



## NEWS RELEASE

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## GLOUCESTERSHIRE GARDENS OPENING IN SEPTEMBER 2024

***Numbers against gardens are those in the 2024 county booklet.  
It is always best to check the website before leaving for your garden  
visit with The National Garden Scheme: [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)***

### Sunday 1st

17: Cotswold Farm: Duntisbourne Abbots, Cirencester, GL7 7JS

Open: 2-5 pm. Admission £7.50, children free. Home-made teas. Wheelchair access to main terrace only (no wheelchair access to WCs).

This beautiful Arts & Crafts garden overlooks a quiet valley on descending levels with terraces designed by Norman Jewson in the 1930s. Enclosed by Cotswold stone walls and yew hedges, the garden has year-round interest including a snowdrop collection with over 80 varieties. The terraces, shrub garden, herbaceous borders and bog garden are full of scent and colour from spring to autumn. Rare orchid walks. Picnics welcome.

55: Pontings Farm: France Lynch, Stroud, GL6 8LX

Open: 1 – 5 pm. Admission £6, children free. **Cash only.** Cream teas.

Majority of the garden is wheelchair/small scooter accessible.

One-acre accessible hillside garden with views of the Golden Valley and beyond. Bee and wildlife friendly with wildflower meadow, pond, and orchard. Raised beds for vegetables and flowers. Our prairie style and gravel gardens thrive in our changing climate of hotter drier summers. The woodland is an ongoing project planted with birch trees, magnolias, Scots pines and hawthorn. Directions will be signed through this pretty Cotswold village. Sat Nav can become inaccurate. Parking in field, disabled parking at the garden.

**79: NEW:** Wicks Green Farm, Wicks Green, Longney, Gloucester, GL2 3SP

Open: 11 – 4 pm. Admission £5, children free. **Cash only.** Hot drinks, soft drinks and cakes available to purchase, and also home-made chutneys and pickles.

Set in about 1½ acres, Wicks Green Farm has an exceptional garden with further outbuildings, well stocked borders, raised vegetable beds, a natural spring fed pond and an orchard. Some of the pear trees are mature old varieties, as yet to be identified. Parking is available near the house for those with limited mobility.

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

55: Pontings Farm: France Lynch, Stroud, GL6 8LX – as above.

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

71: Trench Hill: Sheepscombe, GL6 6TZ.

Open: 11 – 6. Admission £5, children free. Home-made teas. Gluten & dairy free usually available. Refreshments in aid of other charities. If coming by coach this must be approved by the owners because of size. Mostly wheelchair accessible but some steps and slopes.

Approximately 3 acres set in a small woodland with panoramic views. Variety of herbaceous and mixed borders, rose garden, extensive vegetable plots, wildflower areas, plantings of spring bulbs with thousands of snowdrops and hellebores, woodland walk, two small ponds, waterfall and larger conservation pond. Interesting wooden sculptures, many within the garden. Cultivated using organic principles. Children's play area. 2022 Featured on Gardeners' World for tulips. Also in national and local magazines.

**82: GROUP OPENING:** Wyck Rissington Gardens: Cheltenham, GL54 2PN.

Open: **1-5 pm**. Combined admission £10, children free. **Cash only**.

Home-made teas in village hall. Donation to St Laurence's Church Fabric Fund.

Wheelchair access available at most gardens and WC in village hall.

Ansells Barn

Greenfields Farm

Laurence House

Maces Cottage

**New:** The Old School House

An unspoilt Cotswold village off the beaten track set round a village green and its pond. The gardens are within easy reach of convenient parking and this popular group opening provides an enjoyable afternoon in a perfect Cotswold setting. Gardens included are at various stages of maturity. We have a new garden, the Old Schoolhouse, to add to previously opened gardens which continue to evolve. The much-admired Laurence House garden features a maturing wildlife pond, the re-designed Greenfields Farm, a stunning Japanese Garden, Maces Cottage its fine borders and Ansells Barn garden, dating from 2020, now settled in with even more grasses, fruit trees and sculpture. Fantastic feedback from visitors praising, not only the diversity and quality of the gardens, but the superb teas. Leaflet with map and garden details on entry. Plants & garden produce for sale. Beautiful historic church to visit whilst walking between gardens allowing visitors to appreciate the beauty of the historic buildings grouped around the attractive village green and fine views across the Windrush Valley. Article in 2023 Cotswold Life featuring Greenfields Farm.

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

**POP UP OPENING:** 8 Ryeworth Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL52 6LH

Open: 2 – 5 pm. **Pre-booking essential**. Admission £5, children free. Home-made teas.

A multi award winning residential garden and a must see plant lover's garden with tropical, lush foliage of vivid and exotic plants. Raised borders and two ponds with flowing water features. New for this year is a curved two-tier patio incorporating additional tropical planting and an assortment of bedding and potted plants. Many sun-blessed seating areas and shelters for rain lovers. At the rear of the garden is a secluded garden room and attractive, elevated chicken coop. Plants for sale.

52: The Patch: Hollywell Lane, Brockweir, Chepstow, NP16 7PJ.

Open: 1 – 5. Admission £5, children free. Home-made teas.

Partial wheelchair access. This garden is not accessible for coaches.

Rural quarter acre garden with stunning views across the Wye Valley. The maturing planting of 60+ roses, shrubs, grasses and perennials in a modern English Garden style provides year-round interest. The established borders are linked by meandering grass paths and small seating areas in different parts of the garden.

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

9: Brockworth Court: Court Road, Brockworth, GL3 4QU.

Open: 2 – 5.30 pm. Admission £6, children free. **Cash only.** Home-made teas.

Partial wheelchair access.

This intense yet informal tapestry style garden beautifully complements the period manor house which it surrounds. Organic, naturalistic, with informal cottage-style planting areas that seamlessly blend together. Natural fish pond, with Monet bridge leading to small island with thatched Fiji house. Kitchen garden once cultivated by monks. Views to Crickley and Coopers Hill. Adjacent Norman church (open). Historic tithe barn, manor house visited by Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn in 1535. Featured in *Landscape, Country Side, Garden Answers*.

41: Lords of the Manor Hotel: Upper Slaughter, Cheltenham, GL54 2JD

Open: 10 – 3 pm. Admission £7, children £5. Light refreshments are available from the hotel, from light snacks to afternoon tea. **Pre-booking is essential for afternoon tea.** Regret that due to the age & layout of the building there are no wheelchair-friendly facilities within the hotel.

Classic Cotswold country garden with a very English blend of semi-formal and informal, merging beautifully with the surrounding landscape. Beautiful walled garden, established wildflower meadow, the River Eye. The herb garden and stunning bog garden were originally designed by Julie Toll around 2012. Wildlife garden, croquet lawn, courtyard and Victorian skating pond. Steps in walled garden and bog garden.

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**

68: Sudeley Castle & Gardens: Winchcombe, GL54 5JD. **SatNavs: use GL54 5LP. Free parking.**

Open: 10-5 pm. Admission £10, children £6. **Admission is for garden only.**

Light refreshments at The Pavilion and The Old Coach House. A circular route around the gardens is wheelchair accessible although some visitors may require assistance from their companion. For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

Sudeley Castle features 10 magnificent gardens, each with its own unique style and design. Surrounded by striking views of the Cotswold Hills, each garden reflects the fascinating 1000 year history of the Castle. This series of elegant gardens is set among the Castle and atmospheric ruins and including a knot garden, Queen's garden and Tudor physic garden. Sudeley Castle remains the only private castle in England to have a queen buried within the grounds - Queen Katherine Parr, the last and surviving wife of King Henry VIII – who lived and died in the castle.

## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **About the National Garden Scheme**

The National Garden Scheme gives visitors unique access to over 3,500 private gardens in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands, and raises impressive amounts of money for some of the UK's best-loved nursing and health charities through admissions, teas and cake.

Thanks to the generosity of garden owners, volunteers and visitors we have donated more than £70 million to our beneficiary charities, and in 2023 made donations of over £3.4 million. Founded in 1927 to support district nurses, we are now the most significant charitable funder of nursing in the UK and our beneficiaries include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute.

The National Garden Scheme doesn't just open beautiful gardens for charity – we are passionate about the physical and mental health benefits of gardens too. We fund projects which promote gardens and gardening as therapy, and in 2017, we launched our annual Gardens and Health Week to raise awareness of the topic. Our funding also supports the training of gardeners and offers respite to horticultural workers who have fallen on difficult times.

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