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Join our Great British Garden Party fundraising campaign and raise money for some of the best-loved nursing and health charities. Last year supporters hosted plant sales and paella parties, afternoon teas and coffee mornings, held raffles and guess the name of the calf activities – and together raised almost £40,000. Visit ngs. org.uk/gardenparty to find out how you can get involved.

County Durham: an unsung county.

County Durham lies between the River Wear and River Tees and is varied and beautiful.

Our National Garden Scheme open gardens can be found in the city, high up in the Dales and in the attractive villages of South Durham. Something different every week.

Visit your old favourites again and check out our new gardens such as Eldon Hall Farm Steadings, a group of six very different gardens in a development of rescued farm buildings from the 1800's. Country gardens include those at Old Quarrington, three very different gardens, roses to alpacas! Wolsingham Village is also opening again this year with a group of eight gardens including some unusual gardens, a riverside garden, allotments etc. something for everyone.

Northumberland is a county of ancient castles and wild coastline, of expansive views and big skies.

Northumberland is a big county. Its beautiful landscape, with its picturesque valleys, provides the backdrop for a wide range of interesting gardens.

There is a wide variety of styles, from the walled vegetable gardens and sumptuous borders of large country houses to exciting contemporary planting. An historic manor house has a Lutyens/Jekyll connection while one has a landscape that provides a place of calm to its current owners, just as it did during World War I to its then owner, a prominent politician.

An unusual colourful garden on a very steep slope, and another in the rugged country of the Pennines, show you can transform even the most difficult sites. There are the landscaped gardens of two hospices, one with a garden especially designed for children. So much to enjoy.

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More of our garden visitors and owners are engaging with us on Twitter, Facebook, Instgram and GardenTags, sharing photographs, information and ideas - please join us!









All entries are subject to change. For the latest information check www.ngs.org.uk

OPENING DATES

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

Sunday 10th	
Ravensford Farm	33

May

Sunday 22nd	
Blagdon	5
Sunday 29th	
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June

Sunday 5th The Beacon	1
Saturday 18th St Oswald's Hospice	36
Sunday 19th High Bank Farm Holmelands ◆ Mindrum Garden	17 19 26
Saturday 25th Eldon Hall Farm Steadings Fallodon Hall Woodlands	10 12 44
Sunday 26th Halton Castle	15

NEW Old Quarrington Gardens

◆ Whalton Manor Gardens

Oliver Ford Garden

July

Saturday 2nd Kirky Cottage Wolsingham Village Gardens	20 42
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2 Briarlea	6
Capheaton Hall	7
St Margaret's Allotments	35
Saturday 16th	
Woodbine House	43
Sunday 17th	
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Stanton Fence	39
Saturday 23rd	
Middleton Hall Retirement Village	25
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August

St Cuthbert's Hospice

Sunday 7th	
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Heather Holm	10
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October

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Sun	day 16th	
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By Arrangement

Arrange a personalised garden visit with your club, or group of friends, on a date to suit you. See individual garden entries for full details.

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Ferndene House	13
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Lambshield	21
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Middleton Hall Retirement	
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Ravensford Farm	33
28 Washington Avenue	40
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Symbols at the end of each garden entry indicate features and items of special interest at the garden.

- 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 quaranteed contribution).
- **Ġ** 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.
- A Gardens that offer accommodation.
- Refreshments are available, normally at a charge, subject to Covid-19 guidelines.
- 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 above 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.

Donation to indicates that a proportion of the money collected will be given to the nominated charity.

Toilets are not usually available at private gardens.

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THE GARDENS

II THE BEACON

10 Crabtree Road, Stocksfield, NE43 7NX. Derek & Patricia Hodgson OBE, 01661 842518, patandderek@btinternet.com. 12m W of Newcastle. From A69 follow signs into village. Station & cricket ground on L. Turn R into Cadehill Rd then 1st R into Crabtree Rd (cul-de-sac) Park on Cadehill. Sun 5 June, Sun 3 July (2-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of NSPCC. Visits also by arrangement June to Sept for groups of 10+.

This garden illustrates how to make a cottage garden on a steep site with loads of interest at different levels. Planted with acers, roses and a variety of cottage garden and formal plants. Water runs gently through it and there are tranquil places to sit and talk or just reflect. Stunning colour and plant combinations. Wildlife friendly - numerous birds, frogs, newts, hedgehogs. Haven for butterflies and bees. Owner available for entertaining group talks. Comedy/ piano recital available at By Arrangement visits (£5 per person in aid of NSPCC). Alan Titchmarsh and crew filmed the garden on 8/9/21 and 10/9/21 as an inspirational garden for his programme Love Your Garden - will be shown on ITV and on Facebook page of Love Your Garden soon.



E 45 BLACKWELL

Darlington, DL3 8QT, Cath & Peter Proud, SW Darlington, next to R. Tees. 1/2 way along Blackwell in Darlington, which links Bridge Rd (on A66 just past Blackwell Bridge) & Carmel Rd South. Alternatively, turn into Blackwell from PO on Carmel Rd South. Sun 31 July (1-5). Combined adm with 46 Blackwell £5, chd free. Home-made teas.

No. 45 Blackwell rises from the River Tees up to a 1/2 acre garden with many mature trees, wildlife meadow, pond with waterfall, herb and Mediterranean garden, vegetable bed, greenhouse, camellia border, lawns and herbaceous borders and containers full of colourful plants inc dahlias, lilies and agapanthus. Refreshments, preserves and plants on sale. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. Wheelchair access to patios and to lower lawn only with assistance.



46 BLACKWELL

Darlington, DL3 8QT, Christopher & Yvonne Auton, Please see directions for 45 Blackwell. Sun 31 July (1-5). Combined adm with 45 Blackwell £5, chd free. Home-made teas.

46 Blackwell is a plantsman's garden - compact, but full of unusual specimens and collections of plants and trees, with a pond and summerhouse in the back garden. Wheelchair access to front garden and partial access to back garden.

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BLAGDON

Seaton Burn, NE13 6DE. Viscount Ridley. 5m S of Morpeth on A1. 8m N of Newcastle on A1, N on B1318, L at r'about (Holiday Inn) & follow signs to Blagdon. Entrance to parking area signed. Sun 22 May (1-4.30). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.

Unique 27 acre garden encompassing formal garden with Lutyens designed 'canal', Lutyens structures and walled kitchen garden. Valley with stream and various follies, quarry garden and woodland walks. Large numbers of ornamental trees and shrubs planted over many generations. National Collections of Acer, Alnus and Sorbus. Partial wheelchair access.



2 BRIARLEA

Hepscott, Morpeth, NE61 6PA. Richard & Carolyn Torr, 07470 391936, richardtorr6@gmail.com. Entering Hepscott from A192, Briarlea is 2nd road on R. Please park considerately within the village. Please do not park on Briarlea. Sun 10 July (11-5). Adm £5, chd free. Refreshments at 7

Thornlea, approx 100 metres away, with further cactus collection and plant stall. Visits also by arrangement June & July for groups of up to 25. A plant lover's garden of just under $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, rejuvenated and redeveloped over the last 5 yrs, featuring gravel areas, stream side planting and many herbaceous borders. Planting features hostas, grasses, roses, penstemons, ferns, a wide range of shrubs and other perennials. A vegetable area with raised beds inc

greenhouses with an extensive collection of cacti and other succulents. Good

access to most of garden, however, some steps and gravel areas. ė 🐂 🛠 💌

Z CAPHEATON HALL

Capheaton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE19 2AB. William & Eliza Browne-Swinburne, 01913 758152, capheatonhall@gmail.com, www. capheatonhall.co.uk/accomodation. 24m N of Newcastle off A696. From S turn L onto Silver Hill rd signed Capheaton. From N, past Wallington/ Kirkharle junction, turn R. Sat 9, Sun 10 July (10-5). Adm £10, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Home-made teas.

Set in parkland, Capheaton Hall has magnificent views over the Northumberland countryside. Formal ponds sit south of the house which has C19 conservatory and a walk to a Georgian folly of a chapel. The outstanding feature is the very productive walled kitchen garden, mixing colourful vegetables, espaliered fruit with annual and perennial flowering borders. Victorian glasshouse and conservatory.



3 COLDCOTES MOOR GARDEN

Ponteland, Northumberland, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE20 0DF. Ron & Louise Bowey, 07798 532291, info@theboweys.co.uk. Off A696 N of Ponteland. From S, leave Ponteland on A696 towards Jedburgh, after 1m take L turn marked 'Milbourne 2m'. After 400yds turn L into drive. Visits by arrangement June to Aug for groups of 20 to 50. Adm £7, chd free. Home-made teas.

The garden, landscaped grounds and woods cover around 15 acres. The wooded approach opens out to lawned areas surrounded by ornamental and woodland shrubs and trees. A courtyard garden leads to an ornamental walled garden, beyond which is an orchard, vegetable garden, flower garden and rose arbour. To the south the garden looks out over a lake and field walks, with woodland walks to the west. Small children's play area. Mei's Garden Metalwork - 20% to NGS. Telegraph, Radio Newcastle, Journal, WI Life. Most areas are accessible though sometimes by circuitous routes or an occasional step. WC access involves three steps.



☑ IIII DROOMVELD

Christmas Farm, Longframlington, Morpeth, NE65 8DA. Maxine Eaton, 07715 460038, alittleplantcompany@gmail.com, www.alittleplantcompany.co.uk. At the northern edge of the village on the A697, take the road E with signs for log cabins. After 1m turn L to Christmas Farm (signposted). Sun 28 Aug (11-4). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Beth's delicious teas and cakes using fresh produce from the

Begun in 2019 in a beautiful setting, this developing garden is nestled in the Northumberland hills and has numerous borders to showcase different styles cottage, prairie, naturalistic and woodland with roses and a wildlife pool. Large and abundant organic working kitchen gardens.





Need an entertaining speaker for your group or society, then contact one of the county team

III ELDON HALL FARM STEADINGS

Old Eldon, Shildon, DL4 2QT. Margaret Clothier. Located at the junction Xrds in Old Eldon. Sign posted. Sat 25 June (11-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.

This is the first year of opening for this delightful rural development of rescued farm buildings dating back to the 1800s. The sloping elevated site takes full advantage of the spectacular views over fields and woodland. The gardens range from small, medium and large, low and high maintenance, formal and informal all walled in natural stone. Meadow, ponds and woodland area.



III WWW ETAL MANOR

Etal Manor, Etal, Cornhill-on-Tweed, TD12 4TL. Lord and Lady Joicey. N Northumberland, close to Cornhill-on-Tweed, Coldstream, Berwick-upon-Tweed and Wooler. The garden will be signed from the A697 Wooler to Cornhill-on-Tweed road. Sun 16 Oct (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments. Refreshments in aid of HospiceCare North Northumberland. A ten acre garden in far N E England managed by the same family since 1910. Developed into a predominantly woodland garden, the acid soil and tough growing environment suits rhododendrons, azaleas, acers and magnolias. In 1969 a new kitchen garden was created. Work continues. The variety of trees in the woodland garden provides very good autumn colour. Mel's Garden Metalwork - 20% to NGS.



□ FALLODON HALL

Alnwick, NE66 3HF. Mr & Mrs Mark Bridgeman, 01665 576252, luciabridgeman@gmail.com, www.bruntoncottages.co.uk. 5m N of Alnwick, 2m off A1. From the A1 turn onto the B6347 signed Christon Bank & Seahouses. Turn into the Fallodon gates after exactly 2m, at Xrds. Follow drive for 1m. Sat 25 June (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of local churches and the village school. Visits also by arrangement May to Oct for groups of 5 to 20. Please call Lucia Bridgeman on 07765 296197.

Extensive, well established garden, with a hot greenhouse beside the bog



garden. The late C17 walls of the kitchen garden surround cutting and vegetable borders and the fruit greenhouse. Natasha McEwen replanted the sunken garden from 1898 and the redesigned 30 metres border was planted in 2019. Woodlands, pond and arboretum with over 10 acres to explore. Grave of Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary during WW1, famous ornithologist and fly fisherman, is in the woods near the pond and arboretum. The walls of kitchen garden contain a fireplace, to heat the fruit trees of the Salkeld family, renowned for their gardening expertise. Partial wheelchair access.



III FERNDENE HOUSE

2 Holburn Lane Court, Holburn Lane, Ryton, NE40 3PN. Maureen Kesteven, 0191 413 5937, Sophie Simpson



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maureen.kesteven@ngs.org.uk, www.facebook.com/ northeastgardenopenforcharity/. In Ryton Old Village. 8m W of Gateshead.

Off B6317, on Holburn Lane. Park on street or in Co-op car park on High St, cross rd through Ferndene Park following yellow signs. Sun 31 July (12.30-4.30). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas. Pizza & complimentary prosecco. Visits also by arrangement Apr to Aug for groups of 10+. The ½4 acre garden is surrounded by trees. Informal areas of herbaceous perennials, more formal box bordered area, sedum roof, wildlife pond, gravel and bog gardens (with boardwalk). Willow work. Early interest - hellebores, snowdrops, daffodlis, bluebells and tulips. Summer interest from wide range of flowering perennials and a meadow. 1½ acre mixed broadleaf wood with beck running through. Driveway, from which main borders can be seen, is wheelchair accessible but phone for assistance.

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III GARDEN AND STUDIO AT 67

Manor Road, St Helen Auckland, Bishop Auckland, DL14 9ER. Mitsi B Kral, www.instagram.com/gardenat67/. From A68 W Auckland, turn on to Station Rd towards St Helen Auckland avoiding the bypass follow the road over the bridge and on to Manor Rd, garden on R by pedestrian crossing.

Sun 3 July, Sun 7 Aug (11.30-4.30). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas. A quirky, bohemian garden, where wildlife comes first. No chemicals used anywhere. Lots of interest and art from the talented Mitsi. Wheelchair access to the main features of the garden, other paths are gravel.

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III WWW HALTON CASTLE

Corbridge, NE45 5PH. Hugh & Anna Blackett. 2m N of Corbridge turn E off the A68 onto the B6318 (Military Rd) towards Newcastle. Turn R onto drive after \(\frac{1}{4} \) m. Sun 26 June (12-4.30). Adm \(\frac{1}{2} \)5, chd free. Home-made teas. Light lunches from 12.00.

The terraced garden has stunning views over the Tyne Valley. Massive beech hedges give protection for herbaceous borders, lawns and shrubs. A box parterre is filled with vegetables, roses and sweet peas. Paths lead through a recently created wildflower meadow garden. The Castle (not open) is a C14 Pele tower with Jacobean manor house attached beside a charming chapel with Norman origins. Partial wheelchair access.

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III HEATHER HOLM

Stanghow Road, Stanghow, Saltburn-By-The-Sea, TS12 3JU. Arthur & June Murray. Stanghow is 5 km E of Guisborough on A171. Turn L at Lockwood Beck (signed Stanghow) Heather Holm is on the R past the Xrds. Sun 7 Aug (11-4). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas.

Divided into different rooms, this is a garden of different aspects, formal, floral and architectural. The owners have a philosophy of colour throughout the yr having many different species of lilies flowering from March to October. Sheltered by mature hedges hostas and hydrangeas thrive. There are fruit trees, soft fruit bushes, a greenhouse, summerhouse and a large pond attracting wildlife. No dogs.



III HIGH BANK FARM

Cleasby Road, Stapleton, Darlington, DL2 2QE. Lesley Thompson. We are located on road leading to Cleasby & Manfield from the Stapleton road. Drive 300 yds, you will see a sign saying 'Nursery on a Farm', take turning and park in the car park. Sun 19 June (1-4). Combined adm with Holmelands £5, chd free. Home-made teas.

The front garden has an abundance of roses, leading onto the orchard. The back garden has a lovely cottage garden, with a secluded summerhouse to relax in, together with paved area with beautiful pots and you can sit and listen to the trickling water from our lovely fishpond. No dogs.



1 2 HILLSIDE COTTAGE

Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland, DL14 0EZ. Mrs M Smith, 07789 366702, mary@maryruth.plus.com. 3m W of Bishop Auckland on B6282 and ½m E of Toft Hill. Follow the B6282 from Bishop Auckland. After the Etherley sign continue along the road for approx ¼m, the Cottage is down the track on the L near the 2nd footpath sign. Visits by arrangement Feb to Nov. Adm £5, chd free, Light refreshments.

The large island beds, featuring conifers, heathers and perennials, are bordered by grass paths with views over Weardale. There are interesting shrubs and trees, a greenhouse with tender plants and vegetables, a fruit cage, fruit trees, vegetable beds and herbs. Two ponds and naturally managed areas attract wildlife. Tucked away at the bottom of the garden are beehives. This ½ acre garden is a garden for all season and visitors are welcome throughout the year.



HOLMELANDS

Cleasby, Darlington, DL2 2QY. Nicky & Clare Vigors. 1st open yard on R approaching village from Stapleton. Sun 19 June (1-4). Combined adm with High Bank Farm £5, chd free. Teas at High Bank Farm.

Semi formal garden with orchard and large vegetable patch. Herbaceous beds

Semi formal garden with orchard and large vegetable patch. Herbaceous beds and climbing roses as well as standard roses. Laid out in a semi formal design to create a harmonious effect. Attractive mixed borders, formal topiary and lavender at the front of the house.



PO KIRKY COTTAGE

12 Mindrum Farm Cottages, Mindrum, TD12 4QN. Mrs Ginny Fairfax, 01890 850246, ginny@mindrumgarden.co.uk, mindrumestate.com/mindrum-garden/kirky-cottage-garden/. 6m SW of Coldstream. 9m NW of Wooler on B6352. 4m N of Yetholm village. Sat 2 July (11-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement.

Ginny Fairfax has created Kirky Cottage Garden in the beautiful Bowmont Valley surrounded and protected by the Border Hills. A gravel garden in cottage garden style, old roses, violas and others jostle with favourites from Mindrum. A lovely, abundant garden and, with Ginny's new and creative ideas, ever evolving. Regional finalist in The English Garden's The Nation's Favourite Gardens 2021



20 LAMBSHIELD

Hexham, NE46 1SF. David Young, 07785 310645, david.young@ngs.org.uk. 2m S of Hexham. Take the B6306 from Hexham. After 1.6m turn R at chevron sign. Lambshield drive is 2nd on L after 0.6m. Sun 24 July (12.30-4.30). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits

also by arrangement May to July for groups of 10+.

 $3\,{}^{\prime}\!\!/_2$ acre country garden begun in 2010 with strong structure and exciting plant combinations. Distinct areas and styles with formal herbaceous, grasses, contemporary planting, cottage garden, pool and orchard. Cloud hedging, pleached trees, and topiary combine with colourful and exuberant planting. Modern sculpture. Oak building and fencing by local craftsmen. Woodland garden. Mel's Garden Metalwork – 20% to NGS.





22 LILBURN TOWER

Alnwick, NE66 4PQ. Mr & Mrs D Davidson, 01668 217291, lilburntower@outlook.com. 3m S of Wooler. On A697. Sun 29 May (2-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement May to Sept for groups of 10+.

10 acres of magnificent walled and formal gardens set above river; rose parterre, topiary, scented garden, Victorian conservatory, wildflower meadow. Extensive fruit and vegetable garden, large glasshouse with vines. 30 acres of woodland with walks. Giant lilies, meconopsis around pond garden. Rhododendrons and azaleas. Also ruins of Pele Tower, and C12 church. Partial wheelchair access.

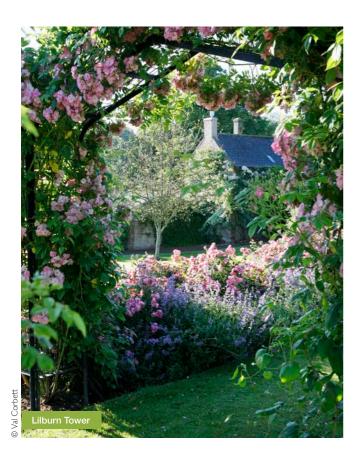


PB LOUGHBROW HOUSE

Hexham, NE46 1RS. Mrs K A Clark, 01434 603351,

patriciaclark351@hotmail.com. 1m S of Hexham on B6306. Dipton Mill Rd. Rd signed Blanchland, /4m take R fork; then /4m at fork, lodge gates & driveway at intersection. Visits by arrangement for groups of 10+. Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. A real country house garden with sweeping, colour themed herbaceous borders set around large lawns. Unique Lutyens inspired rill with grass topped bridges and climbing rose arches. Part walled kitchen garden and paved courtyard. Bog garden with pond. New rose bed. Wildflower meadow with specimen trees. Woodland quarry garden with rhododendrons, azaleas, hostas and rare trees. Home-made jams and chutneys for sale.





24 MARIE CURIE HOSPICE

Marie Curie Drive, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE4 6SS. Marie Curie, www. mariecurie.org.uk/help/hospice-care/hospices/newcastle/about. In West Newcastle just off Elswick rd. At the bottom of a housing estate. Turning is between MA Brothers & Dallas Carpets. Sun 3 July (2-4). Adm by donation. Cream teas in our Garden Café. The landscaped gardens of the purposebuilt Marie Curie Hospice overlooks the Tyne and Gateshead and offers a beautiful, tranquil place for patients and visitors to sit and chat. Rooms open onto a patio garden with gazebo and fountain. There are climbing roses, evergreens and herbaceous perennials. The garden is well maintained by volunteers. Come and see the work NGS funding helps make possible. Plant sale and refreshments available. The Hospice and Gardens are wheelchair accessible.

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B MIDDLETON HALL RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Middleton St. George, Darlington, DL2 1HA. Middleton Hall Retirement Village, 01325 332207, www.middletonhallretirementvillage.co.uk. From A67 D'ton/Yarm, turn at 2nd r'about signed to Middleton St George. Turn L at the mini r'about & immed R after the railway bridge, signed Low Middleton. Main entrance is ¼m on L. Sat 23 July (10-4). Adm £6, chd £2. Light refreshments. Visits also by arrangement May to July.

Like those in our retirement community, the extensive grounds are gloriously mature, encllessly interesting and with many hidden depths. 45 acres of features beckon; natural woodland and parkland, Japanese, Mediterranean and Butterfly Gardens, putting green, allotments, ponds, wetland and bird hide. For more information please visit our website. All wheelchair accessible and linked by a series of woodland walks.

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20 ◆ MINDRUM GARDEN

Mindrum, TD12 4QN. Mr & Mrs T Fairfax, 01890 850634,

tpfairfax@gmail.com, www.mindrumestate.com. 6m SW of Coldstream, 9m NW of Wooler. Off B6352. Disabled parking close to house. For NGS: Sun 19 June (2-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of North Northumberland HospiceCare. For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

A magical combination of old-fashioned roses and hardy perennials. Lawns surround the house with climbing roses, mature shrubs and trees throughout. Mindrum has evolved into a series of gardens including a rose garden, limestone rock garden (steep slope), fishponds with terraced area, a woodland walk with mature pines, and wildflower garden by the river.

20 THE MOORE HOUSE

Whalton, Morpeth, NE61 3UX. Phillip & Filiz Rodger. 5m W of Morpeth & 4m N of Belsay on B6524. House in middle of village. Park in village. Follow NGS signs. Sun 3 July (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of Whalton Village Gardening Club and Whalton church. 2½ acre mature garden extensively but sympathetically redesigned by Sean Murray, BBC /RHS Great Chelsea Garden Challenge winner. Garden divided into sections. Wide use and mix of flowering perennials and grasses, also gravel garden and stone rill. Decorative stonework around beds in patio area. Emphasis on scent, colour, texture and form with year-round interest. Mel's Garden Metalwork – 20% to NGS.

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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
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East Park Road, Gateshead, NE9 5AX. Gateshead Council, maureen.kesteven@ngs.org.uk, www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/3958/Saltwell-Park. Between Pets' Corner & Saltwell Towers. Pedestrian entrance from East Park Rd or car park in Joicey Rd. Open all year as part of the 55 acre Saltwell Park, known as The People's Park. For opening times and information, please email or visit garden website.

A unique collaboration between the National Garden Scheme North East, Trädgårdsresan, Region Västra Götaland and Gateshead Council. It was funded by sponsorship. The garden is a tribute to the importance of international friendship. The Swedish design reflects the landscape of West Sweden, with coast, meadow and woodland areas. Many of the plant species grow wild in Sweden, providing a welcoming vision for visitors and a feast for pollinators. Planted in 2019 the garden is maturing. Visitors can make a donation to the NGS. Wide tarmac path around the garden and mown grass paths through the meadow, but much of the garden is loose gravel.



GROUP OPENING

PD NEW OLD QUARRINGTON GARDENS

The Stables, Old Quarrington, Durham, DH6 5NN. John Little, facebook. com/OldQuarringtonGardens. 1m from J61 of A1(M). All Vehicle access from Crow Trees Lane, Bowburn. SatNav maybe misleading. Sun 26 June (11-4). Combined adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas at The Stables also picnics and WC. Refreshments in aid of local Mountain Rescue Team.

13 HEUGH HALL ROW

Jacqueline Robson, facebook.com/OldQuarringtonGardens.

ROSE COTTAGE

Mr Richard & Mrs Ann Cowen.

THE STABLES

John & Claire Little, facebook.com/thestablesOQ.

Three very distinct gardens in the hamlet of Old Quarrington. The Stables is a large family garden full of hidden surprises and extensive views. The main garden is about an acre including gravel garden, vegetable patch, orchard, play area, lawn and woodland gardens. There is a further 4 acres to explore which inc wildlife ponds, woodlands, meadows, hens, ducks and alpacas. Number 13 has been developed over 20 yrs with many small garden rooms inc a rose garden, a white garden, a small link garden which contains ferns, viburnum, birch trees and a Cercidiphyllum japonicoum. There is a pond and herbaceous beds which contain perennials and grasses. Many roses can be seen throughout the garden and a greenhouse devoted to a large Brown Turkey fig . The main garden at Rose Cottage is planted with wildlife friendly flowers, has slate paths and a pond that attracts 2 species of newts. To the rear there is a Mediterranean area and a woodland garden with stream beyond. Plant sales at 13 Heugh Hall Road.



EO OLIVER FORD GARDEN

Longedge Lane, Rowley, Consett, DH8 9HG. Bob & Bev Tridgett, www.gardensanctuaries.co.uk. 5m NW of Lanchester. Signed from A68 in Rowley. From Lanchester take rd towards Sately. Garden will be signed as you pass Woodlea Manor. Sun 26 June (1-5). Adm £4, chd free. Light

refreshments.

A peaceful, contemplative 3 acre garden developed and planted by the owner and BBC Gardener of the Year as a space for quiet reflection. Arboretum specialising in bark, stream, wildlife pond and bog garden. Semi-shaded Japanese maple and dwarf rhododendron garden. Rock garden and scree bed. Insect nectar area, orchard and $1\!\!\!/ 2$ acre meadow. Annual wildflower area. Terrace and ornamental herb garden. The garden is managed to maximise wildlife and there are a number of sculptures around the garden.





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EII 25 PARK ROAD SOUTH

Chester le Street, DH3 3LS. Mrs A Middleton, 0191 388 3225, midnot2@gmail.com. 4m N of Durham. Located at S end of A167 Chester-le-St bypass rd. Precise directions provided when booking visit. Visits by arrangement May to Aug. Adm £3.50, chd free.

A stunning town garden with year-round interest. Herbaceous borders with unusual perennials, grasses, shrubs surrounding lawn and paved area. Courtyard planted with foliage and small front gravel garden. The garden owner is a very knowledgeable plantswoman who enjoys showing visitors around her inspiring garden. No minimum size of group. Plants for sale.



BD QUARRY END

Walworth, Darlington, DL2 2LY. Iain & Margaret Anderson, 01325 778446, quarryend@btinternet.com. Approx 5m W of Darlington on A68 or $\frac{1}{2}$ m E of Piercebridge on A67. Follow brown signs to Walworth Castle Hotel. Just up the hill from the Castle entrance, follow NGS yellow signs down private track. Visits by arrangement May to Aug for groups of 10 to 25. Plenty of parking on site for cars or a small bus. Adm £5, chd free. Home-made

Woodland garden in an ancient quarry setting. Redeveloped over 21 yrs the garden has a C18 ice house, a wide variety of trees, shrubs and perennials, a fernery and ornamental vegetable plot. Spectacular late summer display but something of interest throughout the year inc an acre of reclaimed naturalised woodland in the adjacent quarry. Extensive views over South Durham. Only partial wheelchair access to woodland area especially if wet. Main garden includes some rough steps and gravel paths.

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BE RAVENSFORD FARM

Hamsterley, DL13 3NH. Jonathan & Caroline Peacock, 01388 488305, caroline@ravensfordfarm.co.uk. 7m W of Bishop Auckland. From A68 at Witton-le-Wear turn off W to Hamsterley. Follow yellow Garden signs or at other times go through village & turn L just before tennis courts at West End. Sun 10 Apr (11-2.30). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments. Hot soup and cheese scones. Visits also by arrangement Mar to Oct.

The garden, with some 40 different varieties of narcissi, early-flowering trees, primroses and wood anemones, is often most beautiful in spring. There will be music, of course, as well as plant sales. Colour, variety, ponds, unusual trees and shrubs. Refreshments under cover in case of inclement weather. Teesdale Mercury and Northern Echo features. Some gravel, so assistance will be needed for wheelchairs. Assistance dogs only, please.





ST CUTHBERT'S HOSPICE

Park House Road, Durham, DH1 3QF. Paul Marriott, CEO,

www.stcuthbertshospice.com. 1m SW of Durham City on A167. Turn into Park House Rd, the Hospice is on the L after bowling green car park. Parking available. Sun 31 July (11-4). Adm £5, chd free. Refreshments in aid of St Cuthbert's Hospice.

5 acres of mature gardens surround this CQC outstanding-rated Hospice. In development since 1988, the gardens are cared for by volunteers inc a Victorian-style greenhouse and large vegetable, fruit and cut flower area. Lawns surround smaller scale specialist planting, and areas for patients and visitors to relax. Woodland area with walks, sensory garden, and an 'In Memory' garden with stream. Plants and produce for sale. We are active participants in Northumbria in Bloom and Britain in Bloom, with several awards in recent years, inc overall winner in 2015, 2018 & 2019 for the Care/ Residential /Convalescent Homes / Day Centre / Hospices category. Almost all areas are accessible for wheelchairs.



GROUP OPENING

BE ST MARGARET'S ALLOTMENTS

Margery Lane, Durham City, DH1 4QU. From A1 take A690 to City Centre/Crook. Straight ahead at T-lights after 4th r'about. 10mins walk from bus or rail station. Sun 10 July (1.30-5.30). Combined adm £5, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking.

5 acres of over 100 allotments against the spectacular backdrop of Durham Cathedral. This site has been cultivated since the Middle Ages. Enthusiastic gardeners, many using organic methods, cultivate plots which display a great variety of fruit, vegetables and flowers. booking in advanced required. Visits are by guided tour only.



ST OSWALD'S HOSPICE

Regent Avenue, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE3 1EE. St Oswald's Hospice, www.stoswaldsuk.org/who-we-are/. Parking available on site & on street. Sat 18 June (10-2). Adm by donation. Light refreshments. Recently redesigned in-patients' garden is a delightful, tranquil breakout space. Adjacent to the new 'family room' and designed around an existing

Recently redesigned in-patients' garden is a delightful, tranquil breakout space. Adjacent to the new 'family room' and designed around an existing pond, offering plenty of opportunities to sit and reflect on the mix of colours, textures, scents and sounds within it. Also special children's hospice garden. Both planted and maintained by a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers. Wheelchair accessible



BIZ SHORTRIDGE HALL

Warkworth, Morpeth, NE65 0WJ. Rachael & Mike Wyllie. Garden about 1½m from Warkworth. Sat 23 July (1.30-5.30). Adm £6, chd free. Homemade teas. Refreshments in aid of HospiceCare North Northumberland. A newly planted 3½ acre garden based on a design by well-known landscape designer, Adam Frost. The garden surrounds a Victorian Hall and has lots of interest, including wildflower meadows, a woodland garden, herbaceous and mixed shrub borders, mixed rose garden and ornamental ponds. A small walled garden houses the greenhouse and a cutting garden. There are significant, but young hedges. Mel's Garden Metalwork – 20% to NGS.



EE 4 SPARTY LEA TERRACE

Sparty Lea, Hexham, NE47 9UB. Vivian Jackson. On B6295 Sparty Lea is 17m W of Hexham, 5m W of Allendale & 3m before Allenheads. Sun 17 July (11-4). Adm £5. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Home-made teas. This surprisingly lush garden lies at 1,100ft above sea level in the North Pennines AONB. It has evolved over 20 yrs from meadowland to cottage garden with herbaceous border, lawns wildlife pond and abundant half hardy annuals. Mature shrubs and trees surrounded by dry stone walls provide wind protection. The terrace was built in 1850 at the height of lead mining and smelting in the Allen valleys.

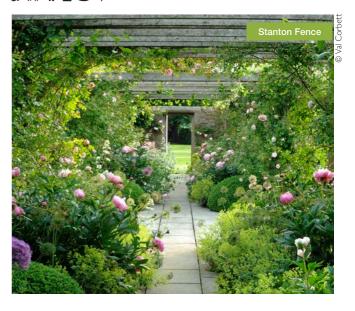


BD STANTON FENCE

Stanton, Morpeth, NE65 8PP. Sir David Kelly. 5m NW of Morpeth. Nr Stanton on the C144 between Pigdon & Netherwitton. OS map ref NZ 135890. Sun 17 July (1-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas. Donation to St Giles Church, Netherwitton.

Contemporary 4.7 acre country garden designed by Chelsea Gold Medal winner, Arabella Lennox-Boyd, in keeping with its rural setting. A strong underlying design unites the different areas from formal parterre and courtyard garden to orchard, wildflower meadows and woodland. Romantically planted rose covered arbours and long clematis draped pergola walk. Nuttery, kitchen garden and greenhouse. Delightful views. Robert lley, the garden builder, and Steve Grimwood, the gardener, will be present. Mel's Garden Metalwork on sale - 20% to NGS. Country Life August 2018. Wheelchair access for chairs that can use mown paths as well as hard paving.





NORTH EAST 2



20 28 WASHINGTON AVENUE

Middleton St. George, Darlington, DL2 1HE. Mrs Vanessa Hart, 07975 611056, van2695@msn.com. Situated between Middleton St George & Oak Tree. Visits by arrangement Apr to Oct for groups of 5 to 15. Adm by donation. Light refreshments.

A garden created for the love of colour, plants and wildlife, filled with English roses, clematis, jasmines and passion flowers. Borders are packed with as many bee, butterfly and insect loving plants as possible. An eclectic mix of water features and garden ornaments add to the quirkiness of this garden and there is something to simulate every sense. A beautiful place to sit in the sun.

◯ WHALTON MANOR GARDENS

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Whalton, Morpeth, NE61 3UT. Mr T R P S Norton, gardens@whaltonmanor.co.uk, , www.whaltonmanor.co.uk. 5m W of Morpeth. On the B6524, the house is at E end of the village & will be signed. For NGS: Sun 26 June (1-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas in The Game Larder. For other opening times and information, please email or visit garden website.

The historic Whalton Manor, altered by Sir Edwin Lutyens in 1908, is surrounded by 3 acres of magnificent walled gardens, designed by Lutyens with the help of Gertrude Jekyll. The gardens, developed by the Norton family since the 1920s inc extensive herbaceous borders, spring bulbs, 30yd peony border, rose garden, listed summerhouses, pergolas and walls festooned with rambling roses and clematis. Mel's garden metalwork for sale - 20% to NGS. Partial wheelchair access to main area but otherwise stone steps and gravel paths.

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GRAUP APENING

WOLSINGHAM VILLAGE GARDENS

Wolsingham, Bishop Auckland, DL13 3AY. Janette Kelly. Gardens are spread throughout the village. Parking is available in village centre & at the recreation field. Sat 2 July (1-5). Combined adm £6, chd free. Light refreshments at St Anne's community centre in the recreation field. A group of 8 gardens mainly centred around the recreation field. One is a short walk/drive to the edge of the village. They vary between traditional gardens, more unusual gardens and allotments. One borders the River Wear, another has ponds and water features. Owing to the number of gardens not all are accessible for wheelchair users.

WOODBINE HOUSE

22 South View, Hunwick, Crook, DL15 0JW. Stewart Irwin & Colin Purvis. On main rd through the village opp village green. B6286 off A689 Bishop Auckland - Crook or A690 Durham - Crook. On street parking, entrance to the rear of the property RHS of house. Sat 16 July (1-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.

The garden is approx $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre, divided into two, one half used as a vegetable garden with large greenhouse. The other half of the garden is lawn with well-stocked (and some unusual planting) herbaceous borders and small pond. Bees are kept in the vegetable garden. All refreshments are home-made. No dogs. Wheelchair access to refreshment area but paths in garden are not wide enough for wheelchairs.

WOODLANDS

Peareth Hall Road, Springwell Village, Gateshead, NE9 7NT. Liz Reid, 07719 875750, liz.reid@ngs.org.uk. 3½ m N Washington Galleries. 4m S Gateshead town centre. On B1288 turn opp Guide Post pub (NE9 7RR) onto Peareth Hall Rd. Continue for ½ m passing 2 bus stops on L. 3rd drive on L past Highbury Ave. Sat 25 June (1.30-4.30). Adm £4, chd free. Homemade teas. Beer & wine also available. Visits also by arrangement June to Aug for groups of 10 to 30. Mature garden on a site of approx one seventh acre-quirky, with tropical themed planting and Caribbean inspired bar. Also an area of cottage garden planting. A fun garden with colour throughout the year, interesting plants, informal beds and borders and pond area. On the 25-27 June 2022 Springwell Village plans a 'Forties Weekend' with many attractions. Eg: 2nd WW battle re-enactments and a military camp are planned on the nearby Bowes Railway (SAM) site. There are also plans for craft and other stalls and live music throughout the village.





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