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OPENING DATES

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

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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.

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🏠 Gardens that offer accommodation.

☕ 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 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.

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.

THE GARDENS

▣ ACTON HOUSE

Felton, Morpeth, NE65 9NU. Mr Alan & Mrs Eileen Ferguson, Head Gardener 07779 860217, jane@actonhouseuk.com. *N of Morpeth. On old A1 N of Felton, take turning to Acton, follow rd for ½ m until fork & follow sign to Acton House. Visits by arrangement May to Aug for groups of 6+. Adm £5, chd free.*

This stunning walled garden has structure, colour and variety of planting, with abundant herbaceous perennials and different grasses. Planted in the spring of 2011, it has sections devoted to fruit and vegetables, David Austin rose borders, standard trees and climbers spreading over the brick walls. There are additional mixed borders, a ha-ha, and developing woodland planting, in total extending over 5 acres. Herbaceous perennial plantings include species and varieties favoured by butterflies and bees.

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▣ THE BEACON

10 Crabtree Road, Stocksfield, NE43 7NX. Derek & Patricia Hodgson, 01661 842518, patandderek@btinternet.com. *12m W of Newcastle upon Tyne. 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 24 June (2-5.30). Adm £5, chd free. Cream teas. Refreshments in aid of NSPCC. Visits also by arrangement May to Sept 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. Featured in The Northumbrian Magazine. Steep, so not wheelchair friendly but wheelchair users have negotiated the drive and enjoyed the view of the main garden.

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▣ 24 BEDE CRESCENT

Washington, NE38 7JA. Sheila Brookes, 0191 417 9702, sheilab24@hotmail.co.uk. *From WOH, past Cenotaph, 600yds up Village Lane past R C Church, & Black Bush Pub. Follow NGS sign through cut to Town Centre, into Bede Crescent, end house of 5, facing grassed oval. Sun 3 June (1-4). Adm £2, chd free. Also open Washington Old Hall. Visits also by arrangement June to Sept small groups only. No refreshments, but local Pubs and cafes in Village.*

A lesson in how to make a small shady place colourful and interesting. Small 'courtyard style' garden, with central paved area, surrounded by borders containing shrubs and box balls for year round structure, and packed with colourful Astilbes, lilies and clematis for summer impact. Small patio front garden, with gravel border planted with box balls and containerised shrubs. Opens in conjunction with Washington Old Hall. Access into paved 'courtyard garden' via a side gate, (which should accommodate a small wheelchair, although not a wide entrance).

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▣ BICHFIELD TOWER

Belsay, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE20 0JP. Lesley & Stewart Manners, 075114 39606, lesleymanners@gmail.com, www.bitchfieldtower.co.uk. *Private rd off B6309, 4m N of Stamfordham and SW of Belsay village. Sun 15 July (1-4). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas in the carriage house garden and building.*

The 6 acre maturing garden in it's 4th year of rejuvenation. Set around a Medieval Pele Tower, there is an impressive stone water feature, large trout lake, mature woodland, Pear Orchard, and 2 Walled gardens. Extensive herbaceous borders, prairie borders and contemporary grass borders. Delicious home-made teas provided by the 6th Morpeth Scout Group in the carriage house garden and building. Historic building, tennis court, woodlands, fairy walk for kids, sculpture walk throughout the grounds, croquet lawn and set, trout lake, pop-up shops of local businesses.

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▣ BLAGDON

Seaton Burn, NE13 6DE. Viscount Ridley, www.blagdonestate.co.uk. *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 20 May (1-4.30). Adm £5, 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. Trailer rides around the estate (small additional charge) and stalls selling local produce. Partial wheelchair access.

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▣ BROACHES FARM

Dalton, Richmond, DL11 7HW. Mr & Mrs Hutchinson, 01833 621369, judel1@myfwi.co.uk. *7m W of Scotch Corner. From Scotch Corner on A66 W, 7m turn L at The Rokeby Inn. After ½ m turn L to Dalton. Farm on L after 1m. Sun 17 June (12-6). Combined adm with Low Bridge House £6, chd free. Home-made teas in the barn. Visits also by arrangement June to Aug any number of visitors.*

In 1996 this wonderful garden was a field. It now includes 2 ponds, one with koi, stream, bog garden and wooded area. Mixed colourful borders are full of herbaceous perennials. Informal and naturalistic, this is a rural idyll. Abundant wildlife incl kingfishers, dippers, wagtails, frogs and toads. Lots of seating areas including summerhouse and gazebo.

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7 CAPHEATON HALL

Capheaton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE19 2AB. William & Eliza Browne-Swinburne, 01830530159, 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. **Sun 12 Aug (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.** Set in parkland, Capheaton Hall has magnificent views over the Northumberland countryside. Formal ponds sit south of the house, which has an C18 conservatory, and a walk to a Georgian folly of a chapel. The outstanding feature is the very productive walled garden, at its height in late summer, mixing colourful vegetables, espaliered fruit with annual and perennial flowering borders. Walled Kitchen Garden; fruit and vegetable production; Victorian glasshouse and conservatory;.



8 COLDCOTES MOOR FARM

Ponteland, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE20 0DF. Ron & Louise Bowey, 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. **Pre-booking essential for these two dates. Wed 11 July, Sun 5 Aug (1-5). Adm £8, chd free. Tea, coffee and cake.** To book contact Maureen Kesteven, 01914 135937, kestevenmaureen@gmail.com, max 40 visitors. Visits also by arrangement June to Aug for groups of 10+, adm incl tea/coffee and cake. 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 walk to the west. Small children's play area. WI Life, Hexham Courant. Most areas can be accessed though sometimes by circuitous routes or an occasional step. WC access involves three steps.



9 107 CONISCLIFFE ROAD

Darlington, DL3 7ET. Jill Jackson. 2m from A1 near town centre. From A1 S, L at r'about, L next r'about R onto Coniscliffe Rd. Follow signs towards Barnard Castle A167 from town centre /ring rd and this is Coniscliffe Rd. Please park in nearby streets. **Sun 10 June (2-4). Adm £3, chd free. Cream teas.**

This is a small garden designed for a wildlife loving wheelchair user and features a pond, a patch of meadow, huge bug palace, numerous bird feeders and living brush pile. In addition vegetables shares the borders with the flowers. There are some weeds as the rule is if the bees butterflies and bugs love it, it stays. The garden owner is a wheelchair user so access is fine but it is a slope with sloped paths, not all on the flat.



GROUP OPENING

10 COTHERSTONE VILLAGE GARDENS

Cotherstone, Barnard Castle, DL12 9QW. 4m NW of Barnard Castle. On B6277 Middleton-in-Teesdale to Barnard Castle road. Gardens are spread throughout the village. Home made teas at three points in the village. **Sun 1 July (11.30-4.30). Combined adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas in village hall and two gardens.**

A warm welcome awaits you in this traditional and historic Teesdale village. The village is bounded on two sides by the Balder and Tees rivers. A wide variety of country gardens (and allotments) are opening. Look out for some great Teesdale views as you walk between them. Visitors can help themselves to herbs from the pick your own boxes spread throughout the village. The village is on the Teesdale Way footpath and there are many picturesque walks in and around the locality. Cotherstone and the surrounding area is a beautiful place for walking. There are 2 Pubs, and a shop in the village where refreshments can also be obtained. Owing to the variety of gardens and allotments some may not be accessible for wheelchair users.



11 CRAGSIDE

Rothbury, NE65 7PX. National Trust, 01669 620333, cragside@nationaltrust.org.uk, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cragside. 13m SW of Alnwick. (B6341); 15m NW of Morpeth (A697). **For NGS: Fri 27 Apr (10-4). Adm £14.30, chd £7.20.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

The Formal Garden is in the 'High Victorian' style created by the 1st Lord and Lady Armstrong. Incl orchard house, carpet bedding, ferneries, Italian terrace and Rose borders. The largest sandstone Rock Garden in Europe with its tumbling cascades. Extensive grounds of over 1000 acres famous for rhododendrons in June, large lakes and magnificent conifer landscape. The House, mainly the design of Norman Shaw, with its very fine arts and crafts interiors is worth a separate visit. Limited wheelchair access to formal garden.



12 CROFT HALL

Croft-on-Tees, DL2 2TB. Mr & Mrs Trevor Chaytor Norris. 3m S of Darlington. On A167 to Northallerton, 6m from Scotch Corner. Croft Hall is 1st house on R as you enter village from Scotch Corner. **Sun 27 May (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of St Peters Church. A lovely lavender walk leads to a Queen Anne-fronted house (not open) surrounded by a 5 acre garden, comprising a stunning herbaceous border, large fruit and vegetable plot, two ponds and wonderful topiary arched wall. Pretty rose garden and mature box Italianate parterre are beautifully set in this garden offering peaceful, tranquil views of open countryside. Wheelchair access, some gravel paths.



13 CROOK HALL & GARDENS

Sidegate, Durham City, DH1 5SZ. Maggie Bell, 0191 384 8028, info@crookhallgardens.co.uk, www.crookhallgardens.co.uk. Centre of Durham City. Crook Hall is short walk from Durham's Market Place. Follow the tourist info signs. Pay and display parking available at entrance. **For NGS: Sun 25 Feb (10-5). Adm £7.50, chd £5.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

Described in Country Life as having 'history, romance and beauty'. Intriguing medieval manor house surrounded by 4 acres of fine gardens. Visitors can enjoy magnificent cathedral views from the 2 walled gardens. Other garden 'rooms' incl the silver and white garden. An orchard, moat pool, maze and Sleeping Giant give added interest! Refreshments in the Tea Room (main building) and the Café (entrance building). Wheelchair accessible and disabled WC.



14 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 Falldon gates after exactly 2m, at Xrds. Follow drive for 1m. **Sat 30 June (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas in stable yard.** Refreshments in aid of local churches.

Extensive, well established garden, including a 30 metre border, finishing beside a hot greenhouse and bog garden. The late C17 walls of the kitchen garden surround cutting and vegetable borders and the fruit greenhouse. The sunken garden from 1898 has been replanted by Natasha McEwen. Woodlands, pond and arboretum extend over 10 acres to explore. Renowned home-made teas in stable yard, and plant sale. House and gardens used for filming 'Downton Abbey' and Alexander Armstrong's music videos and photographs for his CD. Partial wheelchair access.



15 THE FOLD

High Wooley, Stanley Crook, DL15 9AP. Mr & Mrs G Young, 01388 768412, gfamyoung@gmail.com. Turn R at Xrds in Branchepeth, opp turn to Castle, drive 3m along the single track rd until you reach the junction on bend with the main rd. Entrance 100yards on L. **Fri 6, Sat 7 July (10.30-4.30). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement May to Sept groups of 10+.**

Garden, approx 1/2 acre created over 20 years in an area that had been extensively mined. It stands at 700ft and enjoys splendid views over countryside. Herbaceous borders, alpine bed, island beds, ponds, numerous mature trees and small roof garden. Wide range of plants, mostly perennials, many grown from seed and cuttings. Emphasis on colour, harmony and texture to create all year interest. Featured in Garden World. No disabled access as steep slopes and gravel paths.



16 THE FORGE

Ravensworth, Richmond, DL11 7EU. Mr & Mrs Peter & Enid Wilson, 01325 718242, enid.wilson@btconnect.com. 7m N of Richmond. Travel 5 1/2m W on A66 from Scotch Corner. Turn L to Ravensworth & follow NGS signs. **Visits by arrangement May to July groups or individuals are most welcome. Adm £3, chd free. Cream teas and home-made cakes.**

The Blacksmith's Secret Garden - the garden is hidden from view behind The Forge House and Forge Cottage. It has two small wildlife ponds with natural stone features and a meadow. There are a number of unusual plants i.e. Dactylorhiza, Garden Orchids and Arisaema. Featured in Northern Echo, Teesdale Mercury, Amateur Gardener. Wheelchair access across gravel path.



17 GARDENER'S COTTAGE PLANTS

Gardener's Cottage, Bingfield, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE19 2LE. Andrew Davenport, www.gcplants.co.uk. 6m N of Corbridge. From N turn L off A68 signed Bingfield, after approx. 0.6m turn L at T junction, garden on R approx. 0.9m. From S turn R off A68 signed Bingfield, garden on R approx. 1.8m. **Sun 15 July (11-4). Adm £3, chd free. Variety of home-made cakes and scones.**

This compact (1/4 acre) experimental garden and nursery provides an education in organic and sustainable gardening. Organic vegetable, fruit, herb and floral gardens show the use of mulching, hen assisted composting and other ideas from the garden's inventive creator. Pollinator friendly wild flowers thrive amongst cultivated varieties in a range of attractive ornamental borders.





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GROUP OPENING

18 GARDENS ON THE GREEN

Hurworth-on-Tees, Darlington, DL2 2JA. 2m SE of Darlington. Follow main road through Hurworth Place. Off A66 - follow signs to Hurworth. **Sat 30 June (11-4). Combined adm £5, chd free.**

A variety of village gardens of different sizes and aspects on the village green. These include a courtyard garden and formal and cottage gardens. There are lovely views of the River Tees from some gardens. Two of the gardens are previous winners in the Darlington in Bloom competition. The village of Hurworth has three inviting and historical pubs should you wish to combine your garden visit with lunch.



19 14 GRAYS TERRACE

Redhills, Durham, DH1 4AU. Mr Paul Beard, 0191 5972849, pauljofraeard@yahoo.co.uk. Just off A167 on W side of Durham. 1/2 m S of A167 / A691 r/about, turn L into Redhills Lane. When road turns R with no entry sign, Grays Terrace is ahead. No. 14 is at the very end. **Visits by arrangement Apr to Aug. Adm by donation.**

A steeply sloping garden of about 2/3 acre with a superb view over Durham Cathedral, Castle and surroundings. Very informal garden; no bedding and a significant wild area. Planting is mixed with interest throughout the year. Many unusual and rare plants. Particularly knowledgeable owner who is happy to escort groups round the garden. Not suitable for wheelchairs.



20 HARPERLEY HALL FARM

Harperley, Stanley, DH9 9UB. Gary McDermott, 01207 233318, enquiries@harperleyhallfarmnurseries.co.uk, www.harperleyhallfarmnurseries.co.uk. Leave A1 J63. At r/about exit A693 for Stanley, for 5m, over 3 r/abouts. take R turn top of bank, turn R @ T then L for Tanfield Ind Est follow signs. From Durham A691 Consett follow yellow signs. **Sun 17 June, Sun 23 Sept (10-4). Adm £3, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement Mar to Sept groups welcome daytime or evenings.**

The garden is attached to an award winning specialist plant nursery (5 Chelsea Gold Medals and winner of the RHS Presidents Award 2015) It is being developed around large ponds and is filled with Primulas, incl Primula 'Inverewe' and P pulverulenta Bartleys Hybrid, Meconopsis, incl M 'Lingholm', M quintuplinervia, M cookei and the very rare M punicea 'Sichuan Silk'. The garden is in a tranquil setting and a flock of Rainbow and other Lorikeet fly at liberty around the garden. The garden and owner have been featured in the RHS Garden magazine and on BBC Chelsea Flower Show. The majority of the garden and nursery can be accessed by wheelchair users, but there are some slopes and irregular pathways.



21 NEW 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 crossroads. **Sun 5 Aug (12-4). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas.**

At 700 feet above sea level on the edge of the North Yorkshire Moors, Stanghow has won numerous RHS Gold awards for Best Small Village, winning again in 2017, and was a Champion among Champions in the 2013 Britain in Bloom competition. Heather Holm has extensive topiary which adds form and structure to this 1/4 acre garden. Featured in Coastal View and Moor News. Wheelchair access to viewing deck only.



GROUP OPENING

22 HILLSIDE COTTAGES

Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland, DL14 0EZ. Mary Smith, Eric & Delia Ayres, 01388 832727, mary@maryruth.plus.com. Off the B6282 in Low Etherley, nr Bishop Auckland. To reach the gardens walk down the track opp number 63 Low Etherley. Please park on main rd. Limited disabled parking at the cottages. **Sun 13 May (1.30-5). Combined adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement Mar to Nov.**

1 HILLSIDE COTTAGE

Eric & Delia Ayres.

2 HILLSIDE COTTAGE

Mrs M Smith.

The gardens of these two C19 cottages offer contrasting styles. At Number 1, grass paths lead you through a layout of trees and shrubs including many interesting specimens. Number 2 is based on island beds and has a cottage garden feel with a variety of perennials among the trees and shrubs and also incl a wild area, vegetables and fruit. Both gardens have ponds and water features. This year we are opening to show off spring flowers and Rhododendrons. There are steps in both gardens.



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23 KIPLIN HALL

nr Scorton, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 6AT. Kiplin Hall Trustees, www.kiplinhall.co.uk. Between Richmond & Northallerton on B6271. Approx 5m E of A1. Due to its upgrade, we are unable to give precise directions from the A1 at time of going to print. Please consult maps or internet for up-to-the-minute directions. **Sun 22 July (10-5). Adm £5.90, chd £3.20. Cream teas. Home baking, lunches and teas using fresh garden produce. Hot/cold drinks, wine, beer.**

Fabulous lake views, gardens, woodland and parkland. These beautiful grounds, once in decline, are being restored to their former beauty in this lovely setting. Topiary surrounds the White and Rose Gardens. Perennial and Hot Borders, Knot and Sensory Gardens. Mayflies dance in the Bog Garden and the Walled Garden is once more productive. From snowdrops to glorious autumn colours, this garden is a joy! Wheelchair access. The gardens close to the house and Walled Garden are accessible. Coaches must be booked in advance.



24 NEW KIRKY COTTAGE

12 Mindrum Farm Cottages, Mindrum, TD12 4QN. Mrs Ginny Fairfax. 6m SW of Coldstream. 9m NW of Wooler on B6352. 4m N of Yethlome village. **Sat 7 July (10-5.30). Adm £3, chd free. Home-made teas.**

Visits also by arrangement for groups of 10+

Ginny Fairfax is known as the creator of the fabulous Mindrum Garden. Five years ago she began creating a new garden at Kirky Cottage. This is a gravel garden in cottage garden style, with her favourite plants from Mindrum and many others, which have matured beautifully. It is an abundant garden, full of interesting plants.



25 LAMBSHIELD

Hexham, NE46 1SF. David Young, 01434 600699, davyoung0601@me.com. 2m S of Hexham. Take the B6306 from Hexham. After 1.6m turn R at chevron sign. Lambsfield drive is 2nd on L after 0.6m. **Sun 29 July (1-4.30). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement May to Aug for groups of 8+.**

2 acre country garden with strong structure and exciting plant combinations, begun in 2010 around a working farm. Distinct areas and styles with formal herbaceous, grasses, contemporary planting, cottage garden, pool and orchard. Cloud hedging, pleached trees, and topiary create a backdrop to colourful and exuberant planting. Modern sculpture. Oak building and fencing by local craftsmen. Featured in The Northumbrian Magazine. Level ground but gravel paths not suitable for wheelchairs.



26 LILBURN TOWER

Alnwick, NE66 4PQ. Mr & Mrs D Davidson, 01668 217291, davidson309@btinternet.com. 3m S of Wooler. On A697. **Sun 27 May (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement May to Sept groups of 6+.**

10 acres of magnificent walled and formal gardens set above river; rose parterre, topiary, scented garden, Victorian conservatory, wild flower 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.



27 LONGWITTON HALL

Longwitton, Morpeth, NE61 4JJ. Michael & Louise Spriggs. 2m N of Hartburn off B6343. Entrance at east end of Longwitton village. **Sun 24 June (12-4). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.**

6 acre historic site with glorious views to the south. Sheltered, mature garden, with specimen trees and acers, currently being redeveloped with new borders. Circular rose garden, crescent shaped pool surrounded by foliage plants, 'standing stone' feature and a rhododendron and azalea glade leading to newly planted laburnum tunnel. Tree peonies and yew walk. Good wheelchair access.



Kirky Cottage





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28 LOUGHBROW HOUSE

Hexham, NE46 IRS. Mrs K A Clark, 01434 603351, patriciaclark351@btinternet.com. 1m S of Hexham on B6306. Dipton Mill Rd. Rd signed Blanchland, ¼m take R fork; then ¼m at fork, lodge gates & driveway at intersection. Sun 5 Aug (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement.

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. Developing new border and rose bed. Wild flower meadow with specimen trees. Woodland quarry garden with rhododendrons, azaleas, hostas and rare trees. Home-made jams and chutneys for sale.



29 10 LOW ROW

North Bitchburn, Crook, DL15 8AJ. Mrs Ann Pickering, keightleyann@yahoo.co.uk. 3m NW of Bishop Auckland. From Bishop Auckland take A689 (N) to Howden-le-Wear. R up bank before petrol stn, 1st R in village at 30mph sign. Park in the village. Visits by arrangement for individuals and groups of 20 max. Adm by donation.

Unusual, original and truly organic, rambling garden: 90% grown from seeds and cuttings. Created without commercially bought plants or expense. Environmentally friendly. A haven for wildlife! Sloping garden with a myriad of paths and extensive views over the Wear Valley. Colour yr-round from snowdrops to autumn leaves. Knowledgeable garden owner who will make your visit one to remember. Open all yr except Tuesdays. Book by e-mail. Refreshment offered in adjacent pub. Featured in the Weekend Guardian. This garden is on a sloping and sometimes steep site.



30 NEW LOWBRIDGE HOUSE

Dalton, Richmond, DL11 7FB. Mrs Clarissa Milbank, 01833 621228, clarissamilbank@btinternet.com. From W turn R off A66 at Rokeby Inn. In 1½m turn L to Dalton. Straight over Xrds. 100yds. Lowbridge House is on L. From E 6½m from Scotch Corner on A66 take L turn to Dalton. L at Xrds 100yds on L is Lowbridge House. Sun 17 June (12-6). Combined adm with Broaches Farm £6, chd free. Light refreshments on patio area by pond. Ice cream, tray bakes, hot drinks & squash. Visits also by arrangement June to Aug price upon application. Refreshments offered according to numbers booked.

Rural setting with wonderful panoramic views of local countryside. Garden consists of mixed borders, roses and sweet peas. Large pond (small lake) stocked with ghost carp and trout, with natural planting including candelabra primulas and wild flower banks. Island has ducks, coots and moorhens nesting. Patio area suitable for wheelchairs. Woodland and streamside walk with dippers and kingfishers. First opening for NGS. Most areas are accessible with care.



31 MARIE CURIE HOSPICE NEWCASTLE ON TYNE

Marie Curie Hospice, Marie Curie Drive, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE4 6SS. Marie Curie Organisation, www.mariecurie.org.uk/help/hospice-care/hospices/newcastle/about. The Hospice is in West Newcastle just off Elswick rd. At the bottom of a housing estate. The turning is between MA brothers & Dallas Carpets. Sun 1 July (2-4.30). Adm by donation. Light refreshments served in our Garden Café.

The landscaped gardens of the purpose-built Marie Curie Hospice overlook the Tyne and Gateshead and offer 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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🏡 MIDDLE GRANGE

Slaley, Hexham, NE47 0AA. Sir Michael & Lady Darrington, 01434 673440, darringtondesign@hotmail.com. 5m S of Hexham. From Riding Mill, entrance is on RHS approx 0.4m along. From Hexham entrance is on L approx 0.3m along. Please leave cars at roadside & walk up drive. **Sat 23 June (1.30-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement May & June well behaved children and dogs on leads welcome.**

Hidden garden combining well executed design, traditional features and varied planting. Gravel garden, pond, large hexagonal pergola, lawn with borders and imposing 3 tier terrace topped by a seating area - all feature mature, colourful interesting planting of superb quality. Meadow area leads to a view across the countryside. Once farm land, this is now a secret herbaceous heaven! Tea and homemade cakes for sale. We hope to have the local school band in attendance. Featured in The Northumbrian and Amateur Gardening. Please contact owners prior to visit if wheelchair access is required.

**🏡 ♦ MINDRUM GARDEN**

Mindrum, Northumberland, TD12 4QN. Mr & Mrs T Fairfax, 01890 850228, tpfairfax@gmail.com, www.mindrumestate.com. 6m SW of Coldstream, 9m NW of Wooler. Off B6352, 4m N of Yetholm. 5m from Cornhill on Tweed. Disabled parking close to house. **For NGS: Sun 17 June (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of HospiceCare North Northumberland. For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

7 acres of romantic planting with old fashioned roses, violas, hardy perennials, lilies, herbs, scented shrubs, and intimate garden areas flanked by woodland and river walks. Glasshouses with vines, jasmine. Large hillside limestone rock garden with water leading to a pond, delightful stream, woodland and wonderful views across Bowmont valley. Large plant sale, mostly home grown. Partial wheelchair access due to landscape. Wheelchair accessible WC available.

**🏡 MR YORKE'S WALLED GARDEN**

Cravengate, Richmond, DL10 4RE. Mr & Mrs Dennis & Marcia McLuckie, 01748 825525, marcia@yorkshirecountryholidays.co.uk. 5 min walk from Richmond Market Place. Third of way down Cravengate on rd out to Leyburn. From Market Place go up Finkle St, past Black Lion into cobbled Newbiggin. L into Cravengate. Garden on R. No parking at the garden. **Sun 19 Aug (1-5.30). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas, cakes and scones, tea and coffee.**

Charming C18 walled garden, redesigned with herbaceous border, ponds, mature trees, standard and climbing roses, vegetable garden, fruit trees, lawns and grassy paths. This is a garden in change and work has progressed since the garden opened for the NGS last year. The owners continue clearing it of brambles, self-sets and weeds to further enhance this one acre pleasant, tranquil town garden. Fabulous views of Richmond Castle and Culloden Tower, which may be open on the day please check. Featured in Yorkshire Life, Darlington and Stockton Times, Yorkshire Post, Richmondshire Today. The garden is on a hill. Main grass paths accessible with a wheelchair, but they are quite steep.



Middle Grange

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🏡 NEWBIGGIN HOUSE

Blanchland, DH8 9UD. Mrs A Scott-Harden. 1.2m S of Hexham. From Blanchland village take Stanhope Rd. ½m along narrow rd follow yellow signs up tarmac drive into car park. **Sun 22 July (2-5). Adm £5, chd free.**

Cream teas.

5-acre landscaped garden at 1000ft, started in 1996 and maturing beautifully. Enjoy old-fashioned herbaceous borders, peonies, shrubs, roses, bog and wild gardens incl a wild rose walk. Magnificent collection of unusual trees and shrubs. The garden is still being developed and there are new plants and features to enjoy. Partial wheelchair access.

**🏡 NO. 2 FERDENE**

2 Holburn Lane Court, Holburn Lane, Ryton, NE40 3PN. Maureen Kesteven, 0191 413 5937, kestevenmaureen@gmail.com, https://www.facebook.com/northeastgardenopenforcharity/. In Ryton Old Village, 8m W of Gateshead. Off B6317, on Holburn Lane in Old Ryton Village. Park in Co-op carpark on High St, cross rd & walk through Ferdene Park following yellow signs. **Sun 22 July (1-4.30). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Pizzas from wood fired oven and prosecco. Visits also by arrangement Mar to Aug groups of 10+.**

¾ acre garden, developing since 2009, surrounded by trees. Informal areas of herbaceous perennials, more formal box bordered area, sedum roof, wildlife pond, cutting, bog and fern gardens. Willow work. Early interest - hellebores, snowdrops, daffodils, bluebells and tulips. Summer interest from wide range of flowering perennials. 1½ acre mixed broadleaf wood. 2018 new gravel garden. Pizzas (cooked in wood fired oven) and prosecco.



37 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 10 June (1-5). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas.**

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 1½ acre meadow. Annual wild flower area. Terrace and ornamental kitchen garden. Has a number of sculptures around the garden. Unfortunately not suitable for wheelchairs.

**38 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 July. Adm £3, chd free. Light refreshments.**

A stunning town garden with all 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.

**39 ♦ RABY CASTLE**

Staindrop, Darlington, DL2 3AH. Lord Barnard, 01833 660202, admin@rabycastle.com, www.rabycastle.com. 12m NW of Darlington, 1m N of Staindrop. On A688, 8m NE of Barnard Castle. **For NGS: Sat 14 July (11-5). Adm £7.50, chd £3.50. Light refreshments in the Raby Castle Stables Tearoom.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

Raby Castle is one of the founding gardens of the NGS and has been opening for charity since 1927. C18 walled gardens set within the grounds of Raby Castle. Designers such as Thomas White and James Paine have worked to establish the gardens, which now extend to 5 acres, displaying herbaceous borders, old yew hedges, formal rose gardens and informal heather and conifer gardens. Tearoom is located just outside the entrance gate to the Walled Gardens. Assistance will be needed for wheelchairs.

**40 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. Go through village & turn L just before tennis courts at west end. **Sat 23 June (2-5). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement Mar to Oct please confirm numbers for catering and parking in good time.**

This nearly three-acre garden offers colour and interest throughout the year. Beyond the large lawn and herbaceous beds are two ponds, a sunken garden, a wood with shade-loving plants, an orchard with children's play house and swings, and a good number of unusual plants, shrubs and trees. On NGS day we sell plants, we serve home-made teas, and Northumbrian pipers provide the background music. Some gravel, so assistance will be needed for wheelchairs. Assistance dogs only in the garden, but others okay in the field.

**GROUP OPENING****41 ROMALDKIRK GARDENS**

Teesdale, DL12 9DZ. 6m NW of Barnard Castle. On B6277, 2m S of Eggleston. **Sun 24 June (1-5.30). Combined adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas in The Reading Room, opp Rose and Crown Hotel.**

Refreshments in aid of The Reading Room funds. A group of 8 gardens of great variety. Most gardens are clustered around the village greens. Some are a short walk/drive to the edge of the village. Romaldkirk is an interesting, old, traditional village with a water pump, stocks and attractive church of St Romald. Some gardens are typical cottage gardens with herbaceous borders, another larger garden includes a pond and grotto, one has lawns, rockery and interesting shrubs. Another garden which is well established has an attractive design of lawns, lake, herbaceous borders, trees and shrubs. Wheelchair access to some gardens.

**42 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 29 July (11-4). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas and cakes. Hot and cold drinks, served in the Victorian style greenhouse.** 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. Incl 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, and an 'In Memory' garden with stream. New sensory garden. Plants and produce for sale. We are active participants in Northumbria in Bloom and Britain in Bloom, with several awards in recent years, including overall winner in 2015 for the Care/ Residential / Convalescent Homes / Day Centre / Hospices category. Almost all areas are accessible for wheelchairs.





Stanton Fence

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GROUP OPENING

43 ST MARGARET'S ALLOTMENTS

Margery Lane, Durham, 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 8 July (2-5). Combined adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas in hall adjacent to allotments.** Refreshments in aid of St Margarets Centre & St Margarets Allotments Assoc.

5 acres of 82 allotments against the spectacular backdrop of Durham Cathedral. This site has been cultivated since the Middle Ages, and was saved from development 25yrs ago, allowing a number of enthusiastic gardeners to develop plots which display a great variety of fruit, vegetables and flowers. Guided tours available. Many unusual vegetables. Display of creative and fun competitions for plot holders. The site has some steep and narrow paths.



44 SOUTHLANDS

The Avenue, Eaglescliffe, Stockton-On-Tees, TS16 9AS. Ian Waller. 1½ m from Yarm on A135. JA66 signed A135 Stockton West/Yarm. South towards Yarm for approx 1½ m past Preston Park. From Yarm on A135 for 1½ m passing Golf Course. The Avenue is opposite junction to Railway Station. **Sun 6 May (2-5.30). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments, cakes and scones.**

South facing High Victorian Gardens created by Sir Samuel and Lady Sadler. Elevated site with sloping lawns, herbaceous borders, orchards and woodland areas. A natural stream runs through this 10 acre garden with a miniature lake and island. Established Rhododendrons and Azaleas, specimen trees with ginko, maples, beech, pines and redwoods. Coaching house (serving teas), Bothy, old Greenhouse and fountain. Last opened in 1957 for NGS. Steeply sloping site.



45 STANTON FENCE

Stanton, Morpeth, NE65 8PP. Sir David & Lady Kelly, 01670 772236, stantonfence@hotmail.com. 5m NW of Morpeth. Nr Stanton on the C144 between Pigdon & Netherwitton. OS map ref NZ 13588. **Visits by arrangement May & June for groups of 10+. Adm £5, chd free.**

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, wild flower meadows and woodland. Romantically planted rose covered arbours and long clematis draped pergola walk. Nuttery, kitchen garden and greenhouse. Delightful views. Wheelchair access for those chairs that can use mown paths as well as hard paving.



46 4 STOCKLEY GROVE

Brancepeth, DH7 8DU. Mr & Mrs Bainbridge, 079439 40708, fabb63@sky.com. 5m W of Durham City. Situated on the A690 between Durham & Crook. There is no parking available in Stockley Grove. From Durham direction turn L at village Xrds & park at castle at end of rd. Lifts to the garden will be available if required. **Sun 5 Aug (1-5). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement May to Sept.**

A stunning ½ acre garden with inspirational planting to provide yr-round colour and interest. Landscaped with hidden grassy paths with many unusual trees, shrubs and plants incl wildlife pond, rockery area and water features. Rockery currently being extended. 4 times winners of The Beautiful Durham Competition.



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Could you open it for the National Garden Scheme and share it with others? We'll feature it in our iconic yellow Handbook and our friendly volunteers will be there to help you.

We'd love to hear from you.

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Mary Berry

"Welcoming visitors to our garden and raising money for charity has given us such enjoyment."
- Mary Berry, NGS President

47 THORNTON HALL GARDENS

Staindrop Road, Darlington, DL2 2NB. Michael & Sue Manners, 07713 508222, info@thorntonhallgardens.co.uk, www.thorntonhallgardens.co.uk. On B6279 Staindrop Rd. 3m W of Darlington. **Sun 13 May (1-4). Adm £7, chd £1. Home-made teas.**

Visits also by arrangement May to July.

C16 Grade I listed hall (not open). 2 walled gardens with Elizabethan raised borders, separate vegetable garden. Plantsman's garden with emphasis on colour-themed borders, plant associations, form and foliage. Unusual perennials, interspersed with interesting trees and shrubs in mixed herbaceous borders. Large collection of tulips, auriculas, roses, clematis. Wildlife and ornamental ponds. For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

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48 USHAW COLLEGE

Woodland Road, Durham, DH7 9BJ. The Trustees of Ushaw College, 0191 3738500, meet@ushaw.org, www.ushaw.org. 3m W of Durham City. From A167 N of Neville's Cross turn on to minor road signed Bearpark & Ushaw College. The College entrance is signed to the R in 2½m. **Sat 2 June (10-4). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas in the College. Visits also by arrangement for 10+.**

Part of the 50 acre landscape within open countryside around Ushaw College, the gardens were originally laid out in 1840 in front of the Georgian house and feature a formal rhododendron garden with herbaceous borders and rose beds. Extensive renovations to the garden have been under way for the last 3 years and continue, with some wild areas, a former pond, and extensive areas of woodland. Wheelchair access to concentric paths, but not to more overgrown areas.

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49 ♦ WALLINGTON

Cambo, NE61 4AR. National Trust, 01670 773600, simon.thompson@nationaltrust.org.uk, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wallington. 12m W of Morpeth 20m NW Newcastle. From N B6343; from S via A696 from Newcastle, 6m W of Belsay, B6342 to Cambo. **For NGS: Sat 21 Apr, Sat 16 June (10-5). Adm £14.50, chd £7.30. Light refreshments at Courtyard Cafe.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

Magical walled, terraced garden with herbaceous and mixed borders. Packed with colour. Edwardian conservatory with unusual plants. 100 acres of woodland. Pleasure grounds, river and lakes. Set in a stunning landscape, with opportunities for walking and cycling. House dates from 1688. Wheelchair access limited to top terrace in Walled Garden but elsewhere possible with care and support.

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Are you proud of your garden?

Do you have a well maintained and interesting garden? (Size doesn't matter, but interest does). Then why not open your garden for the National Garden Scheme?

Contact one of the local teams to discuss opening for the NGS.

GROUP OPENING**50 NEW WALWORTH GARDENS**

Darlington, DL2 2LY. Approx 5m W of Darlington on A68 or ½m 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. Tickets & Teas at Quarry End. **Sun 19 Aug (1-5). Combined adm £5.50, chd free. Home-made teas.**

NEW THE ARCHES

Stephen & Becky Street-Howard.

NEW THE DOVECOTE

Tony & Ruth Lamb.

QUARRY END

Iain & Margaret Anderson.

Enjoy 3 very different gardens in this new group opening. Quarry End is a 1½ acre woodland garden developed over 18 years on the site of an ancient quarry. It incorporates a newly developed woodland, a wide variety of trees, shrubs, perennials, a fernery and ornamental vegetable plot. The site includes an 18c ice house. Not all the garden is wheelchair accessible, some steep and rough paths. The Arches and The Dovecote are both in a 6 year old complex of converted C19 listed barns. The Dovecote has 3 areas. A Japanese garden with a Koi pond and a large collection of specimen Acers, a thriving vegetable garden with imaginative planting to maximise crops from a small area, and an English garden with lawn, flower border and a chicken run. In contrast the 1 acre garden at The Arches comprises an orchard, a large vegetable garden, a wild life pond, an ornamental garden and a new arboretum. There is also a large play area available so bring the family! Some areas of the Quarry End garden are not accessible, though the main garden area is.

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Thornton Hall Gardens



51 WARRENFELL

2 Filter Cottages, Tunstall Reservoir, Wolsingham, Bishop Auckland, DL13 3LX. Fran Toulson, 01388 528392, warrenfell@btinternet.com. *Weardale. On western edge of Wolsingham village turn by Wolsingham School, signed to Tunstall Reservoir. No through Road. Garden 2m on R below dam wall. Sat 30 June, Sun 1 July (10.30-4). Adm £3.50, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement Apr to Sept.*

The garden, started 2012, is just over 650ft in approx ¼ acre. A stunning location, lots of birdlife. Combine with a walk at the reservoir? The garden has a lot to interest in a small space. Some unusual plants in borders with shrubs, perennials, roses, peonies and an alpine garden added 2015. Pergola and arbour. Kitchen garden with raised beds, espaliered apples and pears. Small wild flower area. Visits also by arrangement. Besides the summer the garden is particularly attractive in the spring with colour not only from Spring bulbs and hellebores but also many spring flowering Alpines. The garden was featured in Garden News and Living North magazines.



52 ♦ WASHINGTON OLD HALL

The Avenue, Washington Village, NE38 7LE. National Trust, 0191 416 6879, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/washingtonoldhall. *7m SE of Newcastle upon Tyne. From A19 onto A1231, from A1 exit J64 onto A195 in both cases stay on the road until you pick up brown signs to Washington Old Hall. For NGS: Sun 3 June (1-4). Adm by donation. Light refreshments. Also open 24 Bede Crescent. For other opening times and information, please phone or visit garden website.*

The picturesque stone manor house and its gardens provide a tranquil oasis in an historic setting. It contains a formal Jacobean garden with box hedging borders around evergreens and perennials, vegetable garden, wild flower nut orchard with bee hives. Places to sit out and enjoy a picnic. Enjoy cakes, snacks and ice cream in the cafe. A private garden in the village also open. Map and entry tickets purchased at the NGS SUPER SALE plant stall. Accessible café in the lower gardens (hot and cold drinks, cake, snacks and ice cream) SUPER SALE of NGS garden owners' plants. Designated parking spaces. Accessible WC located in lower gardens via outdoor lift. All formal paths accessible.



53 ♦ WHALTON MANOR GARDENS

Whalton, Morpeth, NE61 3UT. Mr T R P S Norton, 01670 775205, 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 1 July (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. For other opening times and information, please phone, 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 have been developed by the Norton family since the 1920s and incl extensive herbaceous borders, 30yd peony border, rose garden, listed summerhouses, pergolas and walls, festooned with rambling roses and clematis. Partial wheelchair access, some stone steps.



54 WOODBINE HOUSE

22 South View, Hunwick, Crook, DL15 0JW. Stewart Irwin & Colin Purvis. *On main road through the village opposite 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. Mon 28 May (1-5). Adm £3.50, chd free. Home-made teas, all refreshments are home-made.*

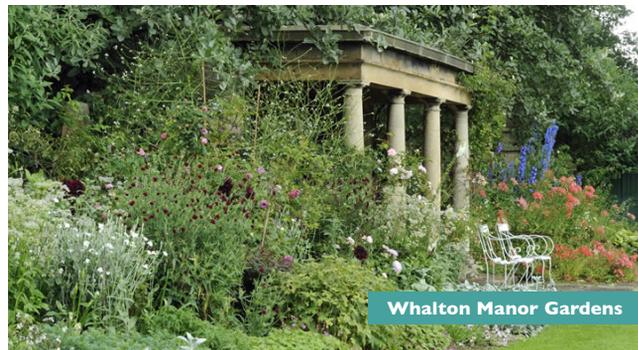
The garden is approx a quarter of an acre, divided into two, one half used as a vegetable garden with large greenhouse. The other half of the garden is lawn with well stocked (and some unusual planting) herbaceous borders and small pond. Bees are kept in the vegetable garden. Wheelchair access to refreshment area but paths in garden are not wide enough for wheelchairs.



55 WOODLANDS

Pearreth Hall Road, Springwell Village, Gateshead, NE9 7NT. Liz Reid, 07719 875750, lizreid52@ntlworld.com. *3½m N Washington Galleries. 4m S Gateshead town centre. On B1288 turn opp Guide Post PH (WNE9 7RR) onto Pearreth Hall Rd. Continue for ½m passing 2 bus stops on L. Third drive on L past Highbury Ave. Sat 30 June, Thur 5 July (1.30-4.30). Adm £3, chd free. Home-made teas, beer and wine available. Visits also by arrangement groups of 10+.*

Mature garden on a site of approx one seventh acre- quirky, with tropical themed planting and Caribbean inspired bar. A fun garden with colour throughout the year, interesting plants, informal beds and borders, pond area and decks.



56 WOODSIDE HOUSE

Witton Park, Bishop Auckland, DL14 0DU. Charles & Jean Crompton, 01388 609973, ctjcrompton@gmail.com, www.woodsidehousewittonpark.com. 2m N of Bishop Auckland. From Bishop Auckland take A68 to Witton Park. In village DO NOT follow SatNav. park on main st, walk down track next to St Pauls Church. Sun 22 July (1-4.30). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement Apr to Sept for groups of 10+. Coaches welcome. Stunning 2 acre, mature, undulating garden full of interesting trees, shrubs and plants. Superbly landscaped (by the owners) with island beds, flowing herbaceous borders, an old walled garden, rhododendron beds, fernery, 3 ponds, grass bed and vegetable garden. Delightful garden full of interesting and unusual features: much to fire the imagination. Winner of Bishop Auckland in Bloom. featured in Sunday Telegraph, Garden News and local press. Partial wheelchair access.

**57 NEW WOODSIDE, KILLERBY**

North Lane, Killerby, Darlington, DL2 3UH. Dr Satinder Faulkner. Killerby sits between Summerhouse & Ingleton. We can offer parking in our fields & if ground very wet, vehicles can also park on the main road in Killerby village & walk the ¼m up North Lane. Sat 4 Aug (1-6). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.

Woodside is set in 12 acres of which 2 acres have been developed into garden. The owner had a stroke 31 years ago yet has designed and executed the works mostly single handedly. The garden includes prairie bed, woodland beds, rose garden, over 100 trees, a wood, wildlife pond, vegetable and cut flower beds and from 2018 will run horticultural therapy for adults with disability. The garden sits mostly on one level although paths in the woods are narrow for wheelchair access.



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