

## LEDBURY AND DISTRICT U3A GARDEN GROUP

### DRAFT VISIT PROGRAMME FOR MAY – SEPTEMBER 2024

**Tuesday 21 May:** Visit to Lower Hope Garden, Ullingswick. By popular demand we are revisiting the beautiful gardens of Sylvia and the late Clive Richards but this time in May. There are five varied and colourful acres to explore including traditional garden areas and themed gardens as well as the longer walks around the lakes. There are also plenty of seating areas where you can relax and enjoy the surroundings. The cost per head for this private visit is £12 which includes tea and cake.

**Tuesday 18 June:** Morton Hall Gardens, Redditch. These lovely gardens are perched on an escarpment with breath-taking views over unspoilt Worcestershire countryside. The eight acres of garden and park include a striking potager, a majestic woodland rockery and an elegant Japanese Stroll Garden. A series of distinctive but linked garden rooms, each uniquely defined by landscape, planting style and colour scheme, give a sense of harmonious continuity. Over the years the house and garden have featured in numerous publications. The cost per head for this private visit is £13 and includes homemade muffins and tea/coffee.

**Tuesday 16 July:** The Old Rectory, Eastnor. This is a unique opportunity to visit the beautiful gardens at the Old Rectory. To quote a member who visited recently 'the garden is a joy to behold. It has everything you could wish for including vegetables and greenhouse fruits'. Just four miles from Ledbury these gardens are only open for private visits by special arrangement. The cost is £10 per head to include tea and cake.

**Tuesday 20 August:** Rhodds Farm, Lyonshall: Since Rhodd's Farm was featured on Gardeners World in September 2023 many members have asked if a garden group visit could be arranged. Rhodds farm is located in north Herefordshire just east of the Welsh Border with views of the Malvern Hills and the Black Mountains. Described by the magazine Country Life as 'a timeless, romantic garden', it has been created over the past 15 + years by the owner, Cary Goode, a garden designer. The cost per head for this private visit is £15 and includes refreshments.

**Tuesday 17 September:** TBA

All visits must be paid for in advance when requested by the Group Leader. Details of each visit will be provided to members by email, letter or phone.

New members are always welcome. Please contact the group leader for more information.