

ngs gardens open
for charity

Leicestershire & Rutland Gardens 2014



The National Gardens Scheme

www.ngs.org.uk



COME TO WISTOW THIS SUMMER TO SEE OUR VAST RANGE OF PLANTS FOR THE HOME AND GARDEN.

**RANGING FROM SHRUBS, TREES, PERENNIALS & BEDDING
PLANTS, TO ROSES, AQUATIC PLANTS, TOPIARY & INDOOR
SPECIMENS!**

**OUR STAFF ARE PROUD TO HAVE OVER 30 YEARS WORTH OF
KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE;**

**WE'RE HERE TO OFFER HELP & ADVICE TO BOTH NOVICE AND
PROFESSIONAL GARDENERS.**

Pet Accessories Shop

**OUR NEWLY OPENED PET ACCESSORIES STORE IS BURSTING
WITH FEED AND ACCESSORIES FOR ALL DOMESTIC ANIMALS,
SO WHY NOT COME DOWN AND SEE WHAT'S ON OFFER!**

**SET IN THE QUINTESSENTIAL LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTRYSIDE,
WITH A FRIENDLY TEAM, BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS, AND ONE
OF THE BEST RANGES OF PRODUCTS, YOU'RE SURE TO FIND
SOMETHING SPECIAL WHETHER FOR YOURSELF, YOUR GARDEN,
A FRIEND, OR YOUR PET!**

| Wistow Rural Centre | Wistow | Leicester | LE8 0QF |

GARDEN CENTRE TEL: 0116 259 2009 | PET ACCESSORIES TEL: 0116 259 2919



WWW.KENBAILEYWISTOW.COM | INFO@KENBAILEYWISTOW.COM



ngs gardens open for charity

Leicestershire & Rutland County Volunteers

County Organiser Leicestershire

Colin Olle, Croft Acre, The Belt, South Kilworth, Lutterworth LE17 6DX, 01858 575791,
colin.olle@tiscali.co.uk

County Treasurer Leicestershire

Martin Shave, Oak Tree House, North Road, South Kilworth, Lutterworth, LE17 6DU, 01455 556633,
martinshave@kilworthaccountancy.co.uk

Publicity Leicestershire

Janet Currie, 134 Herrick Road, Loughborough, LE11 2BU, 07929 710045, janet.currie@me.com

Booklet co-ordinator

Mary Hayward, 1 Wellhouse Close, Wigston LE18 2RQ, 07545 817664,
maryehayward@googlemail.com

Assistant County Organisers Leicestershire

Mary Hayward, 1 Wellhouse Close, Wigston LE18 2RQ, 01162 884018,
maryehayward@googlemail.com

Pete Measures, Mill House, 118 Welford Road, Leicester LE18 3SN, 01162 885409
Verena Olle, Croft Acre, The Belt, South Kilworth, Lutterworth LE17 6DX, 01858 575791
David & Beryl Wyrko, Parkside, 6 Park Hill, Gaddesby, Leicester LE7 4WH, 01664 840385,
david.wyrko1@btinternet.com

County Organiser Rutland

Rose Dejardin, 5 Top Street, Wing, Nr Oakham LE15 8SE, 01572 737557,
rosedejardin@btopenworld.com, twitter @RutlandNGS

County Treasurer Rutland

David Wood, Townsend House, Morcott Road, Wing, nr Oakham LE15 8SA, 01572 737465,
rdavidwood@easynet.co.uk

Publicity Rutland

Jane Alexander-Orr, Greystones, The Jetty, Wing LE15 8RX, 01572 737368,
janealexanderorr@hotmail.com

Cover garden: Wingwell, Wing Gardens

Photographer: John Dejardin

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.

NCH Plant Heritage National Collection Holder.

🏠 Gardens that offer accommodation. For details see the Accommodation section

☕ Refreshments are available, normally at a charge.

📐 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 the end of each county section for County Organiser contact 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.

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

Toilets are not usually available at private gardens.

Opening Dates

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

February

Sunday 23

- 9 Burbage Gardens

March

Sunday 2

- 27 The Homestead
53 Westview

Sunday 23

- 22 Hammond Arboretum

April

- 28 Long Close (Open daily)

May

- 28 Long Close (Open daily)

Sunday 4

- 5 Barleythorpe Gardens
23 Hedgehog Hall
49 Tresillian House

Monday 5

- 23 Hedgehog Hall

Sunday 11

- 7 NEW Braunston & Withcote Gardens

Sunday 18

- 2 NEW 12 Alexander Avenue
8 88 Brook Street
11 Cradock Cottage
36 The Old Hall
53 Westview

Tuesday 20

- 48 Thorpe Lubenham Hall

Saturday 24

- 19 Goadby Marwood Hall

Sunday 25

- 14 Dairy Cottage
31 Mill House
55 NEW Whissendine Gardens

Monday 26

- 34 NEW Newtown Linford Gardens

June

- 28 Long Close (Open daily)

Wednesday 4

- 47 Stoke Albany House

Festival Weekend

Saturday 7

- 24 134 Herrick Road
41 The Paddocks
54 Whatton Gardens

Sunday 8

- 29 NEW Loughborough Gardens
37 The Old Stables
38 The Old Vicarage, Burley
41 The Paddocks

Wednesday 11

- 47 Stoke Albany House

Saturday 14

- 18 28 Gladstone Street

Sunday 15

- 10 NEW Burrough Gardens
18 28 Gladstone Street
23 Hedgehog Hall

Wednesday 18

- 31 Mill House
47 Stoke Albany House

Thursday 19

- 29 NEW Loughborough Gardens (Evening)

Sunday 22

- 15 NEW Empingham Gardens
20 The Grange
33 NEW 14 New Lane
51 Walton Gardens

Wednesday 25

- 20 The Grange
47 Stoke Albany House
51 Walton Gardens

Saturday 28

- 6 Barracca

Sunday 29

- 6 Barracca
17 NEW 2 Fairway
25 Highfield House
39 NEW Orchard House

July

- 28 Long Close (Open daily)

Wednesday 2

- 47 Stoke Albany House

Sunday 6

- 14 Dairy Cottage
17 NEW 2 Fairway
32 Mountain Ash
49 Tresillian House
53 Westview
57 Wing Gardens

Wednesday 9

- 47 Stoke Albany House

Saturday 12

- 18 28 Gladstone Street

Sunday 13

- 1 Acre End
18 28 Gladstone Street
31 Mill House
32 Mountain Ash
37 The Old Stables

Wednesday 16

- 21 Green Wicket Farm

Sunday 20

- 16 NEW Exton Gardens
21 Green Wicket Farm
26 Hill Park Farm
56 Willoughby Gardens

Sunday 27

- 2 NEW 12 Alexander Avenue
30 Market Bosworth Gardens
46 NEW 119 Scalford Road

August

- 28 Long Close (Open daily)

Sunday 10

- 3 NEW Ashby-de-la-Zouch Gardens
40 Orchard House
50 University of Leicester Botanic Garden

Sunday 17

- 44 Quaintree Hall

Sunday 24

- 4 Avon House
26 Hill Park Farm
49 Tresillian House

September

- 28 Long Close (Open daily)

Sunday 7

- 52 NEW Washbrook Allotments
53 Westview

October

- 28 Long Close (Open daily until Monday 20)

Sunday 12

- 22 Hammond Arboretum

Sunday 26

- 49 Tresillian House

Gardens open to the public

- 54 Whatton Gardens

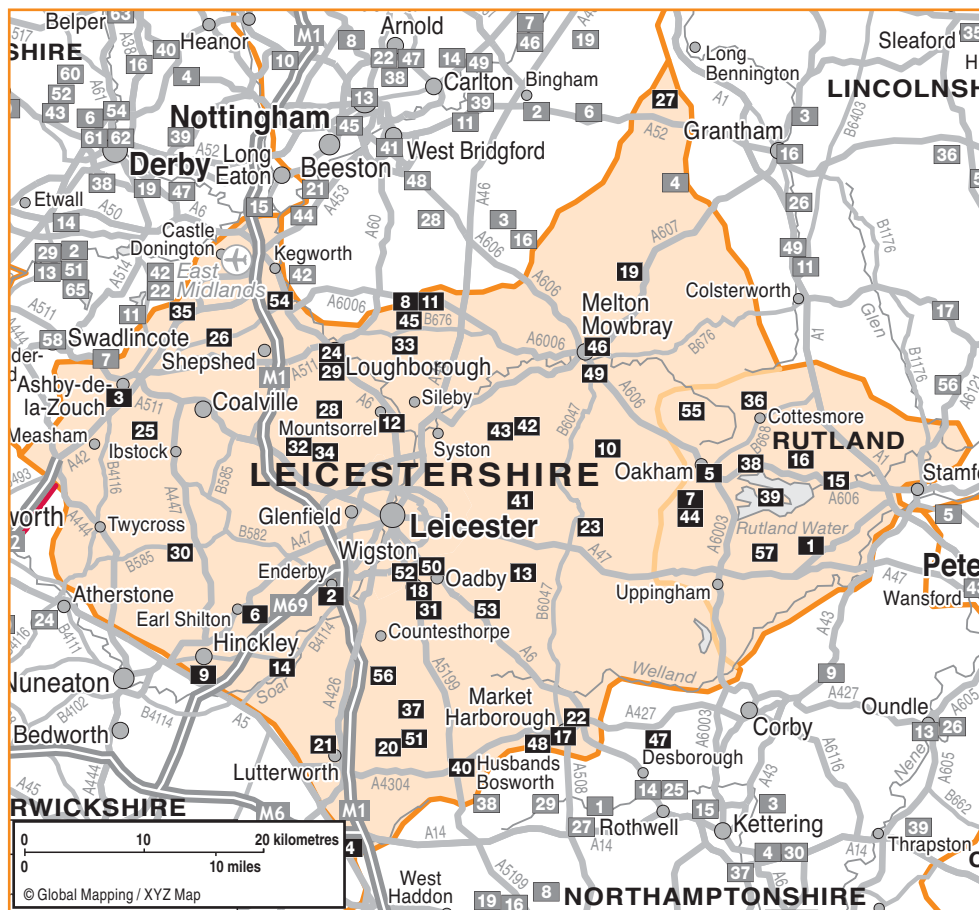
By appointment only

- 12 7 The Crescent
13 Cupplesfield
35 The Old Chapel
42 Parkside
43 Pine House
45 Ridgewold Farm

Also open by appointment

- 1 Acre End
4 Avon House
6 Barracca
8 88 Brook Street
18 28 Gladstone Street
19 Goadby Marwood Hall
24 134 Herrick Road
25 Highfield House
27 The Homestead
28 Long Close
29 80 Herrick Road, Loughborough Gardens
31 Mill House
32 Mountain Ash
36 The Old Hall
37 The Old Stables
38 The Old Vicarage, Burley
46 119 Scalford Road
47 Stoke Albany House
49 Tresillian House
51 Orchards, Walton Gardens
53 Westview
56 Willoughby Gardens

NGS gardens are identified by their yellow road signs and posters. They are selected as gardens of quality, character and interest.



Garden Days Away

Great Garden Getaways are also pleased to offer a select range of informative holidays for garden lovers to Berkshire, Tamar Valley, Upper Normandy, Cheshire, Ayrshire, Harrogate Show & the Cotswolds.

Contact Judy for a free brochure for Garden Days Away & Great Garden Getaways
T. 01788 860123
E. info@judydisney.co.uk

Appealing to travellers who don't want to be away from their gardens for more than a day, these visits have been selected for their design, planting and in some cases their history, and we hope you enjoy sharing them with us.

In the Midland counties:

North Leicestershire 28th May 2014

Rutland 11th June 2014

South Leicestershire & Northamptonshire 17th June 2014

North Leicestershire 16th July 2014

www.greatgardengetaways.co.uk

GATES NURSERIES

— GARDEN CENTRE —

EST. 1948

Set within Victorian walled garden built in 1818
Extensive covered area for all weather & full disabled access

David Austin Roses



Indoor & outdoor plants



Gifts & cards



Indoor & outdoor pots



Furniture & BBQs



Farmhouse teasshop



Children's play area

Open 7 days a week

Mon–Sat 8am – 5pm Sunday 9am – 5pm

Tea Shop closes half hour before Garden Centre

4 miles from Oakham, follow brown tourism signs from Langham, off A606.

8 miles from Melton Mowbray, off A606. 16 miles from Leicester, follow brown tourism signs from Tilton on the Hill, off A47.

Somerby Road, Cold Overton, Nr Oakham LE15 7QB

Tel: 01664 454309

Fax: 01664 454859

www.gatesnurseries.co.uk



The Gardens

1 ACRE END

The Jetties, North Luffenham LE15 8JX. Jim & Mima Bolton, 01780 720906, mmkb@mac.com. 7m SE of Oakham. Via Manton & Edith Weston, 7m SW of Stamford via Ketton. 2m off A47 through Morcott village. Light refreshments at North Luffenham Community Centre in aid of North Luffenham Church. **Adm £5, chd free.**

Sun 13 July (11-5). Visitors also welcome by appt June to Aug.

1-acre garden, imaginatively designed, intensively planted, incl knot garden, oriental courtyard garden, mixed borders, circular lawn with island beds, herb and scented garden. Working fruit and vegetable garden, long herbaceous borders, woodland garden. Many unusual trees, shrubs, herbaceous perennials, tender exotics in containers. All organically managed to encourage wildlife. Paintings, cards, crafts. Wildlife wood carvings display. Challenging Quiz. GGG. Mainly grass paths and lawns, some gravel.



2 NEW 12 ALEXANDER AVENUE

Enderby, Leicester LE19 4NA. Mr & Mrs J Beeson. 4m S of Leicester. From M1 J21 take A5460 to Fosse Park, turn R on B4114. Turn R to Enderby at next r'about, straight on to church then follow yellow NGS signs. Home-made teas. **Adm £2, chd free. Sun 18 May, Sun 27 July (11-5).**

We have creatively designed our small town garden to provide interest all yr-round. There is a wide variety of plants in the garden chosen for both colour and to attract wildlife. The garden has been carefully planned to make full use of the space available. The garden is mostly paved with some gravel areas.



GROUP OPENING

3 NEW ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH GARDENS

Ashby-De-La-Zouch LE65 2FA. 10 mins walk from town centre. 1m from A42 J12. From end of High Street, bear L at mini r'about. Pass Royal Hotel, under railway bridge & follow yellow NGS signs. Cream teas and home-made cakes. Combined adm £3, chd free. **Sun 10 Aug (11-5).**

NEW 27 AVENUE ROAD
Annie & Steve Mills

NEW 7 AVENUE ROAD
Mrs Jane Sheffield

NEW 72 TAMWORTH ROAD
Mike & Jane Plackett

Set in the historic market town in the heart of the national forest, three gardens in close walking distance are opening for the first time to NGS visitors. All set behind Victorian town-houses, are three very different approaches to similar spaces. **72 Tamworth Road** - A relatively new garden bordered by a wall and a hedge which we've tried to make seem less narrow with the use of circular lawns. Plenty of seating areas for enjoying the view! Featured in 'The Gardener's World' magazine.

7 Avenue Road - With a high 'Jungle' feel, as the seasons pass, it has herbaceous plants, shrubs and trees with an emphasis on texture. Planting and water features encourage wildlife. **27 Avenue Road** - A constantly evolving plant addicts garden with many unusual specimen plants. A 15ft curved rose tunnel is at the core of the garden. Christopher Lloyd inspiration evident in the late summer planting. Choice perennials, annuals and exotic plants for sale from my private nursery.



4 AVON HOUSE

4 Rugby Road, Caththorpe, Lutterworth LE17 6DA.

David & Julia King, 01788 860346, avonhouse4@btinternet.com. 3m NE Rugby 3m S Lutterworth. 1m SW M1 J19, A14, M6 Junctions. 1/2 m NE A5. Park at Manor Farm Shop (200yds). Light refreshments at Manor Farm shop. **Adm £2.50, chd free.**

Sun 24 Aug (11-5). Groups welcome by appt Mar to Sept, refreshments by prior arrangement.

A surprising 1/2-acre garden in the heart of the village with varied interest. Large vegetable plot, mixed borders of late season interest, fruit trees, hens, bees and garden ponds all tucked away behind a country cottage. Featured in Garden Answers. Some gravelled areas.



Home grown plants of Quality

Situated in rolling countryside on the South side of Rutland Water.

The nursery offers the very best in quality plants and shrubs.

Specialists in all types of bedding plants hanging baskets shrubs & herbaceous. The family-run team of experts grow 90% of plants on site.

Open 7 days per week
(Sundays 10.00am – 4.00pm)

Summer: 9.00am–5.00pm

Winter 9.00am–4.00pm

Lyndon Road, Manton, Oakham
Tel: 01572 737711

Bring a bag for plants – help us give more to charity

GROUP OPENING

5 BARLEYTHORPE GARDENS

Barleythorpe, nr Oakham LE15 7EQ. 1m from Oakham on A6006 towards Melton Mowbray. Car park in Pasture Lane 1st L in Barleythorpe by post box. Please park in field on L not on lane. Home-made teas at Dairy Cottage. Combined adm £5, chd free (share to East Midlands Immediate Care Scheme). **Sun 4 May (2-5).**

BARLEYTHORPE HOUSE

Richard Turner

DAIRY COTTAGE

Mr & Mrs W Smith

THE LODGE

Dr & Mrs T J Gray

Visit 3 beautiful gardens in this Rutland village. Dairy Cottage (opp car park), is a cottage-style garden at rear with interesting and unusual shrubs and spring bulbs. Paved/walled garden to front (with pond) and lime hedge. Orchard with spring bulbs and unusual shrubs and trees. The Lodge (next door), with mixed flowers within walled garden, 1/2 lawn and part-walled kitchen garden small stretch of gravel path between lawned area and vegetable garden. Follow path alongside Dairy Cottage, turn left into Barleythorpe House, 8 Manor Lane - offering both water and woodland. Flowering shrubs, large weeping trees, small lake and woodland walk.



6 BARRACCA

Ivydene Close, Earl Shilton LE9 7NR. Mr & Mrs John & Sue Osborn, 01455 842609, susan.osborn1@btinternet.com. 10m W of Leicester. From A47 after entering Earl Shilton, Ivydene Close is 4th on L from Leicester side of A47. Home-made teas. **Adm £3, chd free. Sat 28 June (11-9.30); Sun 29 June (11-5).** Visitors also welcome by appt June to July for groups 10+.

1-acre garden with lots of different areas, a silver birch walk, wildlife pond with seating, apple tree garden, Mediterranean planted area and lawns surrounded with herbaceous plants and shrubs. Patio area with climbing roses and wisteria. There is also a utility garden with greenhouse, vegetables in beds, herbs and perennial flower beds, lawn and fruit cage. Part of the old gardens owned by the Cotton family who used to open approx 9 acres to the public in the 1920's. Partial wheelchair access.



GROUP OPENING

7 NEW BRAUNSTON & WITHCOTE GARDENS

Braunston & Withcote, nr Oakham LE15 8QS. Villages of Braunston & Withcote. Quaintree Hall is located in Braunston, 2m S of Oakham, and Preston Lodge in Withcote, 2m W of Braunston. Home-made teas Preston Lodge, Withcote. Combined adm £5, chd free. **Sun 11 May (2-6).**

NEW PRESTON LODGE, WITHCOTE

Mr & Mrs John & Sophie Weatherby

QUAINTREE HALL

Mrs Caroline Lomas

(See separate entry)

Start your visit at Quaintree Hall in Braunston, an established garden surrounding the medieval hall house (not open) incl a formal box parterre to the front of the house, a woodland walk, formal walled garden with yew hedges, a small picking garden and a terraced courtyard garden with conservatory. A wide selection of interesting plants can be enjoyed here, each carefully selected for it's specific site by the knowledgeable garden owner. Continue on to Preston Lodge, at the nearby village of Withcote. Here you will find an extensive garden surrounding a beautiful ironstone Lodge in a picturesque country setting. With dramatic views across a small valley to mature woodland beyond, this garden features small formal gardens surrounding the house, sweeping lawns planted with spring bulbs and mown walkways into the woodland through ornate wrought iron gates in the red brick walls which enclose the garden.



8 88 BROOK STREET

Wymeswold LE12 6TU. Adrian & Ita Cooke, 01509

880155, itacooke@btinternet.com. 4m NE of Loughborough. From A6006 Wymeswold turn S by church onto Stockwell, then E along Brook St. Roadside parking on Brook St. Combined adm £3, chd free. **Sun 18 May (2-5).** Combined with Craddock Cottage. Visitors also welcome by appt May to June.

The 1/2 acre garden is set on a hillside, which provides lovely views across the village, and comprises 3 distinct areas: firstly, a 'cottage-style' garden; then a water garden with a stream and 'champagne' pond; and finally at the top there is a vegetable plot, small orchard and wild flower meadow.



GROUP OPENING

9 BURBAGE GARDENS

Sketchley Manor Estate, Burbage LE10 2LR. 1m S of Hinckley. From M69 J1, take B4109 signed Hinckley, at 2nd r'about follow NGS signs. Light refreshments at 7 Hall Rd (lunchtime) and 6 Denis Rd (afternoon). Combined adm £3.50, chd free. **Sun 23 Feb (11-4).**

6 DENIS ROAD

Mr & Mrs D A Dawkins

7 HALL ROAD

Don & Mary Baker

A pleasant West Leicestershire village. **6 Denis Road** small garden redesigned to look much larger. Wide range of snowdrops, spring bulbs and hellebores. **7 Hall Road** medium sized garden with good mix of shrubs, spring bulbs, hellebores and unusual perennials.



GROUP OPENING

10 **NEW** BURROUGH GARDENS

Burrough on the Hill, Nr Melton Mowbray LE14 2QZ.

In the village of Burrough on the Hill. Close to B6047.

10 mins from A606. 20 mins from Melton Mowbray. Teas at Burrough Hall in aid of local Church. **Combined adm**

£5, chd free. **Sun 15 June (2-5).**

BURROUGH HALL

Richard & Alice Cunningham

BURROUGH HOUSE

Roger & Sam Weatherby

2 Large gardens, both with magnificent views over High Leicestershire. Burrough House, in the middle of the village, has an extensive garden surrounding a former stone farmhouse with stunning views over the surrounding countryside. The current owners are adding to the former established garden to create a series of vistas and spaces and maximise the views in and out of the garden with the use of clipped hedges and avenues. Burrough Hall, outside the village between Somerby and Burrough, was built in 1867 as a classic Leicestershire hunting lodge. The garden, framed by mature trees and shrubs, was extensively redesigned by garden designer George Carter in 2007. This family garden, which continues to develop for the enjoyment of all generations, consists of extensive lawns, mixed borders, a vegetable garden and woodland walks. There will be a small collection of vintage and classic cars on display at Burrough Hall.



11 **CRADOCK COTTAGE**

74 Brook St, Wymeswold LE12 6TU. Mike & Carol Robinson. 4m NE of Loughborough. From A6006 Wymeswold turn S by church onto Stockwell, then E along Brook St. Roadside parking on Brook St. Home-made teas. **Combined adm £3, chd free.**

Sun 18 May (2-5). Combined with 88 Brook Street.

$\frac{3}{4}$ acre S-facing country garden developed over the last 12yrs. $\frac{3}{4}$ acre meadow beyond with attractive views of the village and countryside. Colour themed borders with alliums. Small bluebell woodland with mature trees. Formal vegetable garden. Also hosting The Worm That Turned, a garden retailer, displaying and selling goods to revitalise your outdoor space.



12 **7 THE CRESCENT**

Rothley LE7 7RW. Mrs Fiona Dunkley, 01162 376301, fiona.dunkley@btinternet.com. Off Montsorrel Lane, Rothley. Parking on Montsorrel Lane. Home-made teas. **Adm £2, chd free. Visitors welcome by appt May to Oct.**

Small, well designed garden with interesting and unusual plants. Good display of bulbs in spring, especially alliums. Many diverse grasses and bamboos combined with verbena bonariensis create a very special effect in late summer and autumn.



IN *Hobby*
Plant Centre

Brooksby Road, Hobby, Melton Mowbray, LE14 3EA

Open Mon-Fri 8am-4.30pm

Check website for weekend opening hours

www.oasisinhobby.co.uk

01664 434113 Facebook - Oasis in Hobby

Be Inspired

Take a stroll along our meandering pathway, through plant collections designed to give inspiration whatever your garden size or style

The extensive range of hardy perennials, grasses, bamboos and shrubs available from our Plant Centre, are grown on site by our expert plants people. Advice available.

Specialists in Shade Tolerant Plants



13 CUPPLESFIELD

2 Stoughton Road, Gaulby LE7 9BB. Roger & Ruth Harris, Ruth@cupplesfield.co.uk. 6m E of Leicester. Garden is one of two properties on Stoughton Rd, Gaulby. Follow NGS yellow arrows. Adm £6 (incl tea/coffee and cake), chd free. **Visitors welcome by appt July for groups 12 - 20.**

One acre garden packed full of surprises! Themes range from a contemporary Japanese style area to a long informal herbaceous border and Piet Oudolf inspired prairie beds. Interesting borders incl a hidden 'jungle', a small wild life pond and low walled potager. The garden is alive with sculptures and 'hedge art' which add that extra interest. Such a lot in so little. Most parts accessible by wheelchair in dry conditions. Reduced when wet due to grass paths.

**14 DAIRY COTTAGE**

15 Sharnford Road, Sapcote LE9 4JN. Mrs Norah Robinson-Smith. 9m SW of Leicester. Sharnford Rd joins Leicester Rd in Sapcote to B4114 Coventry Rd. Follow NGS signs at both ends. Home-made teas in aid of Sapcote in Bloom. Adm £3, chd free. **Sun 25 May, Sun 6 July (11-4).**

From a walled garden with colourful mixed borders to a potager approached along a woodland path, this mature cottage garden combines extensive perennial planting with many unusual shrubs and specimen trees, incl a variegated Cornus controversa (Wedding Cake Tree). More than 80 clematis and climbing roses are trained up pergolas, arches and into trees 50' high - so don't forget to look up!

**GROUP OPENING****15 NEW EMPINGHAM GARDENS**

Empingham LE15 8PS. Empingham Village. 5m E of Oakham, 5m W of Stamford on A606. Home-made teas at Prebendal House. Combined adm £5, chd free. **Sun 22 June (2-5.30).**

NEW HOME FARM HOUSE

Mr & Mrs David & Susan Painter

NEW LAVANDER COTTAGE

Virginia Todd

PREBENDAL HOUSE

Mr J Partridge

3 very different gardens in a lovely Rutland village. Park and start your visit at Prebendal House, next door to the Church and explore the 4 acres surrounding the house (not open), built in 1688 as a summer palace for the Bishop of Lincoln. Incl are extensive herbaceous borders, topiary and a water garden. In complete contrast is the tiny garden of Lavander Cottage in Nook Lane, opposite the White Horse Inn. Developed over 10yrs into a series of rooms linked by rose and honeysuckle arches and packed with climbing, shrub and standard roses, richly underplanted with lavender, alliums and clematis and full of surprises. Between the two in scale is Home Farm House at 4 Main Street, a contemporary family garden with wrought ironwork, sunken garden with pool, and paved terrace surrounded by aromatic plants. Wheelchair access at Home Farm House and Prebendal House only.

**GROUP OPENING****16 NEW EXTON GARDENS**

Exton, Nr Oakham LE15 8BH. Village of Exton. 5m E of Oakham, 3m N of Rutland Water, turn off A606 between Oakham & Stamford at Barnsdale Lodge Hotel & follow signs to village. Home-made teas at Exton Village Hall in aid of Exton Produce Show. Combined adm £5, chd free. **Sun 20 July (2-5).**

NEW FAIRVIEW

Marian Foers

NEW NO 7 THE GREEN

Chris Eaglesham & Bobby Smith

NEW 12 PUDDING BAG LANE

Meryl Hart

NEW 14 PUDDING BAG LANE

Nick Fisher & Tamsin Summers

NEW 3 TOP STREET

Sheila Flawn

5 gardens will open in this very picturesque Rutland village. Start your visit at the Village Hall for map and directions. Part of the joy of this village tour is the sight of the many beautiful buildings and front gardens seen en route. The first open garden is off The Village Green, also the location of The Fox and Hounds PH. 2 more are located behind the terrace of pretty thatched cottages in Pudding Bag Lane and the 4th off High Street. All 4 of these are small country cottage gardens, imaginatively planted for maximum yr- round interest and a riot of



Rasell's Nurseries

Little Bytham, NG33 4RA

Have you been?

Opening Hours:

Monday to Saturday – 9am to 5pm

Sundays – 10am to 4pm

Telephone: 01780 410345

Email: info@rasells.co.uk

Website: www.rasells.co.uk

colour and scents. The 5th garden, on Stamford Rd, is the largest and has been developed over 10yrs on a very low budget to maximise wildlife and create a peaceful haven. Plants for sale at Fair View.



17 NEW 2 FAIRWAY

Market Harborough LE16 9QL. Mr & Mrs J Coombs.

$\frac{3}{4}$ m N of Harborough, L off Leicester Rd. Follow yellow NGS arrows. Home-made teas. Adm £2, chd free.

Sun 29 June, Sun 6 July (10.30-4.30).

A small plantwoman's garden started 2 yrs ago, planting had to be rare, unusual, a touch of normal but only plants we really love, come and see just what can be done in a short time. There are lots of plants and grasses, some trees, some exotics, a real mix of old and new ideas and some very interesting climbers. Small in size but planted with big ideas.



18 28 GLADSTONE STREET

Wigston Magna LE18 1AE. Chris & Janet Huscroft, 01162 886014, chris.huscroft@tiscali.co.uk. 4m S of Leicester. Off Wigston by-pass (A5199) follow signs off r/about. Home-made teas. Adm £2, chd free. Sat 14

June (11-5); Sun 15 June (12-5); Sat 12 July (11-5);

Sun 13 July (12-5). Visitors also welcome by appt

June to July, max 20.

Our small town garden is divided into rooms and bisected by a pond with a bridge. It is brimming with unusual hardy perennials, incl collections of ferns and hostas. David Austin roses chosen for their scent feature throughout,

incl a 30' rose arch. An unusual shade house with rare plants, incl hardy orchids and arisaemas. Come and see how many plants you can get into a small garden.

Frameworks Knitters Museum nearby - open Sundays.



19 GOADBY MARWOOD HALL

Goadby Marwood LE14 4LN. Mr & Mrs Westropp, 01664 464202. 4m NW of Melton Mowbray. Between Waltham on the Wolds & Eastwell. Teas in Village Hall.

Adm £5, chd free. Sat 24 May (11-4). Visitors also welcome by appt.

Redesigned in 2000 by the owner based on C18 plans. A chain of 5 lakes (covering 5 acres) and several ironstone walled gardens all interconnected. Lakeside woodland walk. Planting for yr-round interest. Landscaper trained under plantswoman Rosemary Verey at Barnsley House. Beautiful C13 church open. Swans on lake. Gravel paths and lawns.



20 THE GRANGE

Kimcote, Lutterworth LE17 5RU. Shaun & Mary Mackaness, www.thegrangekimcote.co.uk. 12m S of Leicester. 4m from J20 of M1. Follow rd signs to Kimcote. Teas in All Saints Church (Sun only). Adm £2, chd free (share to LOROS). Sun 22, Wed 25 June (11-5).

Recently designed and renovated English country garden hidden behind original brick walls of beautiful Grade II listed Queen Anne house. $\frac{3}{4}$ acre garden, immaculate expanses of lawn, parterre, pond, croquet lawn and stone terraces. Herbaceous borders with collection of Old English roses. Green oak structures and hand-forged gazebo and rose arches. Walkways with mature trees, pleached hornbeams and naturalised bulbs.



21 GREEN WICKET FARM

Illesthorpe Road, Bitteswell, Lutterworth LE17 4LR.

Mrs Anna Smith. 2m NW of Lutterworth J20 M1. From Lutterworth follow signs through Bitteswell towards Illesthorpe. Farm is situated behind Bitteswell Cricket Club. Parking in field. Home-made teas. Adm £3, chd free. Wed 16, Sun 20 July (2-5.30).

A developing garden created in 2008 on a working farm. Clay soil and very exposed but beginning to look established. Many unusual hardy plants along with a lot of old favourites have been used to provide a long season of colour and interest. Formal pond and water features. Some gravel paths.



22 HAMMOND ARBORETUM

Burnmill Road, Market Harborough LE16 7JG. The

Robert Smyth Academy. 15m S of Leicester on A6. From High St, follow signs to The Robert Smyth Academy via Bowden Lane to Burnmill Rd. Park in 1st entrance on L. Home-made teas. Adm £3, chd free. Sun 23 Mar, Sun 12 Oct (2-5).

A site of just under 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres containing an unusual collection of trees and shrubs, many from Francis Hammond's original planting dating from 1913 to 1936 whilst headmaster of the school. Species from America, China and Japan with malus and philadelphus walks and a moat. Proud owners of 4 'champion' trees identified by national specialist. Guided walks and walk plans available. Some steep slopes.



Shires Plant Fairs 2014

Free Admission

The Square

Market Harborough LE16 7PA

Saturdays 9 am to 3 pm

29 March, 26 April, 24 May,

28 June, 26 July, 23 August,

27 September

Specialist nurseries selling
sought after, rare and unusual
plants

For more details & other events
phone 0750 637 5890 or see

www.shiresplantfairs.com

23 HEDGEHOG HALL

Loddington Road, Tilton on the Hill LE7 9DE.
 Janet & Andrew Rowe, 01162 597339,
 janetnandrew@btinternet.com. 8m W of Oakham. 2m
 N of A47 on B6047 between Melton & Market
 Harborough. Follow yellow NGS signs in Tilton towards
 Loddington. Cream teas in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care,
 Market Harborough/St Peter's Church Tilton tower
 restoration appeal - June. **Adm £3, chd free. Sun 4,
 Mon 5 May, Sun 15 June (11-5).**

$\frac{1}{2}$ -acre organically managed plant lover's garden. Steps
 leading to three stone-walled terraced borders filled with
 shrubs, perennials and bulbs. Lavender walk, herb border,
 spring garden, colour themed long border and serpentine
 island bed packed with campanulas, astrantias,
 sanguisorbas, roses, clematis and many more. Sheltered
 walled courtyard filled with hostas, ferns and wisteria. Hot
 terraced borders. Cake stall. No wheelchair access to
 terraced borders - but all can be seen from the level.

**24 134 HERRICK ROAD**

LE11 2BU. Janet Currie & Pete Mosley, 01509 212191,
 janet.currie@me.com, www.theseccateur.com. 1m SW
 of Loughborough. From M1 J23 take A512 Ashby Rd to
 Loughborough. At r'about R onto A6004 Epinal Way. At
 Beacon Rd r'about L, Herrick Rd 1st on R. Home-made
 teas. **Adm £2, chd free. Sat 7 June (12-4). Combined
 with Loughborough Gardens Sun 8 June (12-4).
 Thurs 19 June (5-9), combined adm £3, chd free.**
Visitors also welcome by appt June to Oct.

A small garden brimming with texture, colour and creative
 flair. Trees, shrubs and climbers give structure. A sitting
 area surrounded by lilies, raised staging for herbs and
 alpines. A lawn flanked with deeply curving and gracefully
 planted beds of perennials growing through hand-made
 willow structures. A shaded area under the Bramley apple
 tree, raised vegetable beds and potting area. The owners
 have a great reputation for the contemporary art and
 crafts events often held at the same time as Open
 Gardens. Secret Craft Fair on the 7th and 8th June during
 National Gardens Festival Weekend. Specially selected
 high quality contemporary crafts, many with garden
 themes, will be on sale and displayed amongst the plants.

**25 HIGHFIELD HOUSE**

1 Highfield Close, Normanton Le Heath, Coalville
 LE67 2TN. Mr & Mrs T Ikin, 01530 260375,
 maryikin@aol.com. 3m E of A42 at Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

On minor rd midway between Ashby de la Zouch &
 Ibstock. Highfield Close is off Main Street, opp church.
 Home-made teas. **Adm £3, chd free. Sun 29 June
 (2-6). Visitors also welcome by appt June to July.**
 This garden was established in 2004 on a farmyard site.
 SW facing with views over the Mease Valley, it comprises of
 gardens within a garden. The courtyard is a cottage garden
 with trellises, roses, water feature and tubs with small
 raised bed. Vegetable patch. Terraced lawns with
 herbaceous borders. A wild area with shrubs and trees,
 and two large ponds. Koi carp are fed late afternoon.

**26 HILL PARK FARM**

Dodgeford Lane, Belton LE12 9TE. John & Jean
 Adkin. 6m W of Loughborough. Dodgeford Lane off

B5324 between Belton & Osgathorpe. Home-made teas.

Adm £3, chd free. Sun 20 July, Sun 24 Aug (2-6).

Beautiful medium sized garden to a working farm. Shrubs,
 fruit trees and vegetable garden. Rock garden and
 herbaceous borders brimming with colour. Pergola with
 clematis and roses, water features, and many planted stone
 troughs and window boxes.

**27 THE HOMESTEAD**

Normanton-by-Bottesford NG13 0EP. John & Shirley
 Palmer, 01949 842745. 8m W of Grantham. From A52,
 turn N in Bottesford, signed Normanton; last house on R.
 From A1, 1st house on L. Home-made teas. **Adm £2.50,
 chd free. Sun 2 Mar (2-5). Visitors also welcome by
 appt Feb to May and Aug to early Sep for National
 collection of Heliotropes.**

$\frac{3}{4}$ -acre informal plant lover's garden. Vegetable garden,
 small orchard, woodland area, many hellebores, growing
 collection (over 100) of snowdrops and some single
 peonies and salvias. Collections of hostas and
 sempervivums. National Collection of heliotropes. A
 garden where plants (incl vegetables) come first to
 produce a peaceful and relaxed overall effect.



We are always interested to hear of gardens of
 quality, character and interest. If you know of any,
 please contact a County Organiser in your area,
 ideally just prior to the time when the garden is
 at its best

J.F.SPENCE & SON

Est 1896

Uppingham, Rutland. LE15 9TX

Tel: 01572 822758 www.jfspence.co.uk



Traditionally made wrought-iron gates, railing,
 rose arches, handrails, balustrades, firebaskets
 and hoods, garden structures.

Open 9.30-12.30 and 1.30- 5.30.

Monday to Friday

Saturdays by arrangement



Fed up of
paying high
prices? Then why
not visit a 'Proper'
Nursery?

We grow everything from Pansies to Pyracanthas on our 11 acre site
and our costs are a fraction of what you normally pay!

- ✓ All bedding and basket plants available now
- ✓ Family run business with over 40 years experience
- ✓ Hanging basket filling service available
- ✓ Fully qualified and insured tree surgery service available by our very own Ash Dayman
- ✓ Quality, colourful and decorative shrubs and plants
- ✓ Full landscape design and build team
- ✓ Wide range of alpine and perennials
- ✓ Home to our very own celebrity TV and radio gardener Ady Dayman
- ✓ Large selection of ceramic, wooden and decorative pots
- ✓ All lawn products including turf (anything from 1 to 1,000 rolls)
- ✓ Plant foods, fertilisers and compost
- ✓ Extensive range of gardening products and tools
- ✓ Huge selection of fruit trees and bushes
- ✓ All hedging plants
- ✓ Decorative stones, gravel, slate and rockery stones
- ✓ Top soil delivered
- ✓ Cheap bark and mulch
- ✓ Logs, coal and kindling
- ✓ Home of Charnwood Chilli Co

**RHS
Chelsea
Silver Medal
2012**

**Official Nursery
to Her Majesty on
Her Diamond
Jubilee tour of
Leicester**

Derrys Nurseries, well worth a visit . . .

**Derrys Nurseries
Main Street, Cossington LE7 4UU
Tel (01509) 812815 ... open 7 days a week**

28 LONG CLOSE

Main St, Woodhouse Eaves LE12 8RZ. John Oakland, 01509 890376. 4m S of Loughborough. Nr M1 J23. From A6, W in Quorn. Home-made teas (18 May only). **Adm £4, chd 50p. For NGS: Open daily Apr - Oct incl Bank Hols (10-5). Also special open day Sun 18 May (11-4).** Visitors also welcome by appt Apr to mid Oct.

Tea and biscuits by prior arrangement.

5 acres spring bulbs, rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, magnolias, many rare shrubs, mature trees, lily ponds; terraced lawns, herbaceous borders, potager in walled kitchen garden, wild flower meadow walk. Winter, spring, summer and autumn colour, a garden for all seasons. Orchid Meadow guided walks from 10th June to mid July. Small collection of Penstemons. Partial wheelchair access. Slopes and some uneven paths.

**GROUP OPENING****29 NEW LOUGHBOROUGH GARDENS**

Herrick Road, Loughborough LE11 2BU, www.theseccateur.com. 1m SW Loughborough. From M1 J23 take A512 Ashby Rd to Loughborough. At r'about R onto A6004 Epinal Way. At Beacon Rd r'about L, Herrick Rd 1st on R. Home-made teas at 134 Herrick Road. **Combined adm £3, chd free. Sun 8 June (12-4). Evening Opening £3, chd free, wine, Thur 19 June (5-9).**

NEW 80 HERRICK ROAD

Sarah Fazakerly
Visitors also welcome by
appt May to July for small groups only.
01509 211476
sarahfazpianos@btpopenworld.com

134 HERRICK ROAD

Janet Currie & Pete Mosley
(See separate entry)

Herrick Road is a quiet leafy area with a mix of Victorian and mid century homes. The two gardens in this group contain plenty of horticultural and creative interest. 134 Herrick Road is a small garden brimming with texture, colour and creative flair. Trees, shrubs and climbers give structure. A sitting area surrounded by lilies, raised staging for herbs and alpines. A lawn flanked with deeply curving and gracefully planted beds of perennials growing through hand-made willow structures. A shaded area under the Bramley apple tree, raised vegetable beds and potting area. The owners have a great reputation for the contemporary art and crafts events often held at the same time as Open Gardens. 80 Herrick Road, is an intriguing small suburban garden, which is constantly developing. The garden is laid out in several sections linked by a winding path, with evergreens, dwarf conifers, herbaceous borders and climbers. Of particular interest are the owner's eight elderly tortoises - seen in various areas of the garden. 134 Herrick Rd is holding an Open Garden & Secret Craft Fair (7 & 8 June) and is home to a Clandestine Cake Club organiser, so the cakes are often scrummy!

**GROUP OPENING****30 MARKET BOSWORTH GARDENS**

Market Bosworth CV13 0LE. 13m W of Leicester; 8m N of Hinckley. 1m off A447 Coalville to Hinckley Rd, 3m off A444. Burton to Nuneaton Rd. Light refreshments at 13 Spinney Hill and 15 York Close. **Combined adm £5, chd free (share to Bosworth in Bloom). Sun 27 July (1-6).**

GLEBE FARM HOUSE

Mr Peter Ellis & Ms Ginny Broad

4 LANCASTER AVENUE

Mr Peter Bailiss

NEW 26 NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE

Mrs Kathy Boot

30 PARK STREET

Lesley Best

4 PRIORY ROAD

Mr & Mrs Stan Barrett

5 PRIORY ROAD

David & Linda Chevell

RAINBOW COTTAGE

Mr David Harrison

13 SPINNEY HILL

Mrs J Buckell

NEW 3 WARWICK CLOSE

Mrs Margaret Birch

LONG CLOSE

Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves LE12 8RZ



5 and a half acre garden plus wild
flower meadow walk
Plants for sale

Open daily for the NGS 10.00 am to 5.00 pm
From April to mid October
Including Bank Holiday Weekends

For more information and special events,
see garden entry.

Adults £4, accompanied child 50p

NEW 6 WARWICK CLOSE

Mrs Betty Zuger

15 YORK CLOSE

Mrs G M Clinton

Market Bosworth is an attractive market town, with an enviable record for the quality of its regular entry in the annual East Midlands in Bloom competition. There are a number of gardens open, some for the first time, and all within walking distance of the Market Square. The gardens show various planting styles and different approaches to small and intimate spaces in the historic town centre, as well as larger plots in more recent developments. Tickets and descriptive maps obtainable in the Market Place, with refreshments available there and at two of the gardens. Plants will be on sale at a number of gardens. A proportion of the proceeds from the Gardens Open Day will be used to support Bosworth in Bloom, the voluntary group responsible for the town's floral displays; see www.bosworthinbloom.co.uk. Farmers' Market in town centre (9-2) local produce, hot and cold food.



£2.50, chd free. **Sun 25 May (12-5); Wed 18 June (2.30-8); Sun 13 July (12-5).** Visitors also welcome by appt May to Aug.

Walled town garden with extensive plant variety, many rare and unusual. A plant lovers garden, with interesting designs incorporated in the borders, rockery and scree. It is full of surprises with memorabilia and bygones a reminder of our past.

**32 MOUNTAIN ASH**

140 Ulverscroft Lane, Newtown Linford LE6 0AJ.

Mike & Liz Newcombe, 01530 242178,

mjnew12@gmail.com. 7m SW of Loughborough, 7m NW of Leicester, 1m NW of Newtown Linford. Head 1/2 m N along Main St towards Sharpley Hill, fork L into Ulverscroft Lane. Light refreshments. Adm £3.50, chd free. **Sun 6, Sun 13 July (11-5).** Visitors also welcome by appt May to Aug for groups of 10+ afternoon or evening.

2-acre SW facing garden with stunning views across Charnwood countryside. Near the house are patios, lawns, water features, flower and shrub beds, fruit trees, greenhouses and vegetable gardens. Lawns then slope down to a gravel garden, a large wildlife pond with waterfall and three areas of woodland, with pleasant walks though many species of trees. Several places to sit and relax around the garden.

2-acre SW facing garden with stunning views across Charnwood countryside. Near the house are patios, lawns, water features, flower and shrub beds, fruit trees, greenhouses and vegetable gardens. Lawns then slope down to a gravel garden, a large wildlife pond with waterfall and three areas of woodland, with pleasant walks though many species of trees. Several places to sit and relax around the garden.

**31 MILL HOUSE**

118 Welford Road, Wigston LE18 3SN. Mr & Mrs P Measures, 01162 885409, petemeasures@hotmail.co.uk. 4m S of Leicester. From Leicester, follow A5199 S, up hill past Mercers Newsagents, 100yds on L. Home-made teas. Adm

Welland Vale

Garden Inspirations

OPENING

Spring 2014

An inspirational
EXPERIENCE
for gardening enthusiasts!

Our horticultural Retail Outlet will be situated on the outskirts of Uppingham, and will provide gardening enthusiasts with an extensive range of quality plants, gardenware, inspirational displays and giftware.

Join us at our **PRE-LAUNCH OPEN DAY** by simply registering with us online at:
www.wellandvalegardeninspirations.co.uk



Glaston Road, Uppingham,
Rutland, Leics. LE15 9EU
T: 01572 822729 F: 01572 821745
E: inspirations@wellandvale.co.uk

33 NEW 14 NEW LANE

Walton on the Wolds, Loughborough LE12 8HY. Mr & Mrs G Jones. 4m E of Loughborough. 25 mins from M1, J23 via Loughborough & 10 mins from A46 Sixhills. Exit B676 between Barrow on Soar & Burton on the Wolds. Cream teas. **Adm £3, chd free. Sun 22 June (11-5).**

A country garden laid out in 2004 with formal herbaceous borders, Yew hedges and David Austin roses. Set in a two acre plot with a productive vegetable garden. Take a walk on mown paths around the grass meadow and enjoy outstanding views of the Leicestershire Wolds. Parking and wheelchair access on grass, some slopes and gravel paths.

**GROUP OPENING****34 NEW NEWTOWN LINFORD GARDENS**

Main Street, Newtown Linford, Leicester LE6 0AF. Mr & Mrs R Howard. 6m NW Leicester. 2 1/2 m from M1 J22. 1/2 m W of main Bradgate Park Entrance. Home-made teas. Combined adm £4, chd free. **Mon 26 May (11-5).**

NEW APPLETREE COTTAGE

Katherine Duffy Anthony

NEW BANK COTTAGE

Jan Croft

NEW DELL COTTAGE

Maureen Sutton

NEW DINGLE HOUSE

Mr & Mrs R Howard

NEW LINCROFT

Stan Clarke

NEW WOODLANDS

Mary Hussein

Newtown Linford is a historic village bordering Bradgate Park and is part of Charnwood Forest. Through the village runs the R. Lin, and four of these adjacent properties have river banks from where you can see brown trout or the occasional kingfisher. All of the neighbours share a passion for their very different gardens. **Appletree Cottage** Charming enclosed garden surrounding C17 thatched cottage, interesting paths leading to lawns, borders, sun terrace and small lily pond. **Bank Cottage** is set on different levels and is a typical cottage garden providing yr-round colour but is prettiest in spring. **Dell Cottage** is a small sheltered garden where azaleas and rhododendrons grow well. The R. Lin runs through **Woodlands** where there are many varied shrubs and spring flowers and there is work in progress around the mature trees. **Dingle House** has a small garden on many levels with yr-round colour. **Lincroft** is noted for spectacular displays of rhododendrons and azaleas. Not to be missed.

**35 THE OLD CHAPEL**

Main Street, Breedon on the Hill, Derby DE73 8AN. Mr & Mrs S Jones, 01332 865460, vanessajones@hotmail.co.uk. Just off A453 between East Midlands Airport & Ashby de la Zouch. Parking

available at Priory Garden Centre, by village green or on rd outside. **Adm £3, chd free. Visitors welcome by appt May to Sept. Teas/coffees by prior arrangement.** In the shadows of Breedon Hill lies The Old Chapel garden. With the brook running through the centre, two bridges lead to the other side which rises steeply through terraces to a pond and patios. The garden, more cottage than formal, contains mixed shrubs and small trees. There is a formal lawn surrounded by borders consisting of herbaceous plants, roses, perennials and vegetables. Featured in Amateur Gardening magazine. Limited room for wheelchair viewing on lower level. Regret no wheelchair access to high garden.

**36 THE OLD HALL**

Main Street, Market Overton LE15 7PL.

Mr & Mrs Timothy Hart, 01572 767145, stefahart@hambletondecorating.co.uk. 6m N of Oakham. Beyond Cottesmore; 5m from A1 via Thistleton. 10m E from Melton Mowbray via Wymondham. Home-made teas. **Adm £4.50, chd free (share to Rutland Macmillan Cancer Support). Sun 18 May (2-6).** Visitors also welcome by appt Apr to Sept weekdays only.

Set on a southerly ridge overlooking Catmose Vale, the garden is now on 4 levels. Stone walls and yew hedges divide the garden into enclosed areas with herbaceous borders, shrubs, and young and mature trees. In 2006 the lower part of garden was planted with new shrubs to create a walk with mown paths. Terrace and lawn give a great sense of space, enhancing the view. Neil Hewertson has been involved in the gardens design since 1990s.

**37 THE OLD STABLES**

Bruntingthorpe LE17 5QL. Gordon & Hilary Roberts, 01162 478713, gordon.hilary.1943@btinternet.com. 10m S of Leicester. Leicester A5199, R at Arnesby to Bruntingthorpe; R towards Peatling Parva. M1, J20 for Lutterworth; R in front of police station to Bruntingthorpe. Home-made teas. **Adm £3, chd free. Sun 8 June, Sun 13 July (11-5).** Visitors also welcome by appt June to July for groups 15-35.

Plant-lovers' delightful 1-acre country garden. A range of individual but interconnecting areas give a feeling of spaciousness and tranquillity. Wide grass walks set off the large herbaceous borders packed with a collection of interesting perennials, shrubs and climbers. Many mature trees, wild-life area with pond; striking views to Leicester. Rockery and raised alpine beds, tender plants in containers.

**38 THE OLD VICARAGE, BURLEY**

Church Road, Burley, Nr Oakham LE15 7SU. Jonathan & Sandra Blaza, 01572 770588, sandra.blaza@btinternet.com. 1m NE of Oakham. In Burley just off B668 between Oakham & Cottesmore. Church Rd is opposite the village green, the Old Vicarage 1st L off Church Rd. Home-made teas. **Adm £4, chd free (share to Eden Valley Hospice). Sun 8 June (1.30-5).** Visitors also welcome by appt June only. 3-acre country garden, planted for yr-round interest, incl walled garden (with vine-house) producing fruit, herbs,

vegetables and cut flowers. Formal lawns and borders, lime walk, rose gardens and a rill through an avenue of standard wisteria. Wildlife garden with pond, 2 orchards and beech woodland. Featured in Country Homes and Interiors and Winner, Country Living Kitchen Table Talent Awards. Some gravel and steps.



39 NEW ORCHARD HOUSE

Lyndon Road, Hambleton, Nr Oakham LE15 8TJ. Richard & Celia Foulkes. Next to Rutland Water, 400 yds from centre of Hambleton. Enter village, turn R at church, down hill, only house at bottom on R. Light refreshments. Teas will be served in village hall, 400yds up steep hill, in the event of bad weather. Adm £3.50, chd free. Sun 29 June (10-5).

Beautifully situated partly bordering Rutland Water. Series of garden rooms incl formal, Japanese and vegetable gardens; newly planted orchard; and large informal garden with rose pergola and copses.



40 ORCHARD HOUSE

14 Mowsley Rd, Husbards Bosworth, Lutterworth LE17 6LR. David & Ros Dunmore. 6m W of Market Harborough. A4304 from Market Harborough enter village. Mowsley Rd is 3rd R. A4304 from Lutterworth/M1, enter village. Mowsley Rd is 3rd L. Home-made teas. Adm £2.50, chd free (share to Rainbows children's hospice). Sun 10 Aug (11-5).

A hidden gem. Small enclosed cottage garden with

elements of surprise around each corner. Five 'garden rooms' shaded by mature trees and linked by Victorian gravel paths. Patio area with summer planting, small pond and other water features. Alpine bed and varied use of container planting. Wheelchair access to main features of the garden. Some gravel paths.



41 THE PADDOCKS

Main Street, Hungarton, Leicester LE7 9JY. Michael & Helen Martin. 8m E of Leicester. Follow NGS signs. Light refreshments in local village hall. Adm £3.50, chd free.

Sat 7, Sun 8 June (11-5).

2-acre garden with mature and specimen trees, rhododendrons, azaleas, magnolia grandiflora, wisterias. Two lily ponds and stream. Three lawn areas surrounded by herbaceous and shrub borders. Woodland walk. Pergola with clematis and roses, hosta collection and two rockeries. Large well established semi-permanent plant stall in aid of Local Charities. Featured in Leicester Mercury, Whats On in Leicester and on Radio Leicester. Limited wheelchair access due to steep slopes at the rear of garden. Flat terrace by main lawn provides good viewing area.



We would be grateful for a donation towards the cost of producing this booklet at the first garden you visit. Thank you.

PREMIÈRE PLANTS RETAIL NURSERY

Specialists in New & Unusual Garden Plants,
Perennials & Seasonal Bedding



Full gardening design service available including planning,
planting & maintenance

FOR QUALITY, VALUE & PRACTICAL ADVICE VISIT

The Nursery, Leicester Road, Countesthorpe, Leicester LE8 5QW
(near to Hospital Lane Junction)

Telephone: 0116 2782611

Open Mon – Sun 10am – 5pm from March – December

photos from terra-nova nurseries

42 PARKSIDE

6 Park Hill, Gaddesby LE7 4WH. Mr & Mrs D Wyrko, 01664 840385, david.wyrko1@btopenworld.com. 8m NE of Leicester. From A607 Rearsby bypass turn off for Gaddesby. L at Cheney Arms. Garden 400yds on R. Home-made teas. **Adm £6 (inc tea and cake), chd free. Visitors welcome by appt Mar to July.**

Woodland garden of approx 1¼ acres containing many spring flowers and bulbs. Vegetable garden with cordon fruit trees and soft fruit. Greenhouse, cold frame and pond. New bog garden and other features. Informal mixed borders planted to encourage wildlife and to provide a family friendly environment.

**43 PINE HOUSE**

Gaddesby LE7 4XE. Mr & Mrs T Milward, 01664 840213, suemilward@googlemail.com. 8m NE of Leicester. From A607, turn off for Gaddesby. Home-made teas in aid of The Warming Zone. **Adm £4, chd free. Visitors welcome by appt Apr to Oct for groups 10+.**

2-acre garden with fine mature trees, woodland walk, and water garden. Herb and potager garden and wisteria archway to Victorian vinery. Pleached lime trees, mixed borders with rare and unusual plants. Wide variety of tender plants in gravel garden and terracotta pot garden. Interesting topiary hedges and box trees. Grass Tennis Court and Dragon Hedge.

**44 QUAIN TREE HALL**

Braunston, Nr Oakham LE15 8QS. Mrs Caroline Lomas. Braunston, nr Oakham. 1st house on L in Cedar St, off High St. past village green in centre of village. Park in Cedar St & around church. Light refreshments. **Adm £3.50, chd free. Sun 17 Aug (2-6). Combined with Braunston & Withcote Gardens (Preston Lodge) Sun 11 May (2-6), combined adm £5, chd free.**

An established garden surrounding the medieval hall house (not open) incl a formal box parterre to the front of the house, a woodland walk, formal walled garden with yew hedges, a small picking garden and terraced courtyard garden with conservatory. A wide selection of interesting plants can be enjoyed, each carefully selected for its specific site by the knowledgeable garden owner.

**45 RIDGEWOLD FARM**

Burton Lane, Wymeswold LE12 6UN. Robert & Ann Waterfall, 01509 881689, robert.waterfall@yahoo.co.uk. 5m SE of Loughborough. Off Burton Lane between A6006 & B676. Home-made teas. **Adm £3.50, chd free. Visitors welcome by appt May to July, max 45.**

2½-acre rural garden in the Leicestershire Wolds. Conducted tours of the garden start at the sweeping drive through specimen trees. Beech, Laurel and Saxon hedges divide different areas. Lawn, rill, water feature, summer house, shrubs, rose fence, clematis arch, wisteria, ivy tunnel, rose garden, herbaceous, orchard, vegetable patch. Birch avenue gives view of the village. Woodland walk. Natural fish pond. Escorted tours.

**46 NEW 119 SCALFORD ROAD**

Melton Mowbray LE13 1JZ. Richard & Hilary Lawrence, 01664 562821, randh1954@me.com. ½ m N of Melton Mowbray. Take Scalford Rd from town centre past Cattle Market. Garden 100yds after 1st turning on L (The Crescent). Home-made teas. **Adm £2.50, chd free. Sun 27 July (11-5). Visitors also welcome by appt June to Aug.**

Larger than average town garden which has evolved over the last 24 yrs. Mixed borders with traditional and exotic plants, enhanced by container planting particularly begonias. Vegetable parterre and greenhouse. Various seating areas for viewing different aspects of the garden. Water features incl ponds. Limited wheelchair access. Gravelled drive, ramp provided up to lawn but paths not accessible.

**47 STOKE ALBANY HOUSE**

Desborough Road, Stoke Albany LE16 8PT. Mr & Mrs A M Vinton, 01858 535227, del.jones7@googlemail.com,

www.stokealbanyhouse.co.uk. 4m E of Market Harborough. Via A427 to Corby, turn to Stoke Albany, R at the White Horse (B669) garden ½ m on L. Adm £3.50, chd free (share to Marie Curie Cancer Care). Weds 4, 11, 18, 25 June; Weds 2, 9 July (2-4.30). Groups welcome by appointment (preferably Weds) June and July of 10+.

4-acre country-house garden; fine trees and shrubs with wide herbaceous borders and sweeping striped lawn. Good display of bulbs in spring, roses June and July. Walled grey garden; nepeta walk arched with roses, parterre with box and roses. Mediterranean garden. Heated greenhouse, potager with topiary, water feature garden and sculptures.

**48 THORPE LUBENHAM HALL**

Lubenham LE16 9TR. Sir Bruce & Lady MacPhail. 2m W of Market Harborough. From Market Harborough take 3rd L off main rd, down Rushes Lane, past church on L, under old railway bridge & straight on up private drive. Cream teas in aid of Air Ambulance & local church. **Adm £3.50, chd free. Tue 20 May (10-4).**

15 acres of formal and informal garden surrounded by parkland and arable. Many mature trees. Traditional herbaceous borders and various water features. Walled pool garden with raised beds. Ancient moat area along driveway. Gravel paths, some steep slopes and steps.

**49 TRESILLIAN HOUSE**

67 Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray LE13 0BQ.

Mrs Alison Blythe, 01664 481997, studentsint@aol.com, **www.studentsint.com. S of Melton Mowbray. Follow signs B6047 (Dalby Rd) S. Parking on site or opposite in slip rd. Ploughman's lunches and Cream teas. Soup (Oct only). Adm £2.50, chd free. Sun 4 May, Sun 6 July, Sun 24 Aug, Sun 26 Oct (11-5). Visitors also welcome by appt Mar to Oct max 20.**

¾ acre garden re-established by new owner between 2009 and 2012. Beautiful blue cedar trees, excellent specimen tulip tree. Parts of garden original, others

reinstated with variety of plants and bushes. Original bog garden and pond. Vegetable plot. Parts left uncultivated with wild cowslips and grasses. Quiet oasis. Slate paths, steep in places.



50 UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER BOTANIC GARDEN

'The Knoll' entrance, Glebe Road, Oadby LE2 2LD, 01162 712933, www.le.ac.uk/botanicgarden. 2m SE of Leicester off A6. On outskirts of city opp race course. Light refreshments. **Adm by donation. Sun 10 Aug (10-4).**

16-acre garden, whose formal planting centres around a restored Edwardian garden. Plantings originate from around the world and include an arboretum, a herb garden, woodland and herbaceous borders, rock gardens, a water garden, special collections of skimmia, aubretia and hardy fuchsia, and a series of glasshouses displaying temperate and tropical plants, alpines and succulents. Guide dogs allowed. Open daily; phone or see website for details.



GROUP OPENING

51 WALTON GARDENS

Walton LE17 5RP. 4m NE of Lutterworth. M1 J20, via Lutterworth follow signs for Kimcote & Walton, or from Leicester take A5199. After Shearsby turn R signed Bruntingthorpe. Follow signs. Cream teas at The Dog and Gun with all proceeds to NGS. **Combined adm £4, chd**

free. **Sun 22, Wed 25 June (11-5).**

THE MEADOWS

Mr & Mrs Falkner

MULBERRY HOUSE

Mr & Mrs Karl & Hazel Busch

ORCHARDS

Mr & Mrs G Cousins

Visitors also welcome by appt June to July.

01455 556958

jennyandgraham@talktalk.net

www.grahamsgreens.com

NEW RYLANDS FARMHOUSE

Mark & Sonya Raybould

TOAD HALL

Sue Beardmore

Small village set in beautiful south Leicestershire countryside. The five gardens at Walton are in such contrasting sizes and styles that, together, they make the perfect garden visit. There is a plantsman's garden filled with gorgeous rare plants; a Modernist garden where all the leaves are green (no variegated, gold or purple foliage) featuring the extensive use of grasses and a lovely view across the surrounding landscape; a traditional garden featuring serpentine hedging and another which is walled and has a unique water feature; last but not least, a really delightful enclosed cottage garden. Some wood chip and cobbled paths that can be accessed by wheelchairs but may prove difficult.



University of Leicester Botanic Garden

Glebe Rd, Oadby, Leics LE2 2LD (opposite racecourse)

The 16 acre Botanic Garden in the grounds of four houses retains many original features including a restored Edwardian garden, herbaceous and woodland borders, rock and water gardens, meadow, arboretum, herb garden and habitat-themed greenhouses.

'The most diverse garden in the East Midlands'



**Sculpture Exhibition June – October
with Café 11am to 4.30pm to 21 Sept.**

Garden open daily 10am to 5pm
Entry free except for special events:

- ❖ **Sunday 29th June:**
Friends Plant Sale & Family Day
- ❖ **Sunday 10th August:**
National Gardens Scheme charity day
- ❖ **Sunday 7th September:**
Plant Heritage rare plant fair

Website: www.le.ac.uk/botanicgarden
Group guided tours Tel: 0116 2712933

ALLOTMENTS

52 NEW WASHBROOK ALLOTMENTS

Welford Road, Leicester LE2 6FP. Sharon Maher. Approx 2 1/2 m S of Leicester, 1 1/2 m N of Wigston. Regret no onsite parking. Welford Rd is difficult to park on. Please use nearby side rds & Pendlebury Drive (LE2 6GY). Adm £3, chd free. Sun 7 Sept (11-3).

Our allotment gardens have been described as a hidden oasis off the main Welford Road. There are over 100 whole and half plots growing a wide variety of fruit and vegetables. We have a fledgling wildflower meadow, a composting toilet and a shop. Keep a look out for the remains of Anderson Shelters, and see how woodchip is put to good use! Circular access route around the site is uneven in places but is usable for people in wheelchairs.



53 WESTVIEW

1 St Thomas' Road, Great Glen LE8 9EH. Gill & John Hadland, 01162 592170, gill@hadland.wanadoo.co.uk. 7m S of Leicester. Take either r' about from A6 into village. At centre (War Memorial) follow NGS signs. Home-made teas in aid of New Bishop Gwynne College, Juba, South Sudan. Adm £2, chd free. Sun 2 Mar (12-4); Sun 18 May, Sun 6 July, Sun 7 Sept (12-5). Visitors also welcome by appt Mar to Sept.

Organically managed small walled cottage-style garden with yr-round interest. Interesting and unusual plants, many grown from seed. Formal box parterre herb garden, courtyard, herbaceous borders, small wildlife pond, greenhouse, vegetable and fruit area. Auricula display. Handmade sculptures and artefacts made from recycled materials on display. Collection of Galanthus (snowdrops). Featured in Garden Answers.



54 ♦ WHATTON GARDENS

nr Kegworth LE12 5BG. Lord & Lady Crawshaw, 01509 842225, whattonhouse@gmail.com, www.whattonhouseandgardens.co.uk. 4m NE of Loughborough. On A6 between Hathern & Kegworth; 2 1/2 m SE of M1J24. Adm £4, chd free. For NGS: Sat 7 June (11-6). For other opening times and information, please phone or see garden website.

A wonderful extensive 15 acre C19 country house garden. Open daily March to Oct except Sat. Arboretum with many fine trees, large herbaceous borders, traditional rose garden, ornamental ponds, flowering shrubs and many spring bulbs. Nooks and crannies to explore. A hidden treasure and a truly relaxing experience for all the family. Home-made teas. Also available for group bookings. Gravel paths.



GROUP OPENING

55 NEW WHISSENDINE GARDENS

Whissendine, Nr Oakham LE15 7HG. 5m N of Oakham. Whissendine is signed from A606 between Melton Mowbray & Oakham. Home-made teas at and in aid of St Andrew's Church, Whissendine. Combined adm £5, chd free. Sun 25 May (2-5).

THE OLD VICARAGE

Prof Peter & Dr Sarah Furness

NEW WHISSENDINE COTTAGE

Mr & Mrs C Davies

2 beautiful gardens in this Rutland village. The Old Vicarage, next door to the church, up the hill: 2/3 -acre packed with variety. Terrace with topiary, a formal fountain courtyard and raised beds backed by small gothic orangery burgeoning with tender plants. Herbaceous borders surround main lawn. Wisteria tunnel leads to orchard filled with naturalised bulbs, home to four beehives, Gothic hen house plus six rare breed hens. Hidden 'white walk', unusual plants and much, much more! Off the village green, at the bottom of the hill, Whissendine Cottage: A large family garden surrounded by mature trees, with countryside views. The house is surrounded by formal topiary gardens, raised beds and planted pots on the stone terraces. Steps lead to lawns with mixed borders, filled with unusual plants, a woodland walk, meandering mown grass paths between fruit and ornamental trees and shrub roses and a wonderful vegetable garden. The Old Vicarage featured in GGG. Limited wheelchair access due to gravel paths, slopes and steps.



GROUP OPENING

56 WILLOUGHBY GARDENS

Willoughby Waterleys LE8 6UD. Eileen Spencer, 01162 478321, eileenfarmway9@msn.com. 9m S of Leicester. Follow Yellow NGS road arrows. Teas in village hall in aid of Hope Cancer Charity. Combined adm £3, chd free.

Sun 20 July (11-5). Visitors also welcome by appt July to Aug, max group 25.

FARMWAY

Eileen Spencer

JOHN'S WOOD

John & Jill Harris

Willoughby Waterleys lies in the South Leicestershire countryside. Willoughby's name comes from springs which are near the surface. The church dates from Norman times. Farmway in Willoughby is a 1/4 acre garden on a gentle slope with views across Leicestershire. This is a plant lovers garden closely planted with shrubs, perennials, lavender, roses and clematis. Two ponds, vegetable garden and many containers. John's Wood is a 1 1/2 -acre nature reserve planted in 2006 with 80cm native trees. The site incl a pond, wildflower meadow strip where butterflies are a feature in July. Mown paths through 18 feet high trees. Elevated viewing platform in place, further extension planned.



Please remember that most gardens are private property. They are open through the generosity and enthusiasm of their owners and have not been designed for the visiting public. When requested, please stay on the marked paths, avoid hazards and take care to avoid damaging plants.

Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy your visit.



*Great quality
and service
throughout*

Glebe Garden Centre

Foston Road, Countesthorpe, Leicester, LE8 5QP

0116 2771570 www.glebegardencentre.co.uk

Open Mon - Sat 9am - 5:30pm & Sun 10:30am - 4:30pm



Shires Oak Buildings of Warwickshire Traditional green oak framed structures

Garden Rooms • Orangeries • Garages • Gazebos

To discuss your ideas call: 01926 612812 or visit

www.shiresoak.co.uk



GROUP OPENING

57 WING GARDENS

Wing, Nr Oakham LE15 8SA. 2m S of Rutland Water.
Off A6003 between Oakham & Uppingham. Home-made
teas in Wing Village Hall. Combined adm £5, chd free.
Sun 6 July (11-5).

NEW 16 CHURCH STREET
Mr & Mrs Mick & Mary Rodgers

NEW DOVE COTTAGE
Mr & Mrs David & Alison Seviour

NEW GREYSTONES
Mr & Mrs Alisdair & Jane Alexander-Orr

HOME CLOSE
Joanne Beaver

TOWNSEND HOUSE
David & Jeffy Wood

WINGWELL
John & Rose Dejardin

6 very different gardens in pretty stone village of Wing with medieval church and turf maze. For map and directions start visit at Wingwell, halfway along Top St: bold use of plants, stone, water and sculpture. Paths lead around the C17 house, cutting and salad garden, woodland and meadow walk, main garden dominated by a rolling serpentine yew hedge. Dove Cottage, on Middle St: hidden walled garden with converted stone dovecote c1759. Rose arch walk, mature fruit trees, wild life pond

and mixed borders. Artists studio open. 16, Church St: small cottage garden with beautiful views over countryside. Artists studio open. Home Close: small 'secret garden' in traditional cottage garden style. roses, fruit tree arch, pond & Hosta bed. Greystones: small enclosed cottage garden, creating outdoor living space with all year round planting. Vegetable plot and fruit. Townsend House: cottage garden with mixed borders and roses. Walled gravel garden with swimming pool, vegetable garden. Limited wheelchair access to some of the gardens.



ngs gardens open for charity

In the last 10 years the NGS has donated £22 million to nursing, caring & gardening charities

© The National Gardens Scheme 2014
National Gardens Scheme, Hatchlands Park,
East Clandon, Guildford, Surrey GU4 7RT
Registered in England & Wales, Charity No 1112664
Company No 5631421

SHARNFORD HORTICULTURAL LTD

Lodge Farm, Broughton Road, Frolesworth, Lutterworth, Leics. LE17 5EH

Tel: 01455 202639 Email sales@sharnfordhorticultural.co.uk

www.sharnfordhorticultural.co.uk



Garden Machinery Dealers - Sales and Service

Large showroom and Service Centre with easy access and free parking.

We stock an extensive range of Ride on and pedestrian lawnmowers. Also come and see our range of Chainsaws, Hedgecutters, Strimmers, Rotavators and Shredders.

HAYTER
MAKERS OF THE FINEST MOWERS

Mountfield

H
Husqvarna



The family run nursery, set in the heart of the beautiful Leicestershire countryside.

For all your planting needs:

- Hanging baskets • Summer bedding
- Perennials • Alpines • Herbs • Shrubs
- Fruiting stock • Christmas trees and much more!

All at competitive prices

Large car park - full disabled access



Open 10am - 5pm weekends ONLY from Easter until end of April
and daily May until end of August • 10am - 4pm weekends ONLY Sept until Christmas

C&C Plants, Eastwell Road, Scaford, Melton Mowbray LE14 4ST

Tel: 01664 444464 Tel: 07976 427208 www.C&CPlants.co.uk

Old Brickyard Tea Garden

The eco friendly tea room



Quality loose leaf Tea

Fresh ground coffee

Delicious homemade cakes

**Vintage china, greeting cards, gifts
and a beautiful view!**

**Everyone welcome
including dogs!**



Old Brickyard Tea Garden



Open - as C&C plants above - but only 2-5pm Mon, Tues, Thur & Fri (May until end Aug)

Please note we are both closed during January, February and March

Old Brickyard Tea Garden, C&C Plants, Eastwell Road, Scaford, Melton Mowbray LE14 4ST

Tel: 07803 206852 www.OldBrickyardTeaGarden.co.uk



GOSCOTE
NURSERIES

At Goscote Nurseries we have the largest selection of hardy trees and shrubs in the Midlands. For 50 years we have been supplying gardeners with quality plants and expert, friendly advice. With a Show Garden to browse around as well as a Café to get a cup of tea and a bite to eat, there is always something unusual to catch your eye. We also have an award winning Garden Design and landscaping team to help you transform your garden into a space you can really enjoy.

Goscote Nurseries, Syston Road
Cossington, Leicestershire, LE7 4UZ

01509 812 121
www.goscote.co.uk