

National Garden Scheme Leicestershire Open Gardens July and August 2022



In July and August Leicestershire National Garden scheme has 32 fabulous gardens to visit bursting with summer flowers and colour. This is one of the best times for garden visiting when the gardens are in full summer bloom, and the tea and cakes are plentiful.

There are 18 individual gardens opening and three group gardens opening at Wigston, Carlton and Willoughby Waters. A single admission price allows entrance to all the gardens in the group.

Every Wednesday throughout July, Stoke Albany House near Market Harborough LE16 8PT opens from 2.00-4.30. A 4 acre country house garden with much to see including a lovely display of Roses. On the weekend of the 2nd & 3rd July 8 Hinckley Road CV13 6DU opens which is a small south west facing garden with a pond, unusual perennial planting some of which are included in a plant sale.

The first group garden to open is Carlton, on Sunday 3rd July from 11-4pm, and comprises seven very different and interesting gardens in Carlton village. Admission is £6.00 and the gardens opening are: Home Farm House, 7 Main street, Kirkfield, 34 Main Street, Woodmill, Field View, Bumble Cot, 64 Main street, and Hillsdon. There is so much to see in these gardens with varied planting including cottage style, eastern influences, wildlife friendly gardens, large vegetable plots, a florist garden, and woodlands. Home-made teas will be in St Andrew's Parish Church, Main Street, Carlton.

Opening on the 3rd July from 1-5pm is 12 Hastings Close Breedon on the-Hill DE73 8BN which is a medium-sized prairie garden, organically managed and planted in the Piet Oudolf style. Also open on the 3rd (and the 28th August) from 11-4pm is Tresillian House in Melton Mowbray LE13 0BQ. A tranquil garden of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre including a bog garden, natural pond and Koi pond, and which also includes a small art exhibition by local artists.

On the weekend of the 9th and 10th July a collection of 5 gardens in and around Wigston open at 28 Gladstone street, 2A Homestead Drive, Little Dale Wildlife

Garden, Vallenvina 6 Abington close, and 9 Wicken Rise. These are smaller style gardens, with different styles and all with interesting features of traditional perennial planting, prairie borders, wildflowers, and upcycling, plus fruit and veg areas. One admission fee of £6.00 covers all gardens with tea and cakes available at Little Dale Wildlife Garden, 28 Gladstone Street and 9 Wicken Rise. You will need a car to travel between the gardens or enjoy a good walk.



Little Dale Wildlife Garden

On the 16th and 17th July, the Secret Garden at Wigston Framework Knitters Museum in the centre of Wigston, (LE18 2BA) opens from 11-5 pm. It has a lovely walled garden which has been renovated and there is access to the Museum for an additional charge. Also open on Sunday 17th (and Wednesday 20th) is Green Wicket Farm at Bitteswell LE17 4LR with a lovely wide range of plants set amongst open country views. Easy paths allow access to the complete garden and there are disabled parking areas.

The third group open their gardens on the 17th July from 11-5pm at Willoughby. There are 6 gardens to visit, 2 Church Lane Farm, Farmway, High Meadow, John's Wood, Kapapua and 3 Yew Tree Close. These varied gardens include a 1.5 acre nature reserve garden, a number of ponds both formal and wildlife, lavender lined paths, a cottage themed garden, a professionally designed garden incorporating various features, an ornamental vegetable garden and more. Admission is £6.00 to visit all the gardens in this group with tea and cakes available in the village hall.



Lush planting Willoughby Gardens

For a midweek trip out, the LOROS Hospice Gardens LE3 9QE opens on Wednesday 27th July and Thursday 25th August from 9.00-5pm. Highlights include rambling Roses, Agapanthus and creamy-white Hydrangea Paniculata. Freshly made refreshments are available along with a plant sale. The gardens are fully wheelchair accessible.

At the end of the month on the 31st of July there are two gardens opening. 44 Fairfield Road in Market Harborough, LE16 9QJ is available to visit from 12-4.30 where there is a large pond which attracts wildlife, a lovely south facing border, a dry planting area and mature trees with shady sitting areas.

Also opening on Sunday the 31st July from 11-5pm is 119 Scalford Road LE13 1JZ, a large town house garden in Melton Mowbray. It has mixed borders with traditional and exotic plants, a vegetable parterre and greenhouse, water features and ponds with a new white border and Succulents bed. There are unusual plants on sale which are displayed in the garden.

Every Sunday in August from 11-4pm Honeytrees Tropical Garden 85 Grantham Road Bottesford, G13 0EG which has lots of unusual planting and glasshouses with different climatic zones.

Gardens at 182 (LE10 1SW) and 28 Ashby Road (LE10 1SL) Hinckley open together on Sunday 7th August from 11-5pm £6.00 entrance covers both gardens. Expect to find lots of flowering perennials including Dahlia, Rudbeckia and showy Agapanthus, a wildlife pond, wildflowers, and full vegetable plots.

The Old Barn at Swadlincote, DE12 8AF opens from 11-5pm on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August. This is a 2 acre garden set in leafy hamlet, with lawns, colourful shrubs and tree-lined cobbled paths. There is a walled garden with fishpond, pergola with climbers, an orchard, meadow with paths and open views. The will be a treasure hunt for children.



The Old Barn Swadlincote

Full details of all of our open gardens in July and August, including opening times, directions, accessibility, dog friendly gardens, cashless payments and more at www.ngs.org.uk