

# GARDENS GROUP 2019 PROGRAMME



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*Join us for a good day out  
exploring wonderful gardens  
in good company!*



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**LEARN, LAUGH and LIVE!**

**FEBRUARY 21st Thursday 9.00 am Coach**

**HOPTON HALL (am)**

Drifts of snowdrops across 5 acres of woodland. Several walks, small arboretum, pinetum and 2 small ponds and wildlife lake.

**SUDBURY HALL, Derby NT (pm)**

Explore the Museum of Childhood, see conservation in action and the wood carvings and intricate plasterwork in the Hall.

**MARCH 28th Thursday 2.00 pm Cars Only**

**LYNDALE HOUSE, Astley Abbots NGS (pm)**

One and a half acre garden. Large Lawns with well planted flower beds.  
New Japanese garden for this year.  
Please park in the Church car park.

**APRIL 25th Thursday 9:00 am Coach**

**DERWEN GARDEN CENTRE  
& NURSERY, Welshpool (am)**

The largest and finest range of plants in the country. The Family also own the Dingle Nursery. Other gardening products available, also Farm Shop and various 'garden rooms'.

**POWIS CASTLE NT for lunch (pm)**

Medieval castle and fortress. Italianate terraces, spectacular yew hedges.  
Unparalleled views across the Severn Valley.  
Clive Museum with treasures from the Far East.

**MAY 16th Thursday 9.00am Coach**

**NESS BOTANIC GARDENS, Cheshire**

64 acres overlooking the Dee Estuary. Arthur Kilpin Bulley was passionate with plants and wanted to share them with others. Gardens created over 100 years ago.

**MAY 23rd Thursday 9:00 am C'ity Bus**

**COTTAGE HERBERY, Tenbury Wells (am)**

This nursery is not normally open to the public but for groups only. Walk and talk around the maturing garden and nursery.  
Lunch: **Ludlow Food Centre**

**WILDEGOOSE NURSERY (pm)**

Two acre walled garden within Millichope Park. Specialist growers of hardy perennials and scented violas - which are the heart of their business. No chemicals used.

**JUNE 6th Thursday 10.30 am Cars Only**

**PREEN MANOR, Church Preen (am)**

The gardens were created here over 30 years ago by Ann Trevor-Jones and her late husband. It sits on the site of a Cluniac Monastery. There are several gardens connected by weaving walkways.

**JUNE 27th Thursday 9.00 am Coach**

**KENILWORTH CASTLE EH (am)**

Elizabethan garden created as a haven of peace and tranquility. Tower views, Leicester's Gatehouse, and Castle Keep.

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**LORD LEYCESTER HOSPITAL, Warwick (pm)**

Medieval timber framed buildings dating from the late 14th century. The Master's Garden hidden behind the building has been cultivated for over 500 years.

**JULY 18th Thursday 9.00 am Coach**

**LANGDALE, Offenham NGS (am)**

One of our gardening club speakers who shows how he developed, and continues to develop his garden from scratch.

Lunch: **Evesham Country Park**

**BOB BROWN'S NURSERY (pm)**

Bob Brown's Nursery. A renowned plantsman, speaker and garden writer. A specialist nursery of unusual perennials.

**JULY 25th Thursday 8.30 am Coach**

**TREDEGAR HOUSE, Newport, S Wales NT**

A 17th century country house manor. Parkland covers 90 acres. Sweeping lawns, a serpentine lake and dotted woodland, lakeside walks.

**AUGUST 15th Thursday 9.00 am Coach**

**WINTERBOURNE HOUSE, B'ham (am)**

Seven acres of a rare surviving early 20th century suburban 'villa' garden inspired by the Art and Craft movement. Owned by the University of Birmingham. **Cont'd**

**MARTINEAU COMMUNITY GARDENS (pm)**

Two and half acres of woodland and formal gardens. An oasis for wildlife, a haven of tranquility 2 miles from B'ham City Centre.

**AUGUST 22nd Thursday 9:00 am Coach**

**PLAS BRONDANW, North Wales**

Grade 11 listed building. A series of garden rooms enclosed by yew hedges and lawns.

**SEPTEMBER 26th Thursday 9:00 am Coach**

**ARLEY HALL, Cheshire**

Grade II listed house, chapel and gardens. Historical award winning double borders. Eight acres of formal gardens, arboretum and woodland walk.

**OCTOBER 24th Thursday 8.30 am Coach**

**PENDRHYN CASTLE & GARDENS NT**

Nature walk. Walled garden with plants from all around the world. Ruined chapel, 19th century fantasy castle. Extensive grounds with views of Snowdonia and the N.Wales coast.

**DECEMBER 5th Thursday 9.00am Coach**

**CHIRK CASTLE NT (am & lunch)**

5.5 acres of gardens with rare shrubs and flowers. Long border, Hawk House, Shrub Garden, Haha, Rose and Kitchen Garden.

**MORETON PARK,**

**WYVEVALE GARDEN CENTRE (pm)**

Top quality plants and gardening products.

**DECEMBER 19th Thursday 12 for 12.30 pm**

**BODENHAM ARBORETUM Cars only**

A time to reminisce about the garden trips during 2019 whilst enjoying a delicious two course Christmas Lunch. **Which did you enjoy most this year?**

**Deposits for Trips**

A non-refundable deposit of **£10** per member is payable when signing up for a Gardens Trip. You will be given a receipt to stick in your diary.

**Balance of Trip Monies**

Costs for each trip vary due to final numbers, entrances fees and transport used on the day. The balance due will be collected (cash please) on the day of the trip, before embarking the coach. Trips range between **£15** and **£35**.

**National Garden Scheme (NGS)**

NGS Gardens (and other Gardens) with entrance charges are included in the trip cost.

**National Trust Membership (NT)**

Non NT Members need to pay entrance fees. Members - remember to bring your M'Ship Card!  
**English Heritage (EH)**  
Non EH Members need to pay entrance fees. Members - remember to bring your M'Ship Card!

**No-Shows**

If, for any reason, you are unable to join us on the day, you will be asked to pay any personal outstanding balance due for transport costs.

**Departure Point and Transport**

Unless otherwise stated, transport will depart  
9.00 am Westgate Civic Offices  
9.10 am Low Town Pick Up  
(Details to be confirmed when booking)  
Transport is either by Coach, Minibus or Community Bus and some trips are by car.

**Late Changes ...**

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