombe, RH17 6QZ. Philip & Rosie Wiltshire, 07900 621838, rosiem.wiltshire@btinternet.com. 3m from M23, J10a. M23 J10a take B2036 to Balcombe. After 2/3m take 1st L onto B2110. After Worth School turn R into Back Ln. After 2m it becomes Paddockhurst Ln. Forest Ridge on R after 2/4m. Ignore SatNav to track! **Sat 18, Sun 19 May (2-5.30). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas (cash only).** Refreshments in aid of IMPACT.

A charming 4 1/2 acre Victorian garden with far-reaching views, boasting the oldest Atlantic cedar in Sussex. The owners themselves are undertaking a major garden restoration: felling, planting and redesigning areas. Within the garden there is formal and informal planting, woodland dell and mini arboretum. Azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias abound, rare and unusual species. A garden to watch over the coming yrs as the new plantings develop and the newly designed areas grow and flourish. A garden to explore! Please Note: There are several deep-water ponds. 🐕 🍷 ☕ 🍷 🍷

54 FOXGLOVE COTTAGE C2
29 Orchard Road, Horsham, RH13 5NF. Peter & Terri Lefevre, www.facebook.com/FoxgloveCottage1. East Horsham. At Horsham Stn, over bridge, at r'about 3rd exit (Crawley), 1st R Stirling Way, at end turn L, 1st R Orchard Rd. From A281, take Clarence Rd, at end turn R, at end turn L Orchard Rd. Street parking. **Sun 26 May, Wed 3, Sun 7 July (1-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas inc vegan, gluten & dairy free cake.**

A 1/4 acre plantaholic's garden, full of containers, vintage finds and quirky elements. Paths intersect both sunny and shady borders bursting with colourful planting and salvias in abundance! A beach hut summerhouse and deck are flanked by a water feature in a pebble circle. Two additional small ponds encourage wildlife. A surprise at every turn. The end of the garden is dedicated to a plant nursery. A recently added gravel garden for drought tolerant plants with a large, rusty metal arbour, called the Dome! Members of the Hardy Plant Society. A large selection of unusual plants for sale. In 2023 our garden was featured on Gardeners' World, episode 3, and in the July issue of All About Horsham (AAH). 🐕 🍷 ☕ 🍷 🍷

55 FOXWOOD BARN B3
Little Heath Road, Fontwell, Arundel, BN18 0SR. Stephen & Teresa Roccia, 07867 383753, Teresa.m.roccia@gmail.com. At the junction of Little Heath Rd & Dukes Rd, follow NGS signs. Separate drop off area for wheelchair access. **Sat 1, Sun 2 June (2-5). Adm £6, chd free.** Visits also by arrangement June to Aug for groups of 10 to 30. Afternoon or evening visits. From a green field site 5 yrs ago, this almost 2 acre garden has been developed into different areas inc a wildlife pond, rose and gravel garden, patio areas and a dry riverbed. There are herbaceous borders, wildflower areas and a small orchard and kitchen garden. A separate picnic area adjacent to a paddock with donkeys and ponies. 🐕 🍷 ☕ 🍷 🍷



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56 THE GARDEN HOUSE C3

5 Warleigh Road, Brighton, BN1 4NT. Bridgette Saunders & Graham Lee, 07729 037182, contact@gardenhousebrighton.co.uk, www.gardenhousebrighton.co.uk. 1½m N of Brighton pier, Garden House is 1st L after Xrds, past the open market. Paid street parking. London Road Stn nearby. Buses 26 & 46 stopping at Bromley Rd. **Fri 19, Sun 21 Apr (1-5).** **Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** Visits also by arrangement 15 Mar to 26 Oct for groups of 10 to 30. Tour & Q&A inc.

One of Brighton's secret gardens. We aim to provide year-round interest with trees, shrubs, herbaceous borders and annuals, fruit and vegetables, two glasshouses, a pond and rockery. A friendly garden, always changing with a touch of magic to delight visitors, above all it is a slice of the country in the midst of a bustling city. Plants for sale.

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THE GARTH PLEASURE GROUNDS

The Garth, Newchapel Road, Lingfield, RH7 6BJ. See *Surrey County Booklet* or visit ngs.org.uk

57 ♦ GREAT DIXTER HOUSE, GARDENS & NURSERIES E2/F2

Northiam, TN31 6PH. Great Dixter Charitable Trust, 01797 253107, ticketoffice@greatdixter.co.uk, www.greatdixter.co.uk. 8m N of Rye. Off A28 in Northiam, follow brown signs. For opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

Designed by Edwin Lutyens and Nathaniel Lloyd. Christopher Lloyd made the garden one of the most experimental and constantly changing gardens of our time, a tradition now being carried on by Fergus Garrett. Clipped topiary, wildflower meadows, the famous long border, pot displays, exotic garden and more. Spring bulb displays are of particular note. Please see garden website for accessibility information.

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GREAT MAYTHAM HALL

Maytham Road, Rolvenden, Tenterden, TN17 4NE. See *Kent County Booklet* or visit ngs.org.uk

58 HAMMERWOOD HOUSE A2

Iping, Midhurst, GU29 0PF. Mr & Mrs M Lakin. 3m W of Midhurst. Take A272 from Midhurst, approx 2m outside Midhurst turn R for Iping. Over bridge, uphill to grassy junction, turn R. From A3 leave for Liphook, follow B2070, turn L for Milland & Iping. **Sun 12 May (1-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.**

Large south facing garden with lots of mature shrubs inc camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas. An arboretum with a variety of flowering and fruit trees. The old yew and beech hedges give a certain amount of formality to this traditional English garden. Tea on the terrace is a must with the most beautiful view of the South Downs. For the more energetic there is a woodland walk. Partial wheelchair access as garden is set on a slope.

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Hammerwood House

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GROUP OPENING**59 HARLANDS GARDENS C2**

Turners Mill Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 1NW. Gardens within 5 min easy walk from train station & bus stop. Roadside parking is readily available. Park once to visit all gardens. **Sat 8, Sun 9 June (12-4.30).** **Combined adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas & light refreshments.**

27 TURNERS MILL ROAD
Sam & Derek Swanson.

57 TURNERS MILL ROAD
Linda & Steve Mitchell.

NEW 62 TURNERS MILL ROAD
Philip Rankin & Matthew Kindinger,
www.instagram.com/p.a.rankin.

Come and be inspired by our trio of small town gardens and meet our latest newcomer. There will be lots of information on hand and ideas from all the owners who have been busy creating their gardens. They are a mix of different shapes and aspects with a focus on cottage style planting, pretty courtyards, gravel gardens, habitats for wildlife, container gardening, exotic planting schemes and prairie styles. Our popular plant sale will give visitors the opportunity to take home some of what they have seen in the gardens. Please check our Facebook page 'Harlands Gardens' for updated information. There will be a selection of refreshments available inc tea and home-made cake at No. 27 and light refreshments at No. 57.

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GROUP OPENING**60 HASSOCKS GARDEN TRAIL C3**

Hassocks. Close to A23, 6m N of Brighton, off A273. Between Stonepound Xrds & Keymer, N & S of B2116. Park in free car parks in Hassocks or on road, avoid Parklands Rd. Hassocks Stn nearby. Tickets & map available at each garden & allotments. **Sun 23 June (1-5). Combined adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments at St Edward's Church.** Refreshments in aid of Woodlands Meed College for students with special needs.

5 EWART CLOSE

BN6 8FJ. Jeannie & Alex Sheppard.

LODGE HOUSE

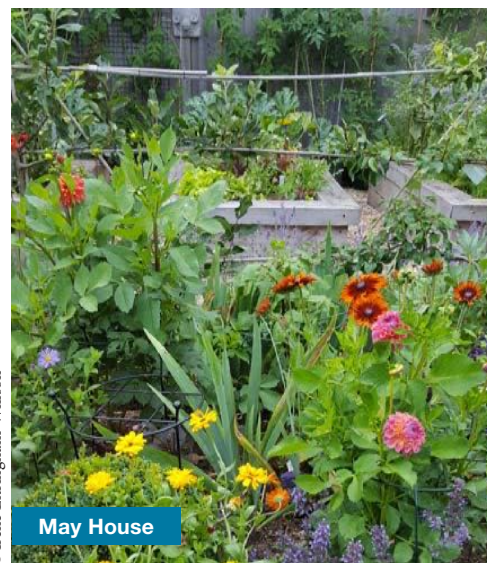
Lodge Lane, BN6 8NA. Jo & Glen Welfare.

PARKLANDS ROAD ALLOTMENTS

Parklands Road, BN6 8LF. Tony Copeland & Jeannie Brooker.

Two contrasting gardens to suit many interests plus the allotments, along with a small strip of ancient woodland, make up this walkable trail. There is a young modern garden around a new build (not open) and a large wildlife/cottage garden close by, with the allotments a short walk away. The wildlife/cottage garden is wonderful but as can be expected, it is not manicured. There are some trip hazards, uneven steps, low branches and slippery areas, but as you explore this rich habitat the progress made by the owners in just 5 yrs is evident. The 59 allotments are not to be missed, a range of classic vegetables inc some exotic ones are grown. The allotmenters will show you their plots and answer questions. There are spectacular views across to the Downs to Jack and Jill Windmills. Light refreshments at St Edward's Church, Lodge Lane, BN6 8NT. Public WC at Adastra Park, BN6 8QH and composting WC at allotments. Dogs permitted at allotments only.

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May House

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GROUP OPENING**61 HELLINGLY PARISH TRAIL D3**

Hellingly, Hailsham. From A267 turn into B2104 & immed L into village, follow signs to gardens. All gardens except Brook Cottage within walking distance. Parking opp church green, in field by Brook Cottage & by Cuckoo Trail. Tickets & maps available on green nr church & at May House. **Sun 16 June (11-5). Combined adm £7, chd free. Lunch & home-made teas at Brook Cottage.** Refreshments in aid of St Peter & St Paul Parish Church.

BROADVIEW

Church Road, BN27 4EX. Gill Riches.

BROOK COTTAGE

Mill Lane, BN27 4HD. Dr Colin Tourle MBE & Mrs Jane Tourle.

NEW FLINT COTTAGE

Church Lane, BN27 4HA. Emma & Robbie Toothill.

NEW GLOBE COTTAGE

Mill Lane, BN27 4EY. Veronica Lee.

NEW GLOBE PLACE

Mill Lane, BN27 4EY. Emma & Simon Freedman.

MAY HOUSE

7 The Martlets, BN27 4FA. Lynda & David Stewart.

NEW POND COTTAGE

Mill Lane, BN27 4EY. Gill Nichols.

PRIORS GRANGE

7 Church Path, BN27 4EZ. Sylvia Stephens.

Eight gardens in a delightful Sussex village, inc a pretty walled cottage garden with summerhouse and sunny terrace, a garden entered via a bridge over a large pond perfect for wildlife with countryside views and a courtyard, a family garden full of perennials, herbaceous plants, organic vegetables and flowers, a newly remodelled garden bursting with lavender, roses, alliums in a former Victorian school overlooking C12 Church of St Peter and St Paul, another two gardens in the heart of the village, one with a rose-filled front garden leading to a densely planted mature back garden (hosting plant sale) next door to an extensive garden still in development with beautiful trees and roses. On the outskirts an inspiring new-build garden has areas for sun, shade, vegetables, fruit trees, amid sounds of trickling water, and on the other side of the village, a unique garden (serving lunches and teas) incorporates the River Cuckmere, a sluice gate and a lush mix of perennials and mature trees. Plant sale at Priors Grange. Wheelchair access to some gardens. Dogs on short leads.

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The Elms

GROUP OPENING

63 HERSTMONCEUX PARISH TRAIL E3

Herstmonceux. Follow yellow NGS signs. Tickets & map available at each garden. Ticket covers all gardens. **Sun 23 June (12-5). Combined adm £7, chd free. Light refreshments at Hill House (2-5). Teas (12-5) & BBQ lunch (12-2) at The Windmill.** Refreshments in aid of The Windmill Hill Trust & NGS at Hill House only.

THE ALLOTMENTS, STUNTS GREEN

BN27 4PP. Nicola Beart, Herstmonceux Allotments Association.

COWBEECH HOUSE

BN27 4JF. Anthony Hepburn.

NEW THE ELMS

Stunts Green, BN27 4PR. Sarah Covey.

HILL HOUSE

Windmill Hill, BN27 4RU. Maureen Madden & Terry Harland.

(See separate entry)

KERPSES

Trolliloes Lane, Cowbeech, BN27 4JG. Lynn & Peter Maguire.

MERRIE HARRIERS BARN

Cowbeech, BN27 4JQ. Lee Henderson.

THE WINDMILL

BN27 4RT. Windmill Hill Windmill Trust, www.windmillhillwindmill.org.

Seven gardens inc a historic windmill and allotments. In Cowbeech there are three gardens: Cowbeech House, a place to linger with an exciting range of water features and sculpture in the garden dating back to 1731. Vintage car collection on site to view. Merrie Harriers Barn is a garden with sweeping lawn and open countryside, colourful herbaceous planting and a large pond with places to sit and enjoy the view. Kerpses is a delightful mixture of mature trees, shrubs, herbaceous borders, vegetable garden, ponds and a meadow. In Stunts Green, The Allotments comprise 54 allotments growing a huge variety of traditional and unusual crops. Nearby is The Elms, a working florist's cutting garden. In Herstmonceux, Hill House has abundant roses, trees, shrubs and varied perennials, a greenhouse, and a wildlife pond with water lilies. Plenty of seating areas to sit and reflect and have tea. The historic Windmill is well worth a visit and where you can enjoy a BBQ lunch or tea.



HEVER CASTLE & GARDENS

Edenbridge, TN8 7NG.

See Kent County Booklet or visit ngs.org.uk

64 THE HIDDEN GARDEN A4

School Lane (behind Selsey Library), Selsey, Chichester, PO20 9EH. Paul Sadler. 5m S of Chichester. Park behind Selsey Library or in front of the Academy School on School Ln. You will see The Bridge Support Centre, enter through the gate & The Hidden Garden is behind the centre. **Sun 30 June (10-4). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.**

The Hidden Garden is a community gardening project encouraging local people to become involved with growing fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers as well as providing spaces for wildlife to thrive. The garden is open to people of all ages and abilities, organised by the Selsey Community Forum but looked after by a dedicated group of local volunteers.



65 HIGH BEECHES WOODLAND AND WATER GARDEN C2

High Beeches Lane, Handcross, Haywards Heath, RH17 6HQ. High Beeches Gardens Conservation Trust, 01444 400589, gardens@highbeeches.com, www.highbeeches.com. 5m NW of Cuckfield. On B2110, 1m E of A23 at Handcross. **For NGS: Sun 2 June, Sun 29 Sept (1-5). Adm £10, chd £4. Light refreshments.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

25 acres of enchanting, landscaped woodland and water gardens with spring daffodils, bluebells and azalea walks, many rare and beautiful plants, an ancient wildflower meadow and glorious autumn colours. Picnic area. National Collection of Stewartias.



66 HIGHDOWN GARDENS B3

33 Highdown Rise, Littlehampton Road, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, BN12 6FB. Worthing Borough Council, 01273 263060, highdowngardens.co.uk. What3words app - quiet.stages.camera. Off the A259 Littlehampton Rd heading E towards Worthing. Turn L up Highdown Rise. Nearest train station: Goring-by-Sea. **For NGS: Thur 15 Feb (10-4.30); Thur 2 May (10-8). Adm by donation.**

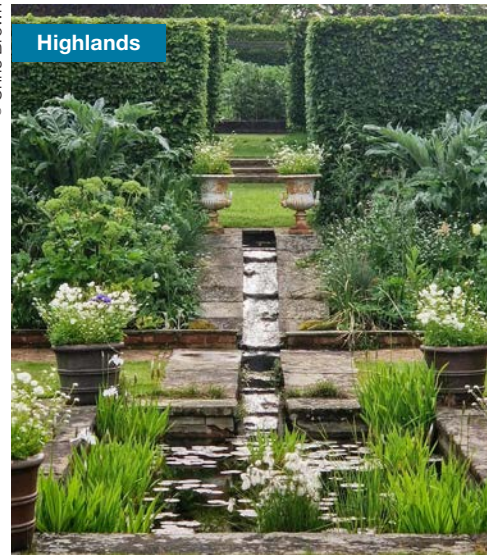
For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

Highdown Gardens were created by Sir Frederick Stern. They are home to rare plants and trees, many grown from seed collected by Wilson, Farrer and Kingdon-Ward. A fully equipped glasshouse enables the propagation of this National Plant Collection. A visitor centre shares stories of the plants and people behind the gardens. A new accessible path leads to a sensory garden with a secret sea view. Highdown is also offering Snowdrop Identification tours on the 15th February (not for NGS), for more information and booking please see garden website. Accessible top pathway and lift to visitor centre, see garden website accessibility page for full details.



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Highlands



67 NEW HIGHLANDS D2

Etchingwood Lane, Framfield, Uckfield, TN22 5SA. Chris Brown, Head Gardener, www.instagram.com/thesussexplanthunter. 1/2 m E of Uckfield. Leave Uckfield on B2102 (Framfield Rd). Bear L onto Sandy Ln. Turn L at Xrds with Etchingwood Ln. Entrance via field gate in 100 metres on R. Do not use postcode for SatNav, use Highlands. **Sat 15 June (10-4.30). Adm £9, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Home-made teas.**

Refreshments in aid of Friends of Sussex Hospices. An 8 acre garden set around a house with C15 origins, amid pasture and woodland. Intensively gardened beds near the house inc hot and pink beds and a white garden, are kept vibrant through waves of annuals planted through the perennials. These give way to meadow, orchard, ponds and woodland plantings. In recent yrs, featured in Country Life 'Crackling with good ideas', Gardens Illustrated 'Ebulliently planted' and Head Gardener, Chris Brown has been interviewed in the garden for BBC Gardeners' World.



68 HILL HOUSE E3

Windmill Hill, Herstmonceux, BN27 4RU. Maureen Madden & Terry Harland. 4m NE of Hailsham. Opp Windmill Hill PO. Parking for about 6 cars otherwise parking in adjacent streets. **Sat 29, Sun 30 June (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments. Opening with Herstmonceux Parish Trail on Sun 23 June.**

6 yrs ago the garden was just lawn and a pond which had been filled in. The pond now is a wildlife pond with water lilies, and the garden has three sections divided by a pergola and two arches with climbing roses and honeysuckle. Trees, shrubs and as many perennials as can fit in the flower beds have been planted, and roses abound in the rose bed. A garden very easy to walk around with plenty of seating areas to sit and reflect. Wheelchair access through side gate. No steps in main garden, but steps (not steep) at end of garden to greenhouse and vegetable patch.



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The Jungle Garden

69 HILLSIDE C3

The Green, Rottingdean, Brighton, BN2 7HA. Nicky & Dave Boys. 5m E of Brighton on A259. Turn onto High St which becomes The Green. Last house on L before RH-bend, opp Kipling Gardens. Seafront, short & long stay car parks, 5 mins. Frequent buses from Brighton, Eastbourne, Woodingdean. **Fri 7, Sun 9 June (1-5). Adm £6, chd free.** Historic Grade II* listed, flint walled garden with C18 barn and gazebo. Large chalk downland garden with naturalistic planting and mown pathways. Relaxed not manicured. Roses, shady trees, birds and bees that will be very active in June, give a secret garden feel. Herbaceous, woodland and poolside planting, willow walk and cottage garden. Behind the barn, ancient trees and beehives fringe a wild meadow with views to the windmill. Hillside honey for sale. Art for sale in barn by local artist in residence, Amanda Davidson. ☕ 🍷

70 4 HILLSIDE COTTAGES A3

Downs Road, West Stoke, Chichester, PO18 9BL. Heather & Chris Lock, 01243 574802, chlock@btinternet.com. 3m NW of Chichester. From A286 at Lavant, head W for 1½m, nr Kingley Vale. **Sun 9 June, Sun 21 July, Sun 18 Aug (11-4). Adm £5, chd free.** Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of local hospice. Visits also by arrangement 2 June to 18 Aug. In a rural setting this stunning garden is densely planted with mixed borders and shrubs. Large collection of roses, clematis, fuchsias and dahlias, a profusion of colour and scent in a well maintained garden. Please visit www.ngs.org.uk for pop-up openings in June, July and August. ☕

71 HOLLY HOUSE D2

Beaconsfield Road, Chelwood Gate, Haywards Heath, RH17 7LF. Mrs Deirdre Birchell, 01825 740484, db@hollyhousebnb.co.uk, www.hollyhousebnb.co.uk. 7m E of Haywards Heath. From Nutley village on A22 turn off at Hathi Restaurant signed Chelwood Gate 2m. Chelwood Gate Village Hall on R, Holly House is opp. **Sat 17, Sun 18 Aug (2-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of St Catherine's Hospice. Visits also by arrangement 10 May to 13 Sept.

An acre of English garden providing views and cameos of plants and trees round every corner with many different areas giving constant interest. A fish pond and a wildlife pond beside a grassy area with many shrubs and flower beds. Among the trees and winding paths there is a cottage garden which is a profusion of colour and peace. Exhibition of paintings and cards by owner. Garden accessible by wheelchair in good weather, but it is not easy.

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72 HOLLYMOUNT D2

Burnt Oak Road, High Hurstwood, Uckfield, TN22 4AE. Jonathan Hughes-Morgan, 07968 848418, jonnyhughesmorgan@gmail.com. Exactly halfway between Uckfield & Crowborough, just off the A26. From A26 S of Crowborough or A272 between Uckfield & Buxted, follow sign to High Hurstwood. From N approx 2m down Chillies Ln take 1st L, from S 1½m up Hurstwood Rd take 3rd R, ½m up on L. **Sun 26 May, Sun 23 June, Sun 21 July, Sun 25 Aug (12-5). Adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas.** Visits also by arrangement Apr to Sept for groups of 10+.

A new 7 acre garden on sloping hillside. Four large ponds, a stream, waterfalls, terraced beds, interesting planting, some tropical, large rhododendrons, wildlife; alpacas, pigs, chickens, ducks, fish. The garden has a great variety of trees, two greenhouses, shepherds hut, summerhouse, paths, kitchen garden, many decks and wildflower terracing to the rear. Very peaceful setting with great views.

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73 HOOPERS FARM D2/E2

Vale Road, Mayfield, TN20 6BD. Andrew & Sarah Ratcliffe. 10m S of Tunbridge Wells. Turn off A267 into Mayfield. Parking in the village & field parking at Hoopers Farm, TN20 6BD. **Sat 8, Sun 9 June (11-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** Opening with Mayfield Gardens on Sat 13, Sun 14 July. Refreshments in aid of Mayfield Pre-School.

Large south facing garden with colour themed mixed herbaceous planting. Mature trees, flowering shrubs, rose beds and rose arbour, rock garden, secret garden and vegetable plot. New planted area with lots of late season colour. Recent enhancement of lawn area into wildflower meadow. Lovely views. Plant sales by Rapkyns Nursery. Local musicians will entertain in the garden on some of the dates. Regional Finalist, The English Garden Magazine's The Nation's Favourite Gardens 2023. Wheelchair access to most of the garden.

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74 THE HUNDRED HOUSE D2

Pound Lane, Framfield, TN22 5RU. Dr & Mrs Michael Gurney. 4m E of Uckfield. From Uckfield take B2102 through Framfield. 1m from centre of village turn L into Pound Ln, then ¾m on R. Disabled parking close by the entrance gate to the garden. **Sat 20, Sun 21 July (2-5.30). Adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Delightful garden with panoramic views, set in the grounds of the historic The Hundred House (not open). Fine stone ha-ha. 1½ acre garden with mixed herbaceous borders, productive vegetable garden, greenhouse, ancient yew tree, pond area with some subtropical plants, secret woodland copse and orchard. Beech hedge, field walk and silver birch (Jacquemontii) grove. Homegrown plants, vegetables and fruit for sale.

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ICHI-COO PARK

Russ Hill Farm, Russ Hill, Charlwood, RH6 0EL. See Surrey County Booklet or visit ngs.org.uk

75 JUDY'S COTTAGE GARDEN B3

33 The Plantation, Worthing, BN13 2AE. Mrs Judy Gordon. Salvington. A24 meets A27 at Offington r/about, turn into Offington Ln, 1st R into The Plantation. **Fri 29 Mar, Fri 31 May, Fri 6 Sept (10.30-3.30). Adm £5, chd free.** Home-made teas.

A beautiful medium sized cottage garden with something of interest all year-round. The garden has several mature trees creating a feeling of seclusion. The informal beds contain a mixture of shrubs, perennials, cottage garden plants and spring bulbs. There are little hidden areas to enjoy, a small fish pond and other water features. There is also a pretty log cabin overlooking the garden.



76 THE JUNGLE GARDEN D3

144 Rodmell Avenue, Saltdean, Brighton, BN2 8PJ. Sue & Ray Warner. 6m E of Brighton. A259 between Rottingdean & Telscombe, turn into Saltdean (Longridge Ave) at T-lights. Rodmell Ave last turning on R, house ½m on R. Parking on the road outside the house or adjoining streets. **Thur 25, Sat 27 July (11-5). Combined adm with Tor Cottage £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Open nearby 33 Wivelsfield Road.** A fun jungle garden, created in 2012, but completely revamped in 2021. Measuring 65ft x 36ft but appearing larger with winding paths that lead you through lush jungle and insect friendly planting, listen out for jungle sounds and watch out for Tyson, the tiger! Tea and home-made cakes served overlooking the jungle. Exquisite planting of exotic plants.

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77 KEMP TOWN ENCLOSURES: SOUTH GARDEN C3

Lewes Crescent, Brighton, BN2 1FH. Jason Saul, Head Gardener, www.kte.org.uk. On S coast, 1m E of Brighton Palace Pier, ½m W of Brighton Marina. 2m from Brighton Stn. Bus No. 7, stop St Mary's Hall. M23/A23 to Brighton Palace Pier; L on A259. 5m S A27 on B2123, R on A259. **Wed 5 June (12-5). Adm £6, chd free.**

Pre-booked tickets preferred. Cash ideally on the day. Tours available. No refreshments, good coffee shops nearby. Not to be confused with the Secret Garden nearby, this unique historic Grade II listed Regency private town garden is in a spectacular seaside setting. Enduring strong salty winds and thin chalk soil. The garden balances naturalistic planting and a more ordered look, relaxed not manicured. With several distinctive areas, this wonderful 5 acre garden combines open lawns, meadows, winding paths, trees, herbaceous borders, and a shaded woodland garden. Designed by Henry Phillips, the garden was a central feature of the Regency development of the Kemp Town Estate. Queen Victoria and Edward VII walked in these gardens. Ramped gate entry. Gravel winding paths give access to most of the garden. Relatively steep slopes on main lawn and in the garden tunnel.

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78 ♦ KING JOHN'S LODGE E2

Sheepstreet Lane, Etchingham, TN19 7AZ. Harry Cunningham, 01580 819220, harry@kingjohnsnursery.co.uk, www.kingjohnsnursery.co.uk. 2m W of Hurst Green. Off A265 nr Etchingham. From Burwash turn L before Etchingham Church, from Hurst Green turn R after church, into Church Ln, which leads into Sheepstreet Ln after ½m, then L after 1m. **For NGS: Sat 23 Mar, Sat 25, Sun 26 May, Sat 29, Sun 30 June, Sat 14 Sept (10-5). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

4 acre romantic garden for all seasons. An ongoing family project since 1987 with new areas completed in 2020. From the eclectic shop, nursery and tearoom, stroll past wildlife pond through orchard with bulbs, meadow, rose walk and fruit according to the season. Historic house (not open) has broad lawn, fountain, herbaceous border, pond and ha-ha. Explore secret woodland with renovated pond and admire majestic trees and 4 acre meadows. Garden is mainly flat. Areas with steps can usually be accessed from other areas. Disabled WC.

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79 KITCHENHAM FARM E3

Kitchenham Road, Ashburnham, Battle, TN33 9NP.
Amanda & Monty Worssam. 5m S of Battle. S of
Ashburnham Place from A271 Herstmonceux to Bexhill
road, take L turn 500 metres after Boreham St. Kitchenham
Farm is 500 metres on L. **Wed 5, Sat 8 June, Tue 6, Sat
10 Aug (2-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.**

Refreshments in aid of Family Support Work.

1 acre country house garden set amongst traditional farm
buildings with stunning views over the Sussex countryside.
Series of borders around the house and Oast House (not
open). Lawns and mixed herbaceous borders inc roses and
delphiniums. A ha-ha separates the garden from the fields
and sheep. The garden adjoins a working farm. Wheelchair
access to the garden. One step to WC.

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80 ♦ KNEPP CASTLE B2/C2

The Apple Store, nr Knepp Castle, off Pound Lane,
West Grinstead, Horsham, RH13 8LJ. Sir Charles &
Lady Burrell, www.knepp.co.uk. 8m S of Horsham.

Entrance off Pound Ln following NGS signage. Parking on
field nr to garden (200 metre walk). **For NGS: Sat 1 June
(10-4). Adm £15, chd free. Pre-booking essential,
please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information &
booking. Tea.** For other opening times and information,
please visit garden website.

The Walled Garden at Knepp has been transformed into a
garden for biodiversity. With designers Tom Stuart-Smith and
James Hitchmough, we have applied some of the principles
we've learned from rewilding the wider landscape to this
small, confined space to create a mosaic of dynamic habitats
for wildlife. The croquet lawn is now a riot of humps and
hollows, hosting almost 1000 species of plants. Lunches
available at Knepp Wilding Kitchen, RH13 8NQ. Featured on
BBC Gardeners' World, and in Gardens Illustrated, Country
Life, BBC Gardeners' Corner, Financial Times, and House &
Garden magazines.

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81 KNIGHTSBRIDGE HOUSE D3/E3

Grove Hill, Hellingly, Hailsham, BN27 4HH. Andrew &
Karty Watson. 3m N of Hailsham, 2m S of Horam. From
A22 at Boship r about take A271, at 1st set of T-lights turn
L into Park Rd, new road layout here, so you need to take a
L turn approx 150 metres from the lights & drive for 2 2/3 m,
garden on R. **Wed 10, Sat 13 July, Wed 4, Sat 7 Sept
(2-5). Adm £7.50, chd free.** Refreshments in aid of Family
Support Work. Mature landscaped garden set in 5 acres of
tranquil countryside surrounding Georgian house (not open).

Several garden rooms, spectacular herbaceous borders planted
in contemporary style. Lots of late season colour with grasses
and some magnificent specimen trees; also partly walled
garden. No card machine at this garden (poor phone signal).
Wheelchair access to most of garden with gravel paths. Ask to
park by house if slope from car park is too steep.

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Our donation to the Army Benevolent
Fund supported 608 individuals with
front line services and horticultural
related grants in 2023.

GROUP OPENING**82 NEW LANGNEY & WILLINGDON GARDEN TRAIL E3**

Eastbourne. Oldfield Rd is in Willingdon off the A2270.
Turn W into Broad Rd then L into Oldfield Rd. Jellicoe Cl &
Hardy Dr are nr Eastbourne Sovereign Centre. Please note:
Not a walking trail. **Sun 14 July (1-5). Combined adm £5,
chd free. Home-made teas. Open nearby 50 Wannock
Lane. Sun 8 Sept (1-5). Combined adm £7, chd free.
Sorry, no refreshments on 8 Sept, local cafés nearby.**
Refreshments in aid of Family Support Work (14 July only).

16 HARDY DRIVE

BN23 6ED. Deb Cornford.
Open on all dates

36 JELlicoe CLOSE

BN23 6DD. Amanda Haines, 07956 322966,
polegate@me.com.

Open on all dates

Visits also by arrangement May to Sept. Light
refreshments on request.

NEW 23 OLDFIELD ROAD

BN20 9QD. Kathy & Ray Bennett.
Open on Sun 8 Sept

NEW 6 PASHLEY ROAD

BN20 8DU. Janet French.
Open on Sun 14 July

Two new gardens in Willingdon join two other gardens
that have opened before to create a new garden trail. The
gardens at 36 Jellicoe Close and 16 Hardy Drive are both
developed on land reclaimed from the sea. 36 Jellicoe Close
has a front and rear garden created over the past 5 yrs
on shingle/beach reclaimed land, and is a Mediterranean,
cottage-style garden with wildlife, ecology and sustainability
at its heart, and a potters studio. 16 Hardy Drive is a small
urban back garden packed with plants dominated by a large
palm tree and full borders. 23 Oldfield Road is a stunning
exotic and tropical garden with hot beds of colour containing
cannas, bananas (musa), ginger, palms, *Tetrapanax papyrifer*,
gunnera and 70 varieties of succulents inc aeoniums, aloes
and agaves. 6 Pashley Road, the tea venue on 14 July only,
is a large urban garden backing onto the South Downs with
a wide mix of floral shrubs, dahlias, hydrangeas, echium,
gingers, a vegetable garden and greenhouse.

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83 LAVENDER COTTAGE D3

69 Steyne Road, Seaford, BN25 1QH. Christina & Steve
Machan. From Bishopstone follow seafront road. Turn L
after Martello Tower & go straight. Lavender Cottage is the
white house facing you at the end of the road. Car parking
in timber yard to R. **Wed 22 May (1.30-5). Combined
adm, inc home-made teas, with Cupani Garden £12,
chd £5. Pre-booking essential, please phone 01323
899452 or email Sweetpeas52@gmail.com for
information & booking. Opening with Seaford Gardens
on Sun 2 June.**

Flint walled front garden with cottage, coastal and kitchen
gardens. The back garden has a terraced bank planted
with trees, shrubs and lavenders. Climb the steps to the
balcony and enjoy an iconic view of Seaford Head. All the

rockeries and gardens contain varied planting throughout
the yr. Driftwood sculptures situated around both front and
back gardens and quirky features hidden amongst plantings.
Partial wheelchair access with some difficult steps and
shingle.

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84 LEGSHEATH FARM D2

Legsheath Lane, nr Forest Row, RH19 4JN. Mr & Mrs
Michael Neal, 01342 810230, legsheath@btinternet.com.
4m S of East Grinstead. 2m W of Forest Row, 1m S of
Weirwood Reservoir. **Sun 19 May (2-4.30). Adm £5, chd
free. Home-made teas.** Visits also by arrangement 27
Apr to 29 Sept for groups of 12 to 60. Donation to Holy
Trinity Church, Forest Row.

Legsheath was first mentioned in Duchy of Lancaster records
in 1545. It was associated with the role of Master of the
Ashdown Forest. Set high in the Weald with far-reaching
views of East Grinstead and Weirwood Reservoir. The garden
covers 11 acres with a spring fed stream feeding ponds.
There is a magnificent davidia, rare shrubs, embothrium and
many different varieties of meconopsis and abutilons.

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85 LIMEKILN FARM D3

Chalvington Road, Chalvington, Hailsham, BN27 3TA.
Dr J Hester & Mr M Royle. 10m N of Eastbourne. Nr
Hailsham. Turn S off A22 at Golden Cross & follow the
Chalvington Rd for 1m. The entrance has white gates on
LHS. Disabled parking space close to house, other parking
100 metres further along road. **Sat 1, Sun 2 June, Sat 14,
Sun 15 Sept (2-5). Adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas
in the Oast House.** Refreshments in aid of Macmillan
Cancer Support.

The garden was designed in the 1930s when the house was
owned by Charles Stewart Taylor, MP for Eastbourne. It has
not changed in basic layout since then. The planting aims
to reflect the age of the C17 property (not open) and original
garden design. The house and garden are mentioned in
Virginia Woolf's diaries of 1929, depicting a particular charm
and peace that still exists today. Flint walls enclose the main
lawn, herbaceous borders and rose garden. Nepeta lined
courtyard, Physic garden with talk at 3pm about medicinal
plants, informal pond and specimen trees inc a very ancient
oak. Many spring flowers and tree blossom. New prairie-style
garden. Mostly flat access with two steps up to main lawn
and herbaceous borders.

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86 NEW LODSBRIDGE MILL A2/B2

Selham, Petworth, GU28 0PL. Helen & David Watson.
Halfway between Petworth & Midhurst. Turn off A272 opp
Halfway Bridge towards Selham & after 1/2 m Lodsbridge
Mill will be on the R. **Sat 6 July (10-6). Adm £8, chd free.**
**Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk
for information & booking. Home-made teas.**

A 20 acre estate in the South Downs National Park with a
house (not open) that was a former C18 watermill on the
banks of the River Rother, enhanced by mature willows and
a timber-decked suspension footbridge. A broad grassy
glade is bordered by shrubs and trees, there is also a
cottage garden, a disused canal and a belt of mixed mature
woodland to explore. A beautiful landscape for gentle
walking and taking in the stunning views.

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87 LORDINGTON HOUSE A3

Lordington, Chichester, PO18 9DX. Mr & Mrs John Hamilton, 01243 375862, hamiltonjanda@btinternet.com. 7m W of Chichester. On W side of B2146, 1/2 m S of Walderton, 6m S of South Harting. Enter through white railings on bend.

Sat 15, Sun 16 June (2-5). Adm £6, chd free. Visits also by arrangement 17 June to 30 Sept for groups of up to 30.

Early C17 house (not open) and walled gardens in South Downs National Park. Clipped yew, lawns, borders and fine views. Vegetables, fruit and poultry in the kitchen garden. 100+ roses planted since 2008. Trees both mature and young. Lime avenue planted in 1973 to replace elms. Wild flowers in field outside walls, accessible from garden. Gardens overlook Erms Valley, farmland and wooded slopes of South Downs, all in AONB within South Downs National Park. Wheelchair access is possible, but challenging with gravel paths, uneven paving and slopes. No disabled WC.

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88 LUCTONS C2

North Lane, West Hoathly, East Grinstead, RH19 4PP. Drs Hans & Ingrid Sethi, 07787 523510, ingrid@sethi.co.uk. 4m SW of East Grinstead, 6m E of Crawley. In centre of West Hoathly village, nr church, Cat Inn & Priest House. Car parks in village. Visits by arrangement 18 May to 29 Sept for groups of 10 to 30. Payment in advance, please. Home-made teas.

Refreshments in aid of Family Support Work. 'A garden with everything', 'lots of unusual plants', 'stunning herbaceous borders', are comments of NGS and overseas garden tour visitors. 2 acres of Gertrude Jekyll style garden with herbaceous borders, wildflower orchard, swathes of spotted orchids, pond, roses, chickens, soft fruit, vegetables, herb garden, vine house, greenhouses, croquet lawn and shrubberies.

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89 MALHOUSE FARM C3

Streat Lane, Streat, Hassocks, BN6 8SA. Richard & Helen Keys, 01273 890356, helen.k.keys@btinternet.com. 2m SE of Burgess Hill. From r/about between B2113 & B2112 take Folders Ln & Middleton Common Ln E (away from Burgess Hill); after 1m R into Streat Ln, garden is 1/2 m on R. Please park carefully as signed. Sun 1 Sept (2-5.30). Adm £7, chd free.

Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement Apr to Sept for groups of 10 to 40.

Rural 5 acre garden with stunning views to South Downs. Garden divided into separate rooms; box parterre and borders with glass sculpture, herbaceous and shrub borders, mixed border for seasonal colour and kitchen garden. Orchard with newly planted wild flowers leading to partitioned areas with grass walks, snail mound, birch maze and willow tunnel. Wildlife farm pond with planted surround. Wheelchair access mainly on grass with some steps (caution if wet).

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THE MANOR HOUSE

Three Gates Lane, Haslemere, GU27 2ES. See Surrey County Booklet or visit ngs.org.uk

90 MANOR OF DEAN B2

Tillington, Petworth, GU28 9AP. Mr & Mrs James Mitford, 07887 992349, emma@mitford.uk.com. 3m W of Petworth just off A272. Car park accessed via New Rd. What3words app - unique.only.novels. Sun 18 Feb (2-4); Sun 17 Mar, Sun 21 Apr (2-5). Adm £5, chd free.

Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement 5 Feb to 14 June for groups of 20+. Approx 3 acres of traditional English garden with extensive views of the South Downs. Herbaceous borders, early spring bulbs, bluebell woodland walk, walled kitchen garden with fruit, vegetables and cutting flowers. NB under long term programme of restoration, some parts of the garden may be affected.

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91 MARCHANTS HARDY PLANTS D3

2 Marchants Cottages, Mill Lane, Laughton, Lewes, BN8 6AJ. Hannah Fox & Henry Macaulay, www.marchantshardyplants.co.uk. 6m E of Lewes. From Laughton Xrds on B2124 (at Roebuck Inn), head E for 1/2 m, at Xrds turn S for Ripe down Mill Ln; on R. Tue 30, Wed 31 July (10-5). Adm £7, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of Headway, the brain injury association.

Atmospheric 2 acre garden and plant nursery with striking backdrop of the South Downs. Featured on Carol Klein's Great British Gardens TV series, the garden is imaginatively designed and sensitively planted with a rich tapestry of unusual herbaceous plants, and graceful grasses add to the interest. One of the country's leading independent nurseries, the team propagates all their plants. Agapanthus and grasses are a speciality with some developed and cultivated on site. Wheelchair access over grass paths with some slopes.

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GROUP OPENING

92 MAYFIELD GARDENS D2

Mayfield, TN20 6AB. 10m S of Tunbridge Wells. Turn off A267 into Mayfield. Parking in the village, TN20 6BE & field parking at Hoopers Farm, TN20 6BD. A detailed map available at each garden. Sat 13, Sun 14 July (11-5). Combined adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas at Hoopers Farm & The Oast. Refreshments in aid of Mayfield Pre-School & Mayfield Primary School.

ABBOTSBURY

Rob & Becky Morris

HOOPERS FARM

Andrew & Sarah Ratcliffe. (See separate entry)

THE OAST

Mike & Tessa Crowe. (See separate entry)

SOUTH STREET PLOTS

Val Buddle.

2 SOUTHVIEW VILLAS

Andrew & Clementine Westwood.

Mayfield is a beautiful Wealden village with tearooms, an old pub and many interesting historical connections. The gardens to visit are all within walking distance of the village centre. They vary in size and style with a wide range of shrubs, herbaceous and annual planting and inc wildflower meadows, wildlife ponds, fruit and vegetable plots and a childrens' play area. There are far-reaching, panoramic views over the beautiful High Weald.

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93 MEADOW FARM B2

Blackgate Lane, Pulborough, RH20 1DF. Charlie & Ness Langdale, nesslangdale@icloud.com. 3m N of Pulborough. From Pulborough take A29 N. Just outside Pulborough L into Blackgate Ln signed to Toat. Continue on road for 1½m. At sign for Scrase Farms keep going straight. Signed parking on R. **Sat 18 May (2.30-5.30).**

Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement 1 May to 4 Oct for groups of 5 to 25.

Approx 2 acre garden built from scratch over the last 16 yrs; designed and planted by current owners. Colour themed beds inc double borders, formal pond and green and white shady garden. Pleached hornbeam avenue out to the Sussex countryside. A walled garden provides fruit, cut flowers and vegetables. Orchard with a hazelnut walk. New wildlife swimming pond, bog garden and gravel garden.

**94 NEW 40 MICHEL DENE ROAD D4**

East Dean, Eastbourne, BN20 0JU. Stella Lockyer.

In East Dean village on the A259 between Seaford & Eastbourne. From Seaford on A259, turn L in the centre of East Dene into Michel Dene Rd & continue for about ½m. From Eastbourne turn R into Michel Dene Rd. 10 min uphill walk from East Dene village car park. **Fri 21 June (11-4).**

Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of Family Support Work. A medium sized sloping garden on chalk and flint in the South Downs National Park, with stunning views over the Downs to the sea. Informal flower beds display a love of colour in mainly herbaceous borders. A summerhouse overlooks a wild garden with pond, and a small vegetable plot. Several seating areas nestle in a riot of salvias, grasses, roses, penstemon and other perennial favourites.

**95 MILL HALL FARM C2**

Whitemans Green, Cuckfield, Haywards Heath, RH17 5HX. Kate & Jonathan Berry, 07974 115658, katehod@gmail.com. 2½m E of A23, junction with B2115. From S & E take Staplefield Rd, after 300 metres turn R into Burrell Cottages, then L. From W after 30mph & Webster Cottages turn L to Burrell Cottages, then L. Please ignore SatNav. **Visits by arrangement 15 Apr to 20 Oct. Adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments & plants in aid of Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield Roof Appeal.

A 2½ acre north facing, 12 yr old garden with long maturing view sloping down to pond and beyond with lilies, irises and sanguisorba, dragonflies and other wildlife. Long border with ornamental trees, herbaceous plants inc eucryphia, cornus, acer, liquidambar, peonies, daylily, phlox, hollyhock, brunnera, geum and potentillas, and climbing and shrub roses. Victorian underground water cistern (5000 gallons) guarded by a nymph and used for our watering system. Year-round changing colour enhanced by morning light and stunning sunsets. Deep pond. Sloping, uneven lawn and no hard paths. No wheelchair access to WC.



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



Nyetimber Manor

96 MITCHMERE FARM A3

Stoughton, Chichester, PO18 9JW. Neil & Sue Edden, 02392 631456, sue@mitchmere.co.uk. 5½m NW of Chichester. Turn off the B2146 at Walderton towards Stoughton. Farm is ¾m on L, ¼m beyond the turning to Upmarden. Please do not park on verge, follow signs for parking. **Visits by arrangement Feb to Nov. Light refreshments. Min group charge £60. Tea, coffee & biscuits.** 1½ acre garden in lovely downland position. Unusual trees and shrubs growing in dry gravel, briefly wet most yrs when the Winterbourne rises and flows through the garden. Coloured stems, catkins, drifts of snowdrops and crocuses. Small collection of special snowdrops. Optional 10 min walk down the long field beside the river, across the sleeper bridge, take the path through the copse with snowdrops up the steps into the new wood, then into the meadow and back to the garden. Wellies advisable. Dogs on short leads. Wheelchair access over gravel and grass.

**97 MOUNTFIELD COURT E2**

Robertsbridge, TN32 5JP. Mr & Mrs Simon Fraser. 3m N of Battle. On A21 London-Hastings; ½m NW from Johns Cross. **Sun 12 May (2-5). Adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of Family Support Work. 3 acre wild woodland garden with bluebell lined walkways through exceptional rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, and other flowering shrubs. Fine trees and outstanding views. Stunning paved herb garden.

**98 NEWTIMBER PLACE C3**

Newtimber, BN6 9BU. Andrew & Carol Clay, 07795 346974, andy@newtimberholidaycottages.co.uk, www.newtimberplace.co.uk. 7m N of Brighton. From A23 take A281 towards Henfield. Turn R at small Xrds signed Newtimber in approx ½m. Go down Church Ln, garden is on L at end of lane. **Sun 21 Apr (2-5.30). Adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of Mid Downland Parish (local churches). Beautiful C17 moated house (not open). Gardens and woods full of bulbs and wild flowers in spring. Herbaceous border

and lawns. Moat flanked by water plants. Mature trees, wild garden, ducks, and fish. Wheelchair access across lawn to parts of garden, tearoom and WC.

**99 NIGHTINGALE HOUSE C3**

Twittenside, Penfold Way, Steyning, BN44 3TW. Lynne Broome. 6m NE of Worthing. Exit r'about on A283 at S end of Steyning bypass into Clays Hill Rd. Turn L at Welcome to Steyning sign then 2nd R into Penfold Way. Park in road & follow NGS signs. **Wed 26 June, Wed 3 July (10.30-5). Combined adm with Brambletye £7, chd free. Home-made teas.**

Recently redesigned and replanted cottage garden with many perennials and summer annuals. Super new greenhouse and a bespoke metal screen with climbing roses and clematis. The garden is still a work in progress, come and see how it is developing! Wheelchair access to a level garden.

**100 NEW NYETIMBER MANOR B3**

Nyetimber Vineyard, Gay Street, Pulborough, RH20 2HH. Eric Heerema, 01798 813989, sally.hughes@nyetimber.com, www.instagram.com/nyetimber. West Chiltington. The postcode will take you to Lower Jordans Ln. Continue on Gay St & look for the Nyetimber Vineyard sign & gates. **Fri 9 Aug (9.30-5). Adm £15, chd £7.50. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Timed slots at 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm & 3.30pm. Home-made teas in medieval barn.**

Nestled below the vineyards, The Manor garden at Nyetimber is one that is rarely glimpsed. This garden has everything from extensive herbaceous borders, to orchard, flower and rose garden, and courtyard. A tapestry of topiary, reflected in the lily ponds frame a beautiful view of the South Downs. Extensively redesigned and replanted in 2020, this newly establishing garden is one not to be missed. Cellar door operating for Nyetimber Wine. Wheelchair access to most areas. Some slopes and uneven ground. Disabled WC.



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101 ♦ **NYMANS C2**

Staplefield Road, Handcross, RH17 6EB. National Trust, 01444 405250, nymans@nationaltrust.org.uk, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/nymans. 4m S of Crawley. On B2114 at Handcross signed off M23/A23 London-Brighton road. Metrobus 271 & 273 stop nearby. **For NGS: Sat 16 Mar (10-5). Adm £17, chd £8.50. Adm subject to change. Light refreshments.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website. **Donation to Plant Heritage.**

One of NT's premier gardens with rare and unusual plant collections of national significance. In spring see blossom, bulbs and a stunning collection of subtly fragranced magnolias. The Rose Garden, inspired by Maud Messel's 1920s design, is scented by hints of old-fashioned roses. The comfortable yet elegant house, a partial ruin, reflects the personalities of the creative Messel family. Some level pathways. See full access statement on Nymans website.

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102 **OAKLANDS FARM B2**

Hooklands Lane, Shipley, Horsham, RH13 8PX. Zsa & Stephen Roggendorff, 01403 741270, zedrog@roggendorff.co.uk. S of Shipley village. Off the A272 towards Shipley, R at Countryman Pub, follow yellow signs. Or N of A24 Ashington, off Billingshurst Rd, 1st R signed Shipley, garden 2m up the lane. **Sat 15 June, Sat 13 July (11-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of Crawley Open House. **Visits also by arrangement 15 Apr to 27 Sept for groups of up to 25.**

Country garden designed by Nigel Philips in 2010. Oak lined drive leading to the house (not open) and farm opens out to an enclosed courtyard with pleached hornbeam and yew. The herbaceous borders are colourful throughout the yr. Vegetable garden with raised beds and greenhouse with white peach and vine. Wild meadow leading to orchard and views across the fields, full of sheep and poultry. Mature trees. Lovely Louise will be here with her special perennials for sale. Picnics welcome. Wheelchair access over gravel and brick paths, large lawn area and grassy paths.

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**103** **THE OAST D2/E2**

Fletching Street, Mayfield, TN20 6TN. Mike & Tessa Crowe. 10m S of Tunbridge Wells. Turn off A267 into Mayfield. Parking along East St & in the village public car parks. Please do not park outside The Oast in Fletching St as it is very narrow. **Sat 27, Sun 28 Apr (11-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Opening with Mayfield Gardens on Sat 13, Sun 14 July.** Refreshments in aid of Mayfield Primary School.

A south facing, gently sloping 1 acre garden with a lovely view, herbaceous borders and a ½ acre wildflower meadow. There is an interesting and varied selection of hardy and half-hardy plants, trees and shrubs, vegetables and fruit. Lots of colour with imaginative planting, a fine display of tulips and spring flowers. Homegrown plants for sale. Local nursery Rapkyns will also be selling plants.

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104 **OCKLYNGE MANOR D3/E3**

Mill Road, Eastbourne, BN21 2PG. Wendy & David Dugdill, 01323 734121, ocklyngemanor@hotmail.com, www.ocklyngemanor.co.uk. Close to Eastbourne District General Hospital. Take A22 (Willingdon Rd) towards Old Town, turn L into Mill Rd by Hurst Arms Pub. **Visits by arrangement Apr & May.**

A hidden oasis behind an ancient flint wall. Informal and tranquil, ½ acre chalk garden with sunny and shaded places to sit. Use of architectural and unusual trees. Rhododendrons, azaleas and acers in raised beds. Garden evolved over 20 yrs, maintained by owners. Georgian house (not open), former home of Mabel Lucie Attwell. Wheelchair access over short gravel path before entering garden. Brick path around perimeter.

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105 **OFFHAM HOUSE D3**

The Street, Offham, Lewes, BN7 3QE. Mr & Mrs P Carminger & Mr S Goodman. 2m N of Lewes on A275. Offham House is on the main road (A275) through Offham between the filling station & Blacksmiths Arms. **Sun 2 June (1-5). Adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas.**

Romantic garden with fountains, flowering trees, arboretum, double herbaceous border and long peony bed. 1676 Queen Anne house (not open) with well knapped flint facade. Herb garden and walled kitchen garden with glasshouses, cold frames, chickens, guinea fowl, sheep and ducks. A selection of pelargoniums and other plants for sale.

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106 **OLD CROSS STREET FARM B3**

West Burton, Pulborough, RH20 1HD. Belinda & David Wilkinson, 01798 831938, belinda@westburton.com. S of Petworth, nr the Roman Villa at Bignor. If travelling S on A29, continue & turn off at signs for Bignor, Roman Villa. The house is in the centre of West Burton, not as indicated by the postcode! Parking in bottom of field. **Visits by arrangement May to Oct for groups of 20 to 40. Adm £7, chd £2. Home-made teas.**

A modern garden with a nod to traditional planting nestled in the ancient landscape of the South Downs. Despite its ancient buildings the garden was only designed and planted 15 yrs ago and enjoys many of the contemporary twists not usually found in such a landscape. An abundance of mass planting demonstrates the advantages of a limited planting palate. An enormous circular lawn, cloud hedging, an orchard, cutting garden, transformed farmyard, modern mass planting, year-round interest, a cottage garden, use of hedging, a raised formal pond, uses of different hard landscaping materials and planting of over 40 trees. Sorry, no picnics or WC.

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115 PEMBURY HOUSE C3

Ditchling Road, Clayton, BN6 9PH. Nick & Jane Baker, www.pemburyhouse.co.uk. 6m N of Brighton, off A23. No parking at house. Car park opp church on Underhill Ln off A273. Height restrictor. Follow signs across playing field to footpath by railway to back gate. Good public transport. **Every Thur and Fri 8 Feb to 8 Mar (10.30-3.30). Adm £11, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Timed slots at 10.30am & 2pm. Home-made teas inc.**

Depending on the vagaries of the season, hellebores and snowdrops are at their best in Feb and March. It is a country garden, tidy but not manicured. New work always going on. Winding paths give a choice of walks through 3 acres of garden, which is in and enjoys views of the South Downs National Park. Suitable footwear, macs and winter woollies advised. A German visitor observed 'this is the perfect woodland garden'. Year-round interest. Plants for sale. Cash ideally.

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113 PENNS IN THE ROCKS D2

Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 9PA. Mr & Mrs Hugh Gibson, www.pennsintherocks.co.uk. 7m SW of Tunbridge Wells. On B2188 Groombridge to Crowborough road, just S of Xrd to Witherham. For SatNav use TN6 1UX which takes you to the white drive gates, through which you should enter the property. **Sun 14 Apr, Sun 12 May,**

Sun 4 Aug (2-6). Adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Large garden with spectacular outcrop of rocks, 140 million yrs old. Lake, C18 temple and woods. Daffodils, bluebells, azaleas, magnolia and tulips. Old walled garden with herbaceous borders, roses and shrubs. Stone sculptures by Richard Strachey. Part C18 house (not open) once owned by William Penn of Pennsylvania. Cash only on the day please. Restricted wheelchair access. No disabled WC.

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117 1 PEST COTTAGE A2

Carron Lane, Midhurst, GU29 9LF. Jennifer Lewin. W edge of Midhurst behind Carron Lane Cemetery. Free parking at recreation ground at top of Carron Ln. Short walk on woodland track to garden, please follow signs. **Fri 7, Sun 9 June (1-5). Adm £4, chd free.**

This edge of woodland, architect's studio garden of approx ¾ acre sits on a sloping sandy site. Designed to support wildlife and biodiversity, a series of outdoor living spaces connected with informal paths through lightly managed areas, creates a charming secret world tucked into the surrounding common land. The garden spaces have made a very small house (not open) into a hospitable family home. Exhibition of architect's projects. Featured on Gardeners' World, episode 18 (2023).

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118 6 PLANTATION RISE B3

Worthing, BN13 2AH. Nigel & Trixie Hall, 01903 262206, trixiehall008@gmail.com. 2m from seafront on outskirts of Worthing. A24 meets A27 at Offington r'about. Turn into Offington Ln, 1st R into The Plantation, 1st R again into Plantation Rise. Parking on The Plantation only, short walk up to 6 Plantation Rise. **Visits by arrangement 14 Mar to 31 Aug for groups of up to 20. Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas inc. Please advise of specific dietary requirements upon booking.**

Clever use is made of evergreen shrubs, azaleas, rhododendrons and acers enclosing our 70ft x 80ft garden, enhancing the flower decked pergolas, folly and summerhouse which overlooks the pond. Planting inc nine silver birches 'Tristis' which are semi pendula, plus a lovely combination of primroses, anemones and daffodils in spring and a profusion of roses, clematis and perennials in summer. Wheelchair access to patios only with a good view of the garden.

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119 ♦ THE PRIEST HOUSE C2

North Lane, West Hoathly, RH19 4PP. Sussex Archaeological Society, 01342 810479,

priest@sussexpast.co.uk, www.sussexpast.co.uk. 4m SW of East Grinstead, 6m E of Crawley. In centre of West Hoathly village, nr church & the Cat Inn. Car parks in village. **For NGS: Sat 25 May, Sat 29 June (10.30-5.30). Adm £3, chd free. Home-made teas. For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.** C15 timber framed farmhouse with cottage garden on acid clay. Large collection of culinary and medicinal herbs in a small formal herb garden and mixed with perennials and shrubs in exuberant borders. Long established yew topiary and espalier apple trees provide structural elements. Traditional fernery and stumpery, recently enlarged with a small, secluded shrubbery and gravel garden. Be sure to visit the fascinating Priest House Museum, adm £1 for NGS visitors.

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120 NEW 9 PUTTOCK WAY B2

Billingshurst, RH14 9ZJ. Emma & Simon Parker. 7m SW of Horsham. From the Hilland r'about to the N of Billingshurst, head E along the A272 (Hilland Rd) & take the 1st R turning into the estate (Rhodes Way). Take 2nd R onto Puttock Way. **Sun 26, Mon 27 May (11-4). Adm £5. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Home-made teas.**

A very small, sloping, new build garden which has been transformed from bare heavy clay into a series of spaces with interesting hard landscaping features. An unexpected cacophony of architectural shapes and textures greets you as you walk through the gate, a true plant lover's paradise. This space shows what can be achieved in a short space of time through hard work and passion. Silver Gilt winner for Best Pollinator Front Garden and Best Large Front Garden in the annual Billingshurst in Bloom competition.

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121 RYMANS A3

Appledram Lane South, Apuldram, Chichester, PO20 7EG. Zarina Chatwin, 07398 102194,

zarina.chatwin@gmail.com. 1m S of Chichester. If coming from A27, exit at Fishbourne r'about, following signs to Fishbourne. Take 1st L onto Appledram Lane South, house is 1m S. **Sat 13, Sun 14 Apr, Sun 23 June, Sun 15 Sept (2-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas at St Mary's Church, Apuldram. Refreshments in aid of St Mary's Church, Apuldram. Visits also by arrangement 1 Apr to 3 Oct for groups of 10 to 30.** Walled and other gardens surrounding C15 stone house (not open); bulbs, flowering shrubs, roses, ponds, and potager. Many unusual and rare trees and shrubs. In late spring the wisterias are spectacular. Hybrid musk roses fill the walled garden in June and in late summer the garden is filled with dahlias, sedums, late roses, sages and Japanese anemones.

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122 SAFFRONS C3

Holland Road, Steyning, BN44 3GJ. Tim Melton & Bernardean Carey, 07850 343516, tim.melton@btinternet.com, www.thetransplantedgardener.uk. 6m NE of Worthing. Exit r'about on A283 at S end of Steyning bypass into Clays Hill Rd. 1st R into Goring Rd, 4th L into Holland Rd. Park in Goring Rd & Holland Rd. **Visits by arrangement 1 July to**

7 Aug for groups of 8 to 30. Planted with an artist's eye for contrasts and complementary colours. Vibrant late summer flower beds of salvias, eryngiums, agapanthus, grasses and lilies attract bees and butterflies. A broad lawn is surrounded by borders with maples, rhododendrons, hydrangeas and mature trees interspersed with ferns and grasses. The large fruit cage and vegetable beds comprise the productive area of the garden. One level garden with good access, except in very wet conditions.

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123 ST BARNABAS HOUSE B3

2 Titnore Lane, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, BN12 6NZ. St Barnabas Hospices, www.stbh.org.uk. W of Worthing & just N of the r'about between A259 & A2032. Titnore Ln can be accessed via A27 from N, the A259 from W (Littlehampton) or the A2032 from E (Worthing). **Sat 29 June (11-4). Adm £5, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Tea.** Refreshments & plants in aid of St Barnabas House hospice. Join one of the accompanied tours through the patient gardens, these will be held throughout the day. After which, take a relaxing wander through the hospice grounds, which have a central courtyard garden like an exotic atrium with seating, water features and abundant foliage from tree ferns, magnolias and katsura trees. Outside a large pond with fountain-aerator adds tranquility with the sound of running water. Lavender maze, meadow and productive vegetable plot. We've been keeping bees in our gardens since Oct 2021, and our first hive was kindly donated by the Worthing Division of the West Sussex Beekeepers Associations (BKA). Good access to the site, central courtyard, main surrounding gardens and car park.

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124 ♦ **ST MARY'S HOUSE GARDENS C3**

Bramber, BN44 3WE. Roger Linton & Peter Thorogood, 01903 816205, info@stmarysbramber.co.uk, www.stmarysbramber.co.uk. 1m E of Steyning. 10m NW of Brighton in Bramber village, off A283. **For NGS: Fri 28, Sat 29 June (2-5). Adm £8.50, chd £5. Home-made teas.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

5 acres inc formal topiary, large prehistoric *Ginkgo biloba* and magnificent *Magnolia grandiflora* around enchanting timber-framed medieval house (not open for NGS). Victorian Secret Gardens inc splendid 140ft fruit wall with pineapple pits, Rural Museum, Terracotta Garden, Jubilee Rose Garden, King's Garden and circular Poetry Garden. Woodland walk and Landscape Water Garden. In the heart of the South Downs National Park. WC facilities. Wheelchair access with level paths throughout.

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125 **SANDHILL FARM HOUSE A2**

Nyewood Road, Rogate, Petersfield, GU31 5HU. Rosemary Alexander. 4m SE of Petersfield. From A272 Xrds in Rogate take road S signed Nyewood & Harting. Follow road for approx 1m over small bridge. Sandhill Farm House on R, over cattle grid. **Sun 11 Feb (12-4); Sat 27, Sun 28 Apr, Sat 8, Sun 9 June, Sat 21, Sun 22 Sept (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.**

Front and rear gardens broken up into garden rooms inc small kitchen garden. Front garden with small woodland area, planted with early spring flowering shrubs, ferns and bulbs. White and green garden, large leaf border and terraced area. Rear garden has rose borders, small decorative vegetable garden, red border and grasses border. Snowdrop day on Sun 11th Feb. Home of author and principal of The English Gardening School.

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Sandhill Farm House

GROUP OPENING**126** **SEAFORD GARDENS D3/D4**

Seaford. There are several gardens on the trail, all signed from the A259, the gardens are N & S of this road. NB Not a walking trail. Maps available at each garden. **Sun 2 June (11-5). Combined adm £9, chd free. Sun 30 June (11-5). Combined adm £8, chd free. Light refreshments at 34 Chyngton Road, Cosy Cottage & Marion's pop up teas at Seaford Allotments. Ice cream & soft drinks at Cupani.** Refreshments in aid of Family Support Work (34 Chyngton Road) & NGS (Cosy Cottage). Plants in aid of Literacy in Nepal & Stay up Late.

BURFORD

Cuckmere Road, BN25 4DE. Chris Kilsby. Open on all dates

34 CHYNGTON ROAD

BN25 4HP. Dr Maggie Wearmouth & Richard Morland. Open on all dates

5 CLEMENTINE AVENUE

BN25 2UU. Joanne Davis. Open on all dates

NEW 101 CLEMENTINE AVENUE

BN25 2XG. Mr John & Mrs Vanessa Kelly. Open on Sun 2 June

COSY COTTAGE

69 Firl Road, BN25 2JA. Ernie & Carol Arnold, 07763 196343, ernie.whitecrane@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/CosyCottage69Garden.

Open on all dates

Visits also by arrangement for groups of 6 to 20.

CUPANI GARDEN

8 Sandgate Close, BN25 3LL. Dr Denis Jones & Ms Aileen Jones OBE. Open on all dates (See separate entry)

8 DOWNS ROAD

BN25 4QL. Mr Phil & Mrs Julie Avery. Open on all dates

LAVENDER COTTAGE

69 Steyne Road, BN25 1QH. Christina & Steve Machan. Open on Sun 2 June (See separate entry)

MADEHURST

67 Firl Road, BN25 2JA. Martin & Palo. Open on all dates

SEAFORD ALLOTMENTS

Sutton Drove, BN25 3NQ. Peter Sudell. Open on Sun 30 June

SEAFORD COMMUNITY GARDEN

East Street, BN25 1AD. Seaford Community Garden. Open on Sun 2 June

11 gardens open, see dates for each garden. Cosy Cottage, garden over three levels with ponds, flowers, vegetables and shrubs. Madehurst, a garden on different levels with mature planting. Burford, a mature garden with a mix of flowers, vegetables and an auricula theatre. The Community Garden provides a space with flower and vegetable beds for members of the community to come together to share their gardening experience. 34 Chyngton Road is a mature garden

of shrubs, trees, herbaceous and vegetable beds. 8 Downs Road, a delightful mix of shrubs, block planted herbaceous beds and vegetables. Lavender Cottage a flint walled garden with a coastal and kitchen garden. Seaford Allotments offer a unique chance to see a variety of planting and colour. A site of 189 well maintained plots with a wildlife area and compost WC. 5 Clementine Avenue, a garden over several levels with agave and succulents and great views over the downs. 101 Clementine Avenue, new garden beautifully planted to attract wildlife and panoramic views over South Downs National Park. Cupani returns to the trail, see individual entry.

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127 **SELHURST PARK A3/B3**

Halnaker, Chichester, PO18 0LZ. Richard & Sarah Green, 01243 839310, mail@selhurstparkhouse.co.uk. 8m S of Petworth. 4m N of Chichester on A285. **Visits by arrangement 10 June to 26 July for groups of 10 to 30. Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of Eartham Village Church.

Come and explore the varied gardens surrounding a beautiful Georgian flint house (not open), approached by a chestnut avenue. The flint walled garden has a mature 160ft herbaceous border with unusual planting along with rose, hellebore and hydrangea beds. Pool garden with exotic palms and grasses divided from a formal knot and herb garden by espalier apples. Kitchen and walled fruit garden. Wheelchair access to walled garden, partial access to other areas.

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128 ♦ **SHEFFIELD PARK AND GARDEN D2**

Uckfield, TN22 3QX. National Trust, 01825 790231, sheffieldpark@nationaltrust.org.uk, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sheffieldpark. 10m S of East Grinstead. 5m NW of Uckfield; E of A275. **For NGS: Thur 2 May (10-4.30). Adm £14.25, chd free. Light refreshments.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

Magnificent, landscaped garden laid out in C18 by Capability Brown and Humphry Repton covering 120 acres (40 hectares). Further development in the early yrs of this century by its owner Arthur G Soames. Centrepiece is original lakes with many rare trees and shrubs. Beautiful at all times of the yr, but noted for its spring and autumn colours. National Collection of Ghent azaleas. Large number of champion trees, 87 in total. Light refreshments available in the Coach House Café and The Shant. Last entry 4.30pm. Garden largely accessible for wheelchairs, please call for information.

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129 **SHEPHERDS COTTAGE A3**

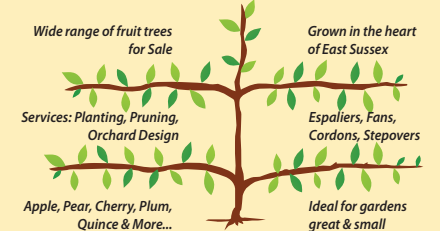
Milberry Lane, Stoughton, Chichester, PO18 9JJ. Jackie & Alan Sherling, 07795 388047, milberrylane@gmail.com, www.instagram.com/drjackieblackman. 9/10m NW Chichester. Off B2146, next village after Walderton. Cottage is nr telephone box & beside St Mary's Church. No parking in lane beside house.

Visits by arrangement May to Aug for groups of 10 to 30. Adm £10, chd free. Cream teas.

A compact terraced garden using the borrowed landscape of Kingley Vale in the South Downs. The south facing flint stone cottage (not open) is surrounded by a Purbeck stone terrace and numerous individually planted and styled seating areas.

A small orchard under planted with meadow, lawns, topiary yew hedges, amelanchier, cercis and drifts of wind grass provide structure and year-round interest. Many novel design ideas for a small garden. Ample seating throughout the garden to enjoy the views. Featured in The English Garden, Good Housekeeping, Gardens Illustrated and Country Living magazines, and on TV: Love Your Garden and The Art Of The Garden.

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130 THE SHRUBBERY B3

140 Barnham Road, Barnham, PO22 0EH. John & Ros Woodhead, johnros@sky.com. Between Arundel & Chichester. At A27 Fontwell junction take A29 road to Bognor Regis. Turn L at next r'about onto Barnham Rd. After ½m the garden is 30 metres after the speed camera. **Sat 8, Sun 9 June (10-4). Combined adm with The Old Rectory £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** Visits also by arrangement 10 June to 15 June for groups of 6 to 20. ¼ acre plot with mature trees, shrubs, wildflower lawn, roses, agapanthus and dahlias in front garden leading to walled back garden of mixed colourful borders, soft fruit, sculpture and large collection of hostas. Many colourful pots, wall baskets and greenhouse. Ideas and points of interest throughout.

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131 SKYSCAPE C3

46 Ainsworth Avenue, Ovingdean, Brighton, BN2 7BG. Lorna & John Davies. From Brighton take A259 coast road E, passing Roedean School on L. Take 1st L at r'about to Greenways & 2nd R into Ainsworth Ave. Skyscape at the top on R. No. 52 bus on Sat & No. 57 on Sun. **Sat 1, Sun 2 June (1-5). Adm £6, chd free. Tea & cakes served on the patio.** 250ft south facing rear garden on a sloping site with fantastic views of the South Downs and the sea. Garden created by owners over past 12 yrs. Orchard, flower beds, wildlife ponds and planting with bees in mind. Small, protected apiary in orchard. Full access to site via purpose built sloping path (not suitable for mobility scooters).

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132 SOUTH GRANGE F2

Quickbourne Lane, Northiam, Rye, TN31 6QY. Linda & Michael Belton, 01797 252984, belton.northiam@gmail.com. Between A268 & A28, approx ½m E of Northiam. From Northiam centre follow Beales Ln into Quickbourne Ln, or Quickbourne Ln leaves A286 approx ½m S of A28 & A286 junction. Disabled parking at front of house. **Sat 13, Sun 14 July (11-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas. Light lunches made to order.** Plants in aid of Demelza Hospice Care for Children. Visits also by arrangement 1 Mar to 20 Oct for groups of 5+.

Hardy Plant Society members' garden with wide variety of trees, shrubs, perennials, grasses and pots arranged into a complex garden display for year-round colour and interest. Raised vegetable beds, wildlife pond, water features, orchard, rose arbour, soft fruit cage and living gazebo. House roof runoff diverted to storage and pond. Small area of wild wood. An emphasis on planting for insects. We try to maintain nectar and pollen supplies and varied habitats for most of the creatures that we share the garden with, hoping that this variety will keep the garden in good heart. Home propagated plants for sale. Wheelchair access over hard paths through much of the garden, but steps up to patio and WC.

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133 NEW SPRINGBOURNE B3

Rectory Lane, Clapham Village, Worthing, BN13 3UX. Graham & Emily Swain, 07977 925586, info@eartharchitecture.co.uk. 4m N of Worthing. Take A280 via A24 or A27. Clapham Village signed. Park in The Street, please be mindful of residents. Walk down street to Rectory Ln (no vehicle access). Opp the sign for Clapham church. **Fri 19, Sat 20 July (10-4). Adm £5. Light refreshments (cash only).** Visits also by arrangement 1 Jan to 17 July for groups of up to 25.

Historic 300 yr old south facing flint walled garden. Designed and planted by a professional garden designer and artist together with his actress wife Emily. A developing garden divided into different areas inc a large pond with water lilies imported from France, Latour-Marliac. Gently sloping lawns, a small orchard and curved borders with mixed herbaceous and rose planting. The artist's studio will be open.

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134 STANLEY FARM A2

Highfield Lane, Liphook, GU30 7LW. Bill & Emma Mills. For SatNav please use GU30 7LN which takes you to Highfield Ln & then follow NGS signs. Track to Stanley Farm is 1m. **Sun 5 May (12-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.**

1 acre garden created over the last 15 yrs around an old West Sussex farmhouse (not open), sitting in the midst of its own fields and woods. The formal garden inc a kitchen garden with heated glasshouse, orchard, espaliered wall trained fruit, lawn with ha-ha and cutting garden. A motley assortment of animals inc sheep, donkeys, chickens, ducks and geese. Bluebells flourish in the woods, so feel free to bring dogs and a picnic, and take a walk after visiting the gardens. Wheelchair access via a ramp to view main part of the garden. Difficult access to woods due to muddy, uneven ground.

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STONEWALL PARK

Chiddingstone Hoath, nr Edenbridge, TN8 7DG. See Kent County Booklet or visit ngs.org.uk

135 STROODS D2

Hérons Ghyll, Uckfield, TN22 4DB. Geraldine Ogilvy. Located on A26 opp Clay Studio. **Wed 12 June (12-4). Adm £10, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Home-made teas inc.**

Nestled in the beautiful hills of Sussex, the garden is a peaceful space where ancient trees, an orchard and olive grove team carefully with curated herbaceous borders and meandering wildflower meadows, all attracting bees, butterflies and birds. The walled kitchen garden delivers delicious, traditional vegetables, embroidered with flowers and shrubs, plus the occasional wandering chicken.

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136 SULLINGTON OLD RECTORY B3

Sullington Lane, Storrington, Pulborough, RH20 4AE. Oliver & Mala Haarmann. Mark Dixon, Head Gardener, mark@sullingtonoldrectory.com. Travelling S on A24 take 3rd exit on Washington r'about. Proceed to Xrds on A283 for Sullington Ln & Water Ln. Take L onto Sullington Ln & garden located at the top. **Thur 18, Fri 19 July (10-4). Adm £10, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Two hour timed slots at 10am & 2pm. Home-made teas at the Workshop Café, Sullington Manor Farm.**

With a backdrop of stunning views of the South Downs, the naturalistic style of this beautiful country garden sits perfectly into the surrounding landscape. The rarely opened garden inc a potager, orchard, herb garden, established trees and shrubs, a pleached lime walk, new colour themed perennial borders, a profusion of grasses and experimental planting in the moist meadow. Head Gardener will be available for any Q&As. Wheelchair access to most areas.

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137 ♦ SUSSEX PRAIRIES C3

Morlands Farm, Wheatshaf Road (B2116), Henfield, BN5 9AT. Paul & Pauline McBride, 01273 495902, morlandsfarm@btinternet.com, www.sussexprairies.co.uk. 2m NE of Henfield on B2116 Wheatshaf Rd (also known as Albourne Rd). Follow Brown Tourist signs indicating Sussex Prairie Garden. **For NGS: Sun 8 Sept (1-5). Adm £12, chd £6. Home-made teas.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

Exciting prairie garden of approx 8 acres planted in the naturalistic style using 60,000 plants and over 1,600 different varieties. A colourful garden featuring a huge variety of unusual ornamental grasses. Expect layers of colour, texture and architectural splendour. Surrounded by mature oak trees with views of Chanctonbury Ring and Devil's Dyke on the South Downs. Permanent sculpture collection and exhibited sculpture throughout the season. Rare breed sheep and pigs. Tropical entrance garden. Woodchip pathway at entrance. Soft woodchip paths in borders not accessible, but flat garden for wheelchairs and mobility scooters. Disabled WC.

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138 THAKEHAM PLACE FARM B3

The Street, Thakeham, Pulborough, RH20 3EP. Mr & Mrs T Binnington. 3m N of Storrington. The farm is at the E end of The Street, where it turns into Crays Ln. Follow signs down farm drive to Thakeham Place. **Thur 25, Sun 28 July (2-5). Combined adm with Cumberland House £10, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of Revitalise - Respite Holidays For Disabled People & Carers.

Set in the middle of a working dairy farm, the garden has evolved over the last 30 yrs. Taking advantage of its sunny position on free draining greensand, the borders are full of sun loving plants and grasses with a more formal area surrounding the farmhouse (not open). Lovely views across the farm to Warminghurst from the orchard.

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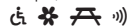
139 TOR COTTAGE D3

8 Tor Road, Peacehaven, BN10 7SX. Julie & Ron Basham. From A259 coast road at r/about turn N up Sutton Ave, veer R onto Pelham Rise, L onto Glynn Rd, R onto Roderick Ave, then 2nd L onto Tor Rd. Street parking. **Thur 25, Sat 27 July (11-5). Combined adm with The Jungle Garden £5, chd free. Home-made teas at The Jungle Garden. Open nearby 33 Wivelsfield Road.** Large, tranquil mature garden surrounds 100 yr old bungalow (not open) with trees, shrubs, plants, bamboos and ornamental grasses. Plenty of colour and different areas inc vegetable garden, rockeries and woodland. There are shady areas and seating in the sun or under the pergola. Art studio and workshop. Plants for sale.

**140 TOWN PLACE D2**

Ketches Lane, Freshfield, Sheffield Park, RH17 7NR. Anthony & Maggie McGrath, 01825 790221, mcgrathsussex@hotmail.com, www.townplacegarden.org.uk. 5m E of Haywards Heath. From A275 turn W at Sheffield Green into Ketches Ln for Lindfield. 1¾m on L. **Sun 9, Wed 12, Wed 19, Sun 23, Sun 30 June, Sun 7 July (2-5). Adm £8, chd free. Visits also by arrangement 3 June to 5 July.**

A stunning 3 acre garden with a growing international reputation for the quality of its design, planting and gardening. Set round a C17 Sussex farmhouse (not open), the garden has over 400 roses, herbaceous borders, herb garden, white garden, topiary inspired by the sculptures of Henry Moore, an 800 yr old oak, potager, and a unique ruined Priory Church and Cloisters in hornbeam. Sorry, no dogs allowed, and no refreshments available. Picnics welcome. Featured in Country Life (May 2023). There are steps, but all areas can be viewed from a wheelchair.

**141 TUPPENNY BARN A3**

Main Road, Southbourne, PO10 8EZ. Maggie Haynes, 01243 377780, contact@tuppennybarn.co.uk, www.tuppennybarn.co.uk. 6m W of Chichester, 1m E of Emsworth. On Main Rd A259, corner of Tuppenny Ln. Disabled parking. **Sat 6 July (10-3). Adm £6, chd free. Light refreshments. Food intolerances & allergies catered for.** Refreshments & plants in aid of Tuppenny Barn Education (children's charity). **Visits also by arrangement 16 Jan to 7 Oct for groups of 12 to 30.** An iconic, organic smallholding used as an outdoor classroom to teach children about the environment, sustainability and healthy food. 2½ acres packed with a wildlife pond, orchard with heritage top fruit varieties, two solar polytunnels, fruit cages, and raised vegetables, herbs and cut flower garden. Willow provides natural arches and wind breaks. Bug hotel and beehives support vital pollinators. Most of the grounds are accessible for wheelchairs, but undulated areas are more difficult.

**142 WADHURST PARK E2**

Riseden Road, Wadhurst, TN5 6NT. Nicky Browne, www.wadhurstpark.co.uk. 6m SE of Tunbridge Wells. Turn R along Mayfield Ln off B2099 at NW end of Wadhurst. Then turn L at Tidebrook Road & L at Riseden Rd. **Fri 14, Sat 15 June (10-4). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** The naturalistic gardens designed by Tom Stuart-

Smith, created on a C19 site, situated within a 2000 acre estate managed organically to enhance its wildlife, cultural heritage and beauty. The gardens invite the wider landscape in with native woodland trees and ground cover, meadows and hedgerows, framing views to hills and lake. We strive to garden with a greater respect for the natural world. Features inc restored Victorian orangery, naturalistic gardens planted with mainly native species, meadows, potager and log hives. Home-made teas inc vegan and gluten-free cakes, and local produce for sale. Due to uneven paths, please wear sensible shoes. Sorry no dogs. Wheelchair access to main features of garden. Some uneven surfaces over grass, cobbles and steps.

**143 50 WANNOCK LANE D3**

Willingdon, Eastbourne, BN20 9SD. Chris & Nick Ireland. Between Eastbourne & Polegate on the A2270. From Eastbourne (A2270) turn L into Goringe Valley Rd, at give way turn R. From Polegate turn R into Goringe Valley Rd. **Sun 14 July (1-5). Adm £5, chd free. Open nearby Langney & Willingdon Garden Trail.**

A fully packed front garden with central large rogue Christmas tree. West facing 200ft x 55ft rear garden with a wide selection of shrubs, herbaceous and perennials plus trees. There are two small ponds with fish, vegetable plot and greenhouses. Little nooks and seating areas provide interest and sunny patio. Local cafés nearby.

**144 WARNHAM PARK C2**

Robin Hood Lane, Warnham, Horsham, RH12 3RP. Mrs Caroline Lucas. Turn in off A24 end of Robin Hood Ln, turn immed R by the large poster & follow signs. **Sat 27 Apr (11-5); Thur 20 June (2-5); Sun 23 June (11.30-5.30). Adm £6, chd free. Soup & home-made teas (27 April & 23 June). Home-made teas (20 June).** Refreshments in aid of Blood Cancer UK (27 April), Family Support Work (20 June), The Alzheimer's Society (23 June). The garden is situated in the middle of a 200 acre Deer Park, which has a very special herd of Red Deer husbanded by the Lucas Family for over 150 yrs. Borders with traditional planting and a kitchen garden that is prolific most of the yr. The rest of the garden comprises different spaces inc a small white garden, a Moroccan courtyard and a walled garden. There is also a woodland walk. Disabled WC. Sorry, no dogs allowed.



Whitehanger

GROUP OPENING**145 WATERWORKS & FRIENDS E3/F3**

Broad Oak & Brede, TN31 6HG. 6m N of Hastings. 4 Waterworks Cottages, Brede, off A28 by church & opp Red Lion, ¾m at end of lane. Sculdown, B2089 Chitcombe Rd, W off A28 at Broad Oak Xrds. Start at either garden, a map will be provided. **Sat 1 June (10.30-4). Combined adm £6, chd free. Light refreshments at Sculdown.** Refreshments in aid of St George's Church (% to NGS).

SCULDOWN

TN31 6EX. Mrs Christine Buckland.

4 WATERWORKS COTTAGES

TN31 6HG. Mrs Kristina Clode, 07950 748097, info@kristinaclodegardendesign.co.uk, www.kristinaclodegardendesign.co.uk.

Visits also by arrangement 3 June to 11 Oct for groups of 10 to 30. Car sharing encouraged for larger groups.



An opportunity to visit two unique gardens and discover the Brede Steam Giants 35ft Edwardian water pumping engines, and Grade II listed pump house located behind 4 Waterworks Cottages. Garden designer Kristina Clode has created her wildlife friendly garden at 4 Waterworks Cottages over the last 14 yrs. Delightful perennial wildflower meadow, pond, wisteria covered pergola and mixed borders packed full of unusual specimens with year-round interest and colour. Sculdown's garden is dominated by a very large wildlife pond

formed as a result of iron-ore mining over 100 yrs ago. The stunning traditional cottage (not open) provides a superb backdrop for several colourful herbaceous borders and poplar trees. Plants for sale at 4 Waterworks Cottages. At Brede Steam Giants, accessible WC available and assistance dogs only (free entry, donations encouraged). At Sculdown, mobility cars to park in flat area at top of field.


**146 WHITEHANGER A2**

Marley Lane, Haslemere, GU27 3PY. Lynn & David Paynter, 07774 010901, lynn@whitehanger.co.uk.

What3words app - barman.funny.tango. Take A286 Midhurst Rd from Haslemere & after approx 2m turn R into Marley Ln (opp Hatch Ln). After 1m turn into drive shared with St Magnus Nursing & keep bearing L through the nursing home. **Sun 18 Aug (10-4.30). Adm £6.50, chd £6.50. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Tea.** Visits also by arrangement 10 June to 9 Sept for groups of 8 to 35. Final numbers must be given a week before visiting & payment made by BACS. Set in 6 acres on the edge of the South Downs National Park surrounded by NT woodland, this rural garden was started in 2012 when a new Huf house (not open) was built on a derelict site. Now there are lawned areas with beds of perennials, a serenity pool with Koi carp, a wildflower meadow, a Japanese garden, a sculpture garden, a woodland walk, a large rockery and an exotic walled garden.

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[147] 5 WHITEMANS CLOSE C2

Cuckfield, Haywards Heath, RH17 5DE. Shirley Carman-Martin. 1m N of Cuckfield. On B2036 signed Balcombe, Whitemans Cl is 250yds from r'about on LHS. No parking in Whitemans Cl. Buses stop at Whitemans Green, where there is also a large free car park. **Thur 25, Sat 27, Sun 28, Tue 30, Wed 31 Jan, Thur 1, Sat 3, Tue 6, Wed 7, Tue 13, Wed 14, Thur 15 Feb (10.30-4.30). Adm £8, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please phone 01444 473520 or email shirley.carmanmartin@ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Adm inc home-made teas.**

A garden for snowdrops and the winter garden. A relatively small cottage garden with some unusual winter plants, a large snowdrop collection, and also many hellebores and ferns. All snowdrops can be viewed from paths, so you can leave the wellies at home, but warm clothes are essential.



[148] WHITHURST PARK B2

Plaistow Road, Kirdford, Nr Billingshurst, RH14 0JW. Mr Richard Taylor & Mr Rick Englert, www.whithurst.com. 7m NW of Billingshurst. A272 to Wisborough Green, follow sign to Kirdford, turn R at 1st T-junction through village, then R again, on Plaistow Rd, look for the white Whithurst Park sign at roadside. **Sun 7 July (10-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.**

13 yr old walled kitchen garden with many espaliered fruit trees. Herb beds, vegetable beds, flower borders and cutting

beds. Central greenhouse and potting shed with interesting support buildings behind the wall inc extensive compost area close to beehives. Sustainability through permaculture principles. Plants for sale in courtyard at the front of house. Teas available on lawn adjacent to the courtyard. We have plenty of open lawn around the walled garden and house which can be used for picnics. There are also footpaths around the woodlands surrounding the house and lake. Wheelchair access via ramp over 10cm step onto garden paths.



GROUP OPENING

[149] WINCHELSEA'S SECRET GARDENS F3

Winchelsea, TN36 4EN. 2m W of Rye, 8m E of Hastings. Follow A259 from Rye or Hastings. **Sat 20 Apr (12-4). Combined adm £5, chd free. Sat 15 June (11-5). Combined adm £8, chd free. Home-made teas at Winchelsea New Hall.** Refreshments in aid of NGS & local charities.

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With several properties changing hands, Winchelsea's offering is temporarily less extensive than usual, but we have two fascinating new gardens joining us this yr. We offer secret walled gardens, spring bulbs, roses, herbaceous borders and more, in the beautiful setting of the Cinque Port of Winchelsea. Follow signs for central card payment point or pay cash at any garden gate. Explore the town with its magnificent church. Check winchelsea.com for the latest information on tours of our famous medieval cellars. If you are bringing a coach please contact ryeview@gmail.com, 01797 226524. Wheelchair access to four out of five gardens in April and six out of eight in June.



[150] 33 WIVELSFIELD ROAD D3

Saltdean, Brighton, BN2 8FP. Chris Briggs & Steve Jenner. From A259 at Saltdean turn onto Arundel Drive West, continue onto Saltdean Vale. Take the 6th turning on L, Tumulus Rd. Take 1st R onto Wivelsfield Rd, continue up steep hill, No. 33 is on the R. **Thur 25, Sat 27 July (11-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas. Open nearby The Jungle Garden & Tor Cottage.**

The garden, created in 2016, landscaped during 2017 and planting started later that yr. Split over three levels filled with colourful perennials, annuals, grasses, and succulents planted in the ground and in containers. The formal garden leads onto a wildflower meadow extending onto the downs, giving spectacular views of both the ocean and South Downs National Park. Front garden revamped in 2023.



[151] WYCH WARREN HOUSE D2

Wych Warren, Forest Row, RH18 5LF. Colin King & Mary Franck, 07852 272898, mfranck@hotmail.com. 1m S of Forest Row. Proceed S on A22, track turning on L, 100 metres past 45mph warning triangle sign. Or 1m N of Wych Cross T-lights, track turning on R. Go 400 metres across golf course till the end. **Fri 12 July (2-6). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of Chestnut Tree Hospice. Visits also by arrangement 18 May to 20 Sept for groups of 10+. Tour & refreshments on request. 6 acre garden in Ashdown Forest, AONB, much of it mixed woodland. Perimeter walk all around property. Delightful and tranquil setting with plenty of space to roam, and various aspects of interest providing sensory and a relaxing visit. Ideal for forest bathing! Lovely stonework, specimen trees, three ponds, herbaceous borders, exotic bed, greenhouse and always something new on the go! Plenty of space to roam and explore, and enjoy the fresh air. Plants for sale and a great range of chutney and jams. Dogs on leads and children welcome. Partial wheelchair access by tarmac track to the kitchen side gate.



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