

Garden Group - Summer

Programme of garden visits for 2022

Tuesday 17 May: Coach trip to John Masseys very special garden at Ashwood Nurseries, Kingswinford. This will be a day trip with the main event being a self-guided tour of John's garden, featured 2 years ago by Carol Klein on Channel 5. There is also a new wild life garden to enjoy plus an excellent restaurant and a very well stocked plant nursery.

Tuesday 21 June: Car trip to The Coach House, Ampney Crucis, near Cirencester. This is truly exquisite garden in a lovely setting and an opportunity not to be missed for a private visit. Although only one and a half acres the space feels much larger having been divided into rooms with yew and box hedging providing a sense of mystery and enclosure. There is something to catch the eye at every turn in this sheltered, secret garden

Tuesday 19 July: Car trip to Highnam Court near Over, Gloucester. Several members have requested a return visit to this wonderful garden and this private visit has been timed to make the most of the many magnificent roses.

Tuesday 16 August: Car trip to the beautiful gardens at Lower Hope, Ullingswick which have been created by Mr & Mrs Richards over the last 35+ years. Sadly Clive Richards passed away in April 2021 but he left plenty of plans and ideas to continue the works in the garden. This is a rare opportunity for a private visit to enjoy these lovely gardens in August.

Tuesday 20 September: Car trip to Brobury House Gardens, Herefordshire. This is a lovely tranquil 8 acre garden on the banks of the river Wye. Lovingly renovated by the current owners over the last 20 years it is truly a garden for all seasons.

Tuesday 18 October: Car trip to Batsford Arboretum, Kidderminster. This is a lovely arboretum and extensive improvements have recently been made to the paths, greatly increasing accessibility for all. The collections at Batsford cover a wide range of plants from around the world but have an emphasis on the Far East. There are over 2,850 labelled specimens including about 1,300 different trees, shrubs and bamboo. The many species of Japanese maples provide lovely autumn colour. There is an excellent restaurant and also a well stocked plant nursery.

Please note that all garden visits are afternoon visits unless stated otherwise and must be booked and paid for in advance. For more information please contact the group leader.