

**HPS**  
HARDY PLANT SOCIETY

**Lincolnshire H.P.S.  
Open Gardens**

 **Summer 2025** 

**Garden: Bardney Manor**  
**Owner: Samantha Cook**  
**Date: Sunday 13 April**  
**Time: 2-4pm**  
**Entrance charge: £7.50 ( Refreshments included)**  
**Chosen charity: The Walled Kitchen Garden, Bardney Manor**



Bardney Manor is an historic manor house located in the village of Bardney. It was originally built in the 17th century and has been owned by various families over the years. The manor house is famous for being the home of Lord John Sharpe of Sharpe's Seed who turned the gardens into growing grounds for various plants, vegetables and fruit. Bardney Manor gardens has areas of perennial planting, cut flower borders and a rose avenue. Beyond this, a 200 year-old walled kitchen garden is being restored to its original design. Refreshments, gifts and plants are available at the Blacksmith's studio.

**Please note:**

Please indicate on your booking form if you have any food allergies.

Parking is available by the Methodist Church on the lane outside the garden. Members with limited mobility may park on the drive but check with the garden owner in advance to ensure there will be space.

This is a level garden with no accessibility issues.

Toilet facilities are available.

Dogs are allowed on short leads but please check with the garden owner before your visit.

**Garden: Great Carlton Nr Louth**  
**Owner: Ruth Carroll**  
**Date: \*Pop-up\* Late April. Date tbc.**  
**Entrance charge: £4 (incl. tea and biscuits)**  
**Chosen charity: Macmillan**



There is nothing rare or special here: plants, trees and shrubs that have stood the test of time, strong winds and clay soil! It was a field when we arrived in 1989 with only some attempt having been made to make a garden. We inherited a Salix Kilmarnock, several big Ash trees, an evergreen "Christmas tree", and a very old apple tree 'Keswick Codlin' which has not grown much since but produces a very good cooking apple. And that's about all there was- apart from plenty of field grass!

We added some glorious trees: a Gleditsia "Sunburst" with yellow foliage; a Spring-flowering Amelanchier canadensis; Prunus Sargentii with its pink foliage in Spring; Cериidiphyllum japonicum whose leaves should smell of burnt toffee in the Autumn but mine does not. My "pudding trees", Chamaecyparis lawsoniana 'Fletcheri', are a bad copy of those at East Lambrook but look good when it snows.

There are primulas everywhere in spring with Euphorbias, Choisya, and many more small perennials self-sewn. I love Geraniums. After visiting Margery Fish's garden at East Lambrook In Somerset I planted loads - names mostly forgotten. They have spread everywhere.

**Please note:** Please bring your own folding chairs if possible.

The lane is too narrow for cars to park as there is a lot of passing farm traffic. It is a walk of only about 800 yards from the car parking area opposite the village hall to my garden.

Visitors with mobility issues can be dropped off at the cottage but drivers must then turn round at the side of the chapel to return to the village hall to park as above. Please mention any food allergies on the booking form.

Dogs on short leads are allowed but please check with the garden owner before your visit.

**Garden: Fotherby Nr Louth**

**Owners: Ann and Bob Armstrong**

**Date: Tuesday 13th May**

**Time: 2-4pm**

**Entrance charge: £5**

**Chosen charity: National Garden Scheme (NGS)**

**Refreshments: Donations please to St Mary's Church Fotherby**

The garden here at Woodlands has given us a huge amount of pleasure over the last 24 years whilst we have been creating it. It has a very relaxed feel to it, as design is low on the list and plants, many of them unusual, take pride of place, and the joy of seeing them thrive, some better than others, is enormous.

The garden has deep shade for the many woodlanders, sunny borders for the salvias and late summer perennials and a sand garden at the front of the house which we have not watered for 12 years! We have always tried to have a new project on the go and the latest is our crevice garden.

We love our garden and hope that our many visitors, over the past 20 years that we have been opening, love it too.

**Please note:**

The nursery and Bob's studio gallery will be open for sales. No dogs in this garden please.

Parking instructions must be followed. Otherwise, this will cause real problems for the owners' neighbours and visitors. The Woodlands is the last house but one before the end of this no-through road. There is no parking or public turning space beyond it. As you approach the house, plenty of parking is available on the verges on the right hand side, opposite the allotments. It is only a short walk up the lane to The Woodlands.

Passengers with mobility issues can be dropped at the gate but cars must be turned around outside the house to return down the lane to park.

There are toilet facilities but are approached by a few steps which might be difficult for disabled visitors.

With some uneven paths and shallow steps, care is needed. Wheelchair access is limited in some areas.

Please note any food allergies on your booking form.



**Garden: Horncastle**

**Owners: Marie & Eddie Aldridge**

**Date: Wednesday 21st May**

**Time: 2-4pm**

**Entry charge: £2.50 (including refreshments)**

**Chosen Charity: Friskney Greyhound Rescue Centre**

Ours is an easily accessible, level garden. From a blank canvas over 20 years ago, we have developed defined areas generously planted with mature trees providing winter interest, established shrubs and largely perennial plants, including more unusual species. A wildlife pond and garden structures provide focal points at every turn.

**Please note:**

Please mention any food allergies on the booking form.

Paths are level. The only two steps will be marked clearly.

Toilet facilities are available.

Parking is available along the road outside the property with no restrictions. Please respect neighbours' driveways.

Well-behaved dogs on short leads will be allowed in the garden. Please check with the garden owner before setting out.



**Gardens: Lincoln**

**Owners: Margaret Campion, Margaret Gungaphul, Joyce Crosby**

**Date: Sunday 25th May**

**Time: 2-4pm**

**Entry charge: £ 7.50 (including refreshments)**

**Chosen Charity: Lincs HPS**

This is a trio of garden treats which will illustrate the different ways in which members have adapted their gardens to make them more accessible and manageable in order to help them stay longer in the homes and gardens they love. These three gardens are within easy walking distance of each other.

**Garden No.1 "A Rhapsody in Blue"-**

**Margaret Campion**

This garden was originally designed in 2003 by a local landscaping company for a then fit 60+ year-old couple who loved to travel. They wanted a small garden needing less maintenance but plenty of planting opportunities in a space to relax and entertain family and friends. A tiered garden within the shelter of a sweeping curved wall was created. 10 years later, increasing mobility issues demanded changes in the garden to manage the steps to the upper tier safely with decorative wooden posts providing resting points and by increasing the paved area. Planting schemes were also modified to reduce weeding.

In the last 2 years, railings have been added to the steps and lightweight metal furniture introduced, all painted in a stunning bright blue that proudly punctuates the space. With numerous climbers, well-stocked beds, flowering shrubs, small trees and perennial planting, all year interest is guaranteed.



## Garden No.2: “The Potted Front Garden”- Margaret Gungaphul

A leisurely Sunday afternoon stroll will take you less than 5 minutes to reach the second garden, also owned by another Margaret. Her solution when kneeling down to garden is no longer a pleasure has been to move her favourite plants and smaller shrubs into a large variety of pots which cluster by her front window bringing colour, scent, interest and insects throughout the summer and structure in the winter months.

The front garden is large but was often a collection point for surface water so the majority of it has been paved leaving strips of gravel to provide drainage. A deep bed bordering the pavement contains mature trees, spring bulbs, flowering shrubs and perennials.

Some jobs, such as tree pruning, have had recently to be handed over by her reluctant husband to professionals. Cutting the hedges may be next. His domain is now the back garden from which visitors are banned!



## Garden No.3 “The Scents and Sounds of a Garden” Joyce Crosby

Failing sight in older age has not done anything to suppress Joyce’s love of her garden or her independent spirit so this 3rd garden, back on the other side of the road and closer to Bunker’s Hill, is a triumph over adversity.

With monthly help from her gardener it is kept in enviable order, full of colour, perfume and the humming of contented insects. It may be many miles, in every sense, from her beloved former South African garden which she left over 20 years ago but Joyce still gets great pleasure from her fruit trees, her bright perennials and the many shades of green which give her particular joy.

Once your horticultural appetites have been sated, welcome refreshments will be served in Joyce’s garden, on behalf of all three of your hosts!

### **Please note:**

If you try to stagger your arrival time at Margaret Campion’s garden between 2 and 2.20pm, this will help the flow of visitors between the gardens. Please don’t try to park in Margaret Campion’s close. There is some space for disabled drivers on her drive.

Please contact her before you set off to make sure there is still space available.

All other cars must drive past her house towards the bend. Parking is allowed **BEFORE** the bend.

You can leave your cars there all afternoon or if you have mobility issues then collect your car to drive up the road to each of the other two gardens where there is plenty of on-street parking.

Please do not park on their drives.

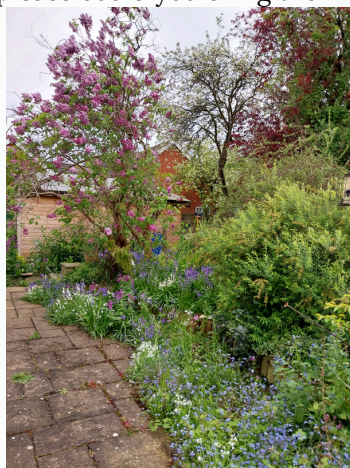
The upper tier of the first garden might be challenging for anyone with restricted mobility but the whole garden can be viewed from the lower level. The other two gardens are level and fully accessible.

Please do not bring dogs into any of the gardens.

There are toilet facilities at all gardens.

Please note any food allergies on the booking form.

If you have any lightweight folding chairs please could you bring them with you to Joyce’s garden. Thank you.



**Garden: Croft House, Graizelound Fields, nr. Haxey**  
**Owner: Jillian Horberry**  
**Date: Thursday 29th May 2025**  
**Time: 2-4pm**  
**Entrance charge: £3**  
**Refreshments: Donation**  
**Chosen Charity: Haxey Parish Church**



This one acre garden wraps itself around an early Victorian house, offering open views in every direction. Towering trees, some quite unusual such as the Liquid Amber, many over 30 years old provide stature and structure throughout the year. The terrace overlooks a rill with views to the Folly.

To the west of the house along the drive sit two grass hay paddocks, leading further to a spinney, in progress of renovation and bulb planting. To the south side is a small woodland path of springtime interest before the canopy overhead becomes dominant. Formal beds planted with some roses, swathes of lavender and colourful perennial borders in the front garden contrast with the less structured, more relaxed style of planting to the north. Here a vegetable parterre, fruit trees, wonderful birdlife, an aged medlar and mistletoe on the Bramley co-exist with all the free range hens, bringing life and activity to this area.

**Please note:**

There is limited parking on the drive for visitors with limited mobility but plenty of space along the lane. Please indicate on your booking form if you have any food allergies. Dogs sadly not permitted re the aforementioned chucks! There is an accessible toilet in the garden. The garden is even with only a few shallow steps and is fully accessible into the Orangery for tea!

**Garden: Sudbrooke near Lincoln**  
**Date: Thursday 5th June**  
**Time: 2-4pm**  
**Entry charge: £7.50 (incl. refreshments)**  
**Chosen Charity: Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA)**

A labour of love since 1998 for me and my late husband. Our motto was “we can do it!” and we did! 60 tons of cobbles and 220 tons of earth later, Lismore has a gravel garden, secret woodland path and fernery, raised vegetable garden, greenhouses, hard landscaping, shrubbery and perennial planting, David Austin rose garden, chimneys and pots with alpines, small orchard and woodland...all adorned by features from my years of hunting on eBay and woodcarvings, which is my other hobby.

**Please note:**

Please do not turn into the drive. It is only a 400yd walk from suitable safe parking areas further down Wragby Road before the car repair garage, on Scothern Lane or on the verges beyond the Cherry Tree café entrance. Passengers with mobility issues should be dropped off outside the entrance. There is very limited disabled parking on the premises. Please let Heather know if you need this. This is a level garden with gravel paths and is accessible to wheelchairs. No dogs please. Please indicate any food allergies on the booking form.



**Garden: Faldingworth Nr Market Rasen**  
**Owner: Jane Guy**  
**Date: Monday 9th June**  
**Time: 2-4pm**  
**Entry charge: £5 ( including refreshments)**  
**Chosen Charity: HPS**



This medium-sized garden on an estate which is 25 years old, was started from scratch by Jane who lives with her daughter and son-in-law, one dog and two cats. Her brief at the time (7 years ago), was for a fairly large seating area because they are a big family who love socialising, and grass for the dog to run. Other than that she had a free hand! This is a true HPS garden as all the plants have either been purchased at monthly meetings, the annual plant fair or on excursions with the group. If you visit you may well recognise one of yours! The garden is surrounded by shrubs. There are some raised beds, smallish herbaceous borders and beds. You can be sure of a warm welcome and time to relax and enjoy the ambience. Jane is even happy for you to take cuttings- as long as you bring your own materials and secateurs!

**Please note:**

This is a level, accessible garden with only one step!

Please do not park on the small close. There is plenty of parking on the road itself. There is parking space for up to 6 disabled drivers on Jane's drive but please check with her in advance.

Toilet facilities are available.

Please note any food allergies on your booking form.

Well-behaved dogs on short leads allowed in the garden.

**Garden: Thurlby, Lincoln**  
**Owners: Diana & David Booth-Clibborn**  
**Date: Thursday 12th June**  
**Time: 2-4pm**  
**Entry charge: Donations (refreshments included)**  
**Chosen Charity: St. Barnabas**



Established over the last 20 years, this three-quarter acre garden is filled with plants, many from HPS plant stalls! Roses are everywhere you look and will hopefully be filling the air with their perfume by the time we visit. There were over a hundred in the garden at the last count! There are numerous clematis, hydrangeas, fuchsias, salvias and rudbeckia. Many others have long lost their labels so feel free to help ID any you recognise. Labels will be available! Dozens of mature trees, including pines, walnuts and ancient apple trees, have the space to do their thing, growing unrestricted into amazing structures and happily self-seeding, ensuring their presence into the future.

**Please note:**

With care, this is a fully accessible garden.

The house name is clearly displayed at the end of the drive. Passengers with limited mobility can be dropped off here and walk the short distance up towards the house.

Please do not park on the drive. All cars must park at Middle Farm, 300 metres along Haddington Lane on the right-hand side.

Toilet facilities are available.

Please do not bring dogs into the garden.

Please note any food allergies on the booking form.

**Garden: Cross o' Cliff Hill. Lincoln ( A15 between Lincoln and Bracebridge Heath)**

**Owner: Sue and Stephen Hall**

**Date: Sunday 15 June 2025**

**Time: 2-4pm**

**Entrance charge: £5 incl. refreshments**

**Chosen charity: Lincs Wildlife Trust**

Our garden covers over half an acre. Until the house was built in the 1880s, it was a brick pit and then a builder's yard. The front garden is one of the few in the area that has not been paved over.

The first part of the back garden is paved with container grown plants. The ground falls away from here with a grassy sloping path leading to the lower garden. All the garden is managed with wildlife in mind. We have a lot of birds and small mammals living in the garden as well as visiting foxes, badgers and deer. On the lowest area we have established a wildflower meadow which is rich in native species including wild orchids. Some plants have been grown from HPS seed. The uphill side of the old brick pit has been terraced and here we grow roses on the clay soil above a patio. There are several old apple trees, a large willow, ash and walnut trees. We have replaced our vegetable garden with a flower cutting area and greenhouse.

The plants in the garden are ones which grow well to a large size rather than specimen delicates. Overall the garden has a relaxed atmosphere and is a place to sit and chat to friends whilst enjoying the views and wildlife.

Please come and enjoy it with us.

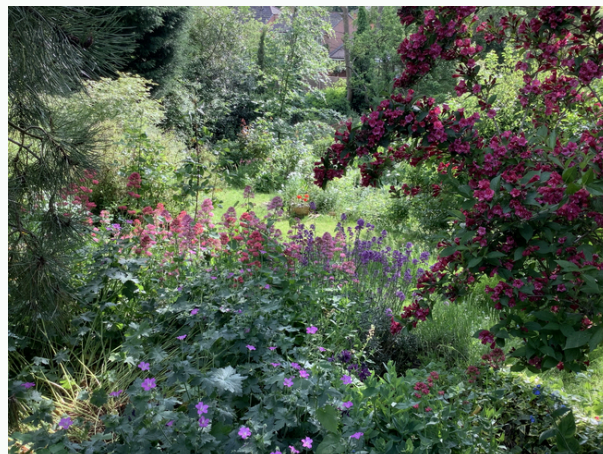
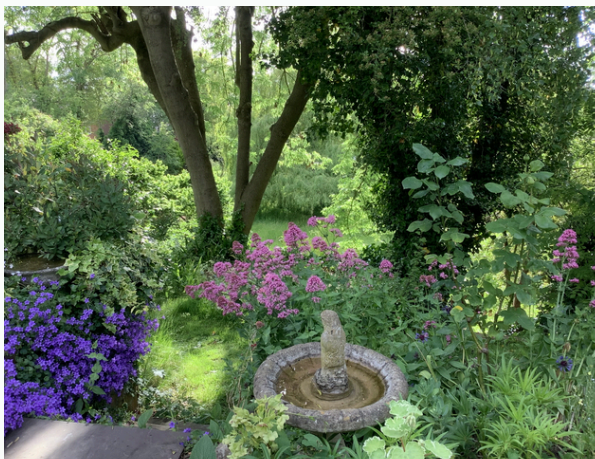
**Please note:**

Please indicate on your booking form if you have any food allergies.

This is a steeply sloping garden with marked paths and some damp areas. There is interest at every level but those with limited mobility might prefer to stay on the top terrace and appreciate the entire vista from there. There is an accessible toilet nearby by means of a few shallow steps.

There is limited parking available on the drive on a first come basis for any visitor with mobility issues. However, there is plenty of parking space on the main road and a nearby close.

Well-behaved dogs on short leads may be allowed into the garden but please check with garden owner before your visit.





**Garden: Hemswell Nr. Gainsborough**

**Owner: Rosemary James**

**Date: Monday 16th June**

**Time: 2-4pm**

**Entry charge: (including refreshments) Donations please**

**Chosen Charity: Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance**

This extensive, country-style garden is a work in progress. It has recently been extended to create a rose garden and mixed borders and more trees have been planted. The kitchen garden has a pond and there are mature fruit trees in the orchard. 'Wild areas' are being created in the paddocks.

**Please note:**

The garden is level with no steps. There are rough grass paths through the paddocks. Wheelchair users will not be able to access all areas.

Parking is available in the horse paddock next to the garden.

No dogs please.

Toilet facilities available.

Please mention any food allergies on the booking form.



Rosemary James



Doreen Fidler

**Garden: Wragby**

**Owner: Doreen Fidler**

**Date: Sunday 22nd June**

**Time: 2-4pm**

**Entry charge: £5 (including refreshments)**

**Chosen Charity: Marie Curie**

This 1/3 acre garden has a mainly herbaceous, cottage garden style of planting, bordering sweeping lawns and creating a stunning outlook from the inviting terrace at the front of the house. In the summer months the driveway beds are at their best with swathes of Nepeta and Salvias.

Hellebore beds, a fernery and alpine troughs together with two soothing water features provide even more interest for visitors in this 'chocolate box' setting.

**Please note:** Please do not park on the drive. There is plenty of parking on the road.

The garden is level with virtually no steps. There are gravel areas which could be difficult for wheelchair-users.

Well-behaved dogs on a short lead are allowed in the garden.

Please check in advance with the garden owner.

Please note any food allergies on the booking form.

**Garden: Claxby Nr. Market Rasen**

**Owner: Pat and David Spolton**

**Date: Tuesday 24 June**

**Time: 2-4pm**

**Entrance fee: £3**

**Chosen charity: Marie Curie**

**(Refreshments will be served in Elizabeth's garden)**

This three quarter acre garden is in the Lincolnshire Wolds with glorious views of the surrounding hills.

The garden is made up of different zones with herbaceous beds and borders, roses, grasses, trees and shrubs.

Vegetables and fruit also play a major role with a large greenhouse containing tender crops.

The tropical garden is filled with dahlias, canna lilies, eucomis and ricinus.

The front garden slopes away steeply but is perfectly safe to view from the drive or the road. Other areas are largely reached via grass paths with some paved areas and steps. However the whole garden is accessible for all with care.

**Please note:**

No parking on the drive please. The steep slope and limited space make turning and exiting difficult. There is ample parking on the adjacent field. There is direct access from the field to the garden.

Accessible toilet facilities are available.

Please indicate on your booking form if you have any food allergies.

Please do not bring dogs into this garden.



**Owner: Elizabeth Holmes**

**Visit date: Tuesday 24 June**

**Time: 2-4pm**

Refreshments: Donations please

Chosen Charity: Local food banks

This garden is a delightful short walk along a woodland track from Pat's garden to Elizabeth's via the paddock. Members with limited mobility can use their car to travel to Teeshan but there are only a few car parking spaces.

The garden here at Teeshan is a half-acre plot of mature trees, and shrubs mixed with herbaceous plants. I have gardened here for 20 years on heavy clay which is slowly becoming more manageable.

I am currently making some major changes including removing the bog garden because it is infested with horsetail. I think I must have imported this as it only started appearing a few years after we made this feature. I expect it will be in a transitional stage in June/July as I haven't finally decided how to replace it.

The horsetail is in the grass and all the other beds on one side of the driveway. There is also a sand bed (with no horsetail) which we are revamping. I have 3 very large eucalyptus trees which were a good size when we arrived and have continued to flourish as well as other trees giving spring, summer and autumn interest.

A small raised bed outside the kitchen door has vegetables and flowers to attract the bees. My neighbour has several hives and we can enjoy them and his meadow from the sitting area round the greenhouse.

**Please note:**

Please indicate any food allergies on the booking form.

Please do not bring dogs into this garden.

**Garden: Harpswell Nr Gainsborough****Garden owner: Pam Tatam****Visit date: Friday 4 July****Time: 2-4pm****Entrance charge: Donation ( incl. refreshments)****Chosen charity: St. Barnabas**

The garden is approximately 3 acres and includes a shrubbery, a gravel area, raised beds, a meadow and a rose garden. There is a short walk from the bottom of the garden leading down to the medieval moat where there has recently been some repair work carried out on the late 16th century wall.

**Please note:**

There is extensive parking available at the end of the drive.

There are some steps and areas of gravel but these can be avoided when moving round the garden

Toilet facilities are available.

Please include any food allergies on the booking form.

Well-behaved dogs on short leads are welcome. Owners are asked to clean up after them please.

**Garden: Upton Nr Gainsborough****Owner: Karen Swayne****Visit date: Friday 18th July****Time: 2-4pm****Entry charge: £4 (including refreshments)****Chosen Charity: Prostate Cancer**

The garden at Hironnelles is relatively new, with planting started in 2022. An eclectic mix of herbaceous planting, shrubs and trees, roses and clematis, the garden layout is still evolving, although the “bones” are now in place. The conditions are challenging – it is a windy site, and there is very little top soil as the garden has been created on top of demolished outbuildings. This means that planting often involves a pick axe and the removal of wheelbarrows full of rubble. It is very free draining too, so there has been some trial and error to find out what will, or won't grow here. Gardening is always a work in progress and a learning curve, isn't it?

**Please note:**

Parking space is limited in Church Road but space should be available on the High Street/Heapham Road and Main Street. Please consider access to properties and space for farm vehicles when parking. It is only a short walk from any of these locations and it will be signposted.

There is some room on the drive for drivers with mobility issues. Please check with Karen in advance of your visit that there will be space available.

This is a fully accessible level garden, with paved paths and no steps.

Toilet facilities are available.

Please do not bring dogs into the garden.

Please note any food allergies on the booking form.

There may be plants for sale on the day.



**Garden: Lincoln**

**Garden Owner: Monika Burdon**

**Date: Sunday 27 July**

**Time 2-4pm**

**Entrance charge: £4 (Refreshments included)**

**Chosen Charity: Amnesty International**

No. 12 is not an orderly, planned garden but it appears full of light, colour and surprise. The planting is casual and haphazard thanks to my ignorance and my fancy for unexpected consequences!

Amongst the mixed up planting are a number of grasses, their varied shapes and airy textures adding lightness and movement. There is a pond where rarely seen newts dive about, a number of trees and nice hedges for the birds.

Hidden away yet so close to Uphill's Bailgate, the Cathedral and Castle, this is a gem of a garden you will delight in discovering.

**Please note:**

Parking here is very restricted and there is unlikely to be any spaces on the drive itself. It is possible to pull up at the front of the house to drop off members with restricted mobility before parking.

However, being a Sunday, the surrounding residential roads are free from restrictions so parking should be relatively easy.

The back garden is level and can be accessed through the garage. There is a single step up out of the garage but there is a grab handle.

There is an accessible toilet.

Please note any food allergies on the booking form.

No dogs allowed in the garden.

**Garden: Bardney Manor**

**Owner: Samantha Cook**

**Date: Sunday 10th August**

**Time: 2-4pm**

**Entrance charge: £7.50 ( Refreshments included)**

**Chosen charity: The Walled Kitchen Garden, Bardney Manor**

Bardney Manor is an historic manor house located in the village of Bardney. It was originally built in the 17th century and has been owned by various families over the years. The manor house is famous for being the home of Lord John Sharpe of Sharpe's Seed who turned the gardens into growing grounds for various plants, vegetables and fruit.

Bardney Manor gardens has areas of perennial planting, cut flower borders and a rose avenue. Beyond this, a 200 year-old walled kitchen garden is being restored to its original design.

Refreshments, gifts and plants are available at the Blacksmith's studio.

If there is sufficient interest, Samantha may also offer a Seed Collection Workshop in the studio, at an extra charge.

**Please note:**

Parking is available by the Methodist Church on the lane outside the garden. Members with limited mobility may park on the drive but check with the garden owner in advance to ensure there will be space.

This is a level garden with no accessibility issues.

Toilet facilities are available.

Please indicate on your booking form any food allergies.

Dogs are allowed on short leads but please check with the garden owner before your visit.



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**Booking Form**

**Name :**

**Address:**

**Postcode :**

**Contact Details:**

**Mobile:**

**Landline:**

**Email :**

**Emergency Contact Name**

**Number:**

**Do you have any Food Allergies? if so, please state:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Garden</b>	<b>Visitor Name</b>

**Are you willing to offer lifts YES/NO**

**Do you require a lift? YES/NO (If so you will be contacted.)**

**Please Note :**

**Please return your completed form to me as an attachment by email [heatherfrier@hotmail.com](mailto:heatherfrier@hotmail.com) or by text or WhatsApp 07834694275 or hand in at meetings, please keep a copy for yourself. Post to - Heather Frier, The Pottery, 28A High St, Scampton, Lincoln, LN1 2SD**

## **Useful Information**

Your booking will be confirmed soon after it is received, normally by email. A few weeks before opening, the garden owners will be given the booking numbers. Approx. a week later, visitors will receive the full address and postcode plus any additional directions if needed. Parking instructions and a reminder of any accessibility issues, plus the entry and refreshment charges/donations will also be included. Please try and have the correct change.

Places are allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis, some gardens may have a maximum number where space is more limited. It might be possible to arrange staggered entry times to ease the flow of visitors. If so, please arrive at the time allocated. You will be added to a waiting list if places are not available at the time of booking.

There is also, in the case of some gardens, a minimum number where if this is not reached, owners have the option to cancel. If this is the case you will be informed.

Cancellations by garden owners, for any reason are rare, but it is important that members also give as much notice as possible if their plans change. Unexpected 'no shows' on the day are always disappointing for garden owners, who will have spent a significant amount of time and effort preparing for your visit.

This year we are experimenting with 'Pop-up' gardens. They are marked with an asterisk (\*) on the programme. Some garden owners are concerned that with the changing climate, they cannot predict when their gardens will be at their best. They have given an approx. date e.g. late April and will give a couple of weeks notice of an opening day. Please include these gardens on your booking form and you will be informed of the final date as soon as I have it. If anyone else would like to offer a 'Pop- Up' garden or has any other queries then please get in touch with me.

Thank you for supporting the Open Gardens Programme and have a wonderful summer with like-minded friends in amazing gardens.

A very special 'Thank you' on your behalf to all the generous members who have offered to share their personal heaven with us all.

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