



NEWS RELEASE

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE GARDENS OPENING IN AUGUST 2024

***Numbers against gardens are those in the 2024 county booklet.
It is always best to check the website before leaving for your garden
visit with The National Garden Scheme: www.ngs.org.uk***

Sunday 4th

5: Beechwood Park: Fosseyway, Stow on the Wold, Cheltenham, GL 54 1FP
Open: 10 – 4 pm, Admission £5, children free. **Cash Only.** Tea, coffee, cake and full bar.

30: Highnam Court: Highnam, Gloucester, GL2 8DP
Open: 11 – 5 pm, Admission £5, children free, light refreshments.

77: Westonbirt School Gardens, Tetbury, GL8 8QG
Open: 11 am – 4 pm, Admission £7.50, children free. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, water and biscuits throughout the day.

Monday 5th

69: NEW: Thyme: Southrop Estate, Southrop, Lechlade, GL7 3PW
Open: 11 – 4 pm. Admission £5, children free. There are two restaurants on site that visitors can book, the Ox Barn and The Swan at Southrop. For other opening times visit the garden website.

Situated on the edge of the water meadows, Thyme's carefully managed kitchen gardens ensure abundance from the land while protecting and maintaining the fertile alluvial soil. The garden is productive for much of the year and features a herb garden, cutting gardens and polytunnels to extend the seasons. We grow a large variety of flavoursome and unusual varieties to supply our restaurants.

Tuesday 6th

69: NEW: Thyme: as above

Wednesday 7th

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Thursday 8th

13: Charlton Down House: Charlton Down, Tetbury, GL8 8TZ
Open: 1 – 5 pm, Admission £7, children free, home-made teas

25: The Garden at Miserden: Miserden, near Stroud, GL6 7JA
Open: 10 – 5.30 pm, Admission £10, children free. Light refreshments at The Glasshouse Café.

59: Richmond Villages Painswick: Stroud Road, Painswick, Stroud, GL6 6UL
Open: 9 am – 3.30 pm, Admission £5, children free, **cash only**. Café, and if booked in advance, restaurant meals

69: NEW: Thyme: as above

Friday 9th

69: NEW: Thyme: as above

Saturday 10th

47: 39 Neven Place: Gloucester, GL1 5NF
Open: 10.30 – 4 pm. Admission £3, children free. **Cash only**. Home-made teas.

Sunday 11th

47: 39 Neven Place: as above.

66: Stanway Fountain & Water Garden: Stanway, Cheltenham, GL54 5PQ
Open: 2.30 – 5 pm. Admission £7, children £2.50. **Cash only**. Home-made teas in Stanway tearoom.

Monday 12th

35: Kiftsgate Court: Chipping Camden, GL55 6LN
Open: 12 – 6 pm. Admission £11, children £3.50. Light refreshments.

Thursday 15th

13: Charlton Down House: Charlton Down, Tetbury, GL8 8TZ
Open: 1 – 5 pm. Admission £7, children free, home-made teas.

Sunday 18th

8: Bourton House Garden: Bourton-on-the-Hill, GL56 9AE
Open: 10 – 5 pm. Admission £10, children free. **Cash only**. Light refreshments and home-made cakes in Grade I listed 16th century tithe barn.

40: NEW: Little Orchard: Kempley, Dymock GL18 2BU
Open: 1 – 5 pm. Admission £5, children free. Home-made teas.

Four-acre wildlife friendly garden with views over open countryside. Mixing naturalistic planting of native and specimen trees with ornamental borders, rose garden and cottage gardens, all of which can be explored from the large connecting lawns. Year-round interest: several ponds, productive apple orchard, woodland, wildflower meadows, ancient horse chestnut. Disabled parking at house. Wheelchair access restricted to garden areas nearest the house, WC not wheelchair accessible.

43: The Manor: Little Compton, GL56 0RZ

Open: 1 – 5 pm. Admission £6, children free. Home-made teas in churchyard next door.

Sunday 25th

Pop Up Opening: Tree Hill: 76 Gretton Road, Winchcombe, GL54 5EL

Open: 12 – 4 pm. Admission £4, children free. Tickets can be booked online or turn up and pay on the day.

Stepping into this garden is akin to stepping into another world. As one visitor remarked ‘this is unlike any English garden I have ever seen.’ On this small and modest plot one finds huge leaves, tall exotic plants jostling for light with the small and the delicate. Created with a passion for the exotic landscapes of the Caribbean which was inspired by a visit to Barbados.

Monday 26th

10: Calmsden Manor: Calmsden, Cirencester GL7 5ET

Open: 2.30 – 6.30 pm. Admission £10, children free. Home-made teas.

Thursday 29th

13: Charlton Down House: Charlton Down, Tetbury, GL8 8TZ

Open: 1 – 5 pm. Admission £7, children free, home-made teas.

Saturday 31st

17: Cotswold Farm: Duntisbourne Abbots, Cirencester, GL7 7JS

Open: 2 – 5 pm. Admission £7.50, children free. Home-made teas.

79: NEW: Wicks Green Farm, Wicks Green, Longney, Gloucester, GL2 3SP

Open: 11 – 4 pm. Admission £5, children free. **Cash only.** Hot drinks, soft drinks and cakes available to purchase. Also home-made chutneys and pickles.

Set in about 1½ acres, Wicks Green Farm has an exceptional garden with further outbuildings, well stocked borders, raised vegetable beds, a natural spring fed pond and an orchard. Some of the pear trees are mature old varieties, as yet to be identified. Parking is available near the house for those with limited mobility.

NOTES TO EDITORS

About the National Garden Scheme

The National Garden Scheme gives visitors unique access to over 3,500 exceptional private gardens in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands, and raises impressive amounts of money for some of the UK's best-loved nursing and health charities through admissions, teas and cake.

Thanks to the generosity of garden owners, volunteers and visitors we have donated more than £70 million to our beneficiary charities, and in 2023 made donations of over £3.4 million. Founded in 1927 to support district nurses, we are now the most

significant charitable funder of nursing in the UK and our beneficiaries include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute.

The National Garden Scheme doesn't just open beautiful gardens for charity – we are passionate about the physical and mental health benefits of gardens too. We fund projects which promote gardens and gardening as therapy, and in 2017, we launched our annual Gardens and Health Week to raise awareness of the topic. Our funding also supports the training of gardeners and offers respite to horticultural workers who have fallen on difficult times.

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