

# Eight beautiful gardens opening for the National Garden Scheme in April & May

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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

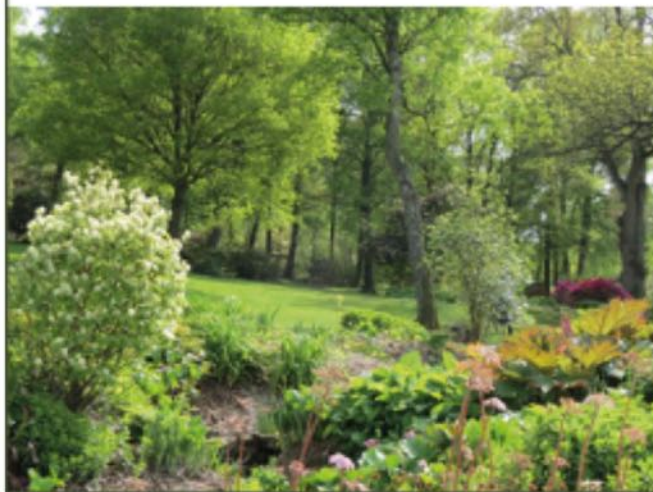
*Legsheath Farm.*

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. Legsheath Lane, near Forest Row, RH19 4JN. from 1.30pm to 4.30pm with entry £10

**Easter Sunday and Easter Monday**

*47 Denman's Lane*

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 years, it is planted for interest throughout the year. Spring bulbs are followed by azaleas, rhododendrons, roses, and herbaceous perennials. The garden also has ponds, vegetable and fruit gardens. An extensive choice of plants and homemade jams for sale. from 11am to 4pm with entry £7. Lindfield, RH16 2JN.



**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

*Duckyls.*

A recently renovated 15-acre garden with wonderful views across Sussex. Consisting of a rhododendron woodland, a newly planted orchard, ponds and a more formal garden and more. Selsfield Road, East Grinstead, RH19 4LP. from 11am to 4pm with entry £8, two hour timed slots at 11am & 2pm. Pre-booking essential.





## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

### *3 gardens in Balcombe.*

The Coppice, Oldlands Avenue, RH17 6LP.  
Stumlet, Oldlands Avenue, RH17 6LW.  
Winterfield, Oldlands Avenue, RH17 6LP. Three quite different, adjacent gardens on an easy walking trail. Winterfield is a long-established plantsman's garden. Stumlet has evolved from a 'work in progress' garden into a restful special space, and The Coppice is a garden to watch as it develops over the coming years. 2pm to 5pm with combined entry of £7.50.



**Full details on all the gardens can be found at [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)**

Readers may be interested to note that in 2027 the NGS marks 100 years of opening gardens for great causes. As part of the celebration, they want to tell their story through its garden visitors. So, whether you've visited once or 100 times, perhaps a visit changed your life, lifted your spirits, inspired your gardening or brought back happy memories, they'd love to hear from you. You can send your stories in full or in brief, with photos if you have them, to: [stories@ngs.org.uk](mailto:stories@ngs.org.uk)



*Priest House*

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

### *Borde Hill Gardens*

Borde Hill Gardens is tranquil and picturesque. Planted with passion by five generations of the Stephenson Clarke family, it contains rare and fine rhododendrons, magnolias, rose borders, and champion trees, exploring the thirteen outdoor rooms is like travelling around the world in one garden. from 10am to 5pm with entry £14, and children £9. Haywards Heath, RH16 1XP.



## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

### *Penns in the Rocks.*

A large garden with a spectacular outcrop of rocks, 140 million years old. The grounds include a lake, C18 and C20 temples, and woods with plenty of daffodils, bluebells, azaleas, and magnolias. from 2pm to 6pm with entry £7.50. Groombridge, TN3 9PA.