

Somerset Gardens Trust Programme 2022



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We are pleased to send you our planned programme of garden visits for the summer of 2022. We hope you will enjoy them and contribute to our fundraising in doing so. The detailed times and directions will be shown on the tickets. All are self-drive.

Coronavirus

For the welfare of all, we must continue to be mindful of Coronavirus. This means we must ask that you do not attend an event if you have symptoms of Covid19, have had a positive test or have been asked to self-isolate through contact with someone who has tested positive.

Tuesday 15 March at 2:30 pm
Two Hadspen Village Gardens in Spring
Hadspen Farm, Castle Cary, BA7 7LX by kind permission of Professor Charles and the Hon Mrs Brook
Honeywick House, Castle Cary, BA7 7LP by kind permission of Camilla Carter

Hadspen Farm is a delightful country garden with woodland walk beside a stream into the country, with shrubs and daffodils. There is also an arboretum.

At Honeywick House there are camellias, hellebores, spring flowers and maybe magnolias, together with a thatched summer house.

Teas and parking at Hadspen Village Hall, Lime Kiln Lane, BA7 7LX. There is limited parking at the venues. Teas from 3 pm - 4.30 pm.

May 8th - May 12th
The Somerset Gardens Trust tour to North Wales and Cheshire is now full but it is always worth putting your name down on the waiting list in case of a vacancy. Please email camilla.carter@btinternet.com

Wednesday 18 May at 2:30 pm
Hillcrest, Curload, Stoke St Gregory, Taunton, TA3 6JA
By kind permission of Charles and Charlotte Sundquist

The garden boasts stunning views of the Somerset Levels, Burrow Mump and Glastonbury Tor, but even on a hazy day this 5-acre garden offers plenty of interest. In May there will be tulips in the borders and a newly establishing gravel garden to see. There are woodland walks, a flowering meadow and several ponds, a kitchen garden, orchards and a unique standing stone. Tea and cakes.

Friday 10 June at 2:30 pm
Corton Denham House, Corton Denham, Sherborne, DT9 4LR
By kind permission of Dr & Mrs R Odgers

We have been invited back to see the garden we visited in 2012. The five acres of gardens at Corton Denham House have been developed around an existing framework of fine specimen trees with extensive lawns and borders. The three-acre arboretum planted in 2002 should be in fine spring foliage and primulas flowering by the stream and lake. There is also a fine walled garden laid out in formal potager style. Tea and cakes.

Thursday 23 June at 2 pm
Rowdon House, Monksilver, TA4 4 JD
By kind permission of Mr & Mrs David Gliddon

Rowdon House is the garden of our members David and Wendy Gliddon and is in a stunning location with a beautiful view across the 5-acre lake towards the Quantock Hills. Surrounding the stone farm house there is a formal area including herbaceous borders, a rose arbour and shrubbery. Vegetables are grown on terraces in a steep walled kitchen garden. The rockery and small bog garden have recently been added and you will see more areas being developed. If you are able, you could walk through the small arboretum and around the lake full of wildlife. Please be aware that there are steep steps and deep water. No refreshments but you are invited to bring your own picnic to enjoy in this delightful spot at 1 pm

Thursday 30 June
Wortley House Wortley, Wotton-Under-Edge, Gloucs, GL12 7QP at 11 am
by kind permission of Simon & Jessica Dickinson and
Alderley Grange, Alderley, Wotton-under-Edge GL12 7QT at 2:30 pm
by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Alex Acloque

Wortley House, is a mixture of vistas and intimate spaces described as “quite secret wrapped in the enclosing hills”. A Gothic thatched summer house has views across the Severn valley. There is a kitchen garden, an Italian garden and small lake, linked by varied avenues of red hazelnut and hornbeam. Coffee on arrival and an introduction and then time to wander and enjoy the garden at our leisure. We may picnic in the grounds but please note there is no shelter if wet.

In the afternoon, we go to Alderley Grange to another beautiful garden. It has a Regency summerhouse, borders of roses, a pleached lime walk and fine trees.

Monday 11 July at 11 am
Mapperton House, Beaminster DT8 3NR
By kind permission of the Earl and Countess of Sandwich

Mapperton was winner of Historic Houses Garden of the Year Award 2020. We will have a guided tour of the gardens with Lady Sandwich and also visit the house. The garden has both formal and wild parts. The formal croquet lawn and topiary leads down into the wild garden in the beautiful valley. Refreshments are available to purchase at the Coach House.

Tuesday 13 September
Burrow Farm Gardens, East Devon, EX13 7ET at 11 am
& Cadhay, Ottery St Mary EX11 1QT at 2 pm

Burrow Farm Gardens have been created over the last 55 years by the determination and vision of our host, Mary Benger. The 13 acres of beautifully landscaped garden with unusual shrubs, trees and grasses are designed to provide year-round interest. There is a tea garden where we can purchase refreshments and there are plants for sale in the nursery.

Cadhay is a magnificent Elizabethan house and lovely garden which has a superb display of dahlias. We will have a guided tour of both house and garden followed by a cream tea.

Tickets

A booking form is enclosed. Should an event be oversubscribed we will endeavour to allocate tickets fairly and let you know if you are on a waiting list. If numbers permit, you may be able to bring a guest. We charge a £2 supplement over the event price for members guests and £3 for members of the public (refundable on joining the Trust at that event). As in previous years we will not make refunds, with the exception of serious illness or Covid-related compliance. Do advise us if you are unable to attend so we can re-allocate your ticket to someone on the waiting list. In that case we will be able to make a refund.

Members are expected to take reasonable care during visits. Neither Somerset Gardens Trust nor its officers accept liability for accidents.

Please also note that as a rule garden owners do not allow dogs.

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We would love to hear your feedback and, of course, help with events is always welcome.