



NEWS RELEASE

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BRISTOL GARDENS OPEN IN APRIL 2026

We advise all garden visitors to check the National Garden Scheme website for the latest information before setting out.

<https://ngs.org.uk>

APRIL

Wednesday 8th

Caisson House, Bath, BA2 7EF

Amanda & Phil Honey, info@caissongardens.com

Open 10 - 4 Adm £17, chd £6. **Pre-booking essential, please visit**

www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking. Homemade Teas

This is a wonderfully eclectic and romantic garden set in the most beautiful English countryside around a Georgian house built in 1815. It is a mix of herbaceous borders, topiaries, ponds and rills, a walled garden with fruit trees, greenhouses, flower and vegetable beds.

Thursday 9th

The Yeo Valley Organic Garden at Holt Farm, Blagdon, BS40 7SQ. Mr & Mrs Tim Mead, 01761 462798

Open 10 – 5 Adm £8, chd £2. Light refreshments.

One of only a handful of ornamental gardens that is Soil Association accredited, 6½ acres of contemporary planting, quirky sculptures, bulbs in their thousands, purple palace, glorious meadow and posh vegetable patch. Great views, green ideas. Around garden there are some grass paths and some uneven bark and gravel paths.

Photo The Yeo Valley Organic Garden at Holt Farm



Sunday 12th

Watcombe, Winscombe, BS25 1BP. Peter & Ann Owen, 01934 842666

Open 2 - 5 Adm £5, chd free. Homemade Teas. Visits also by arrangement

$\frac{3}{4}$ acre mature Edwardian garden with colour-themed, informally planted herbaceous borders. Strong framework separating several different areas; pergola with varied wisteria, unusual topiary, box hedging, lime walk, pleached hornbeams, cordon fruit trees, 2 small formal ponds and growing collection of clematis.

Photo Watcombe



Sunday 26th

4 Haytor Park Bristol, BS9 2LR. Mr C & Mrs P Prior, 07779 203626

Open 1 - 5 Adm £4, chd free. Visits also by arrangement

Lovingly created over almost 40 yrs. Wildlife in abundance with a pond and insect friendly plants. A totally peaceful haven in spite of being in a city suburb. Plenty of places to sit awhile and reflect, while spotting myriad plants for all seasons. Many arches lead to secret places, quirky features inc a bicycle wheel trellis.

Sunday 26th

Greystones Bristol, BS9 1JB. Mrs Pam Townsend.

Open 11 - 4 Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas

Peaceful garden with places to sit and enjoy a quiet corner of Bristol. Interesting courtyard, raised beds, large variety of conifers and shrubs leads to secluded garden of contrasts - sunny beds with olive tree and brightly coloured flowers to shady spots, with acers, hostas and ferns. Snowdrops, hellebores, spring bulbs, naturalised daffodils. Small orchard, espaliered pears.

Photo Greystones



Sunday 26th

**Lucombe House, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, BS9 1DD. Malcolm Ravenscroft,
01179 682494**

Open 1 - 5 Adm £4, chd free. Home made teas. Visits also by arrangement
For tree lovers of all ages! As well as a 260yr old Lucombe Oak - one of the most significant trees in the UK - there are over 30 mature English trees planted to create an urban woodland underplanted with various native ferns. An Arts & Crafts garden has now been completed in the front and a woodland path provides a behind the scenes look at the woodland. A trio of recorder players will entertain visitors. Rough paths in woodland area and steps to patio.

NOTES TO EDITORS

About the National Garden Scheme

The National Garden Scheme gives visitors unique access to over 3,300 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 £77 million to our beneficiary charities, and in 2025 made donations of over £3.8 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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