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Snowdrop Festival
Sunday 14
9 Congbourn Arboretum
Sunday 28
24 Hillside Cottages

April
Sunday 3
9 Congbourn Arboretum
Sunday 24
34 The Old Vicarage

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Sunday 8
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Sunday 15
28 Harperley Hall Farm
Sunday 22
5 Blagdon
Sunday 29
13 Croft Hall
28 Liburn Tower

June Festival Weekend
Sunday 5
2 Barnard Avenue Gardens
39 Oliver Ford Garden
51 Washington Old Hall
Monday 6
15 Croft Hall & Gardens
Sunday 12
10 NEW 107 Coniscliffe Road
23 Ingram House
37 Parker Towers
Wednesday 15
48 Thornton Hall Gardens
Friday 17
49 Wallington (Evening)

Sunday 19
6 Broaches Farm
17 Forest Lane Gardens
31 Mindrum Lane Gardens
Saturday 25
15 Collinson Hall
59 Woodlands
Sunday 26
42 Romaldkirk Gardens
46 NEW Stanton Fence
Wednesday 29
6 Broaches Farm

July
Saturday 2
50 Warrenfell
Sunday 3
11 Cotherstone Village Gardens
18 The Forge
28 NEW Longwitton Hall
50 Warrenfell
52 Whatton Manor Gardens
Thursday 7
53 Woodlands
Sunday 10
4 Bichfield Tower
10 The Fold
23 NEW The Hidden Gardens of Skelton
38 Peterlee Gardens Safari
49 Wallington
Saturday 16
12 Cragside
Sunday 17
1 NEW Adderstone House
3 The Beacon
32 Moorsholm Village
43 St Margaret’s Allotments
54 Woodside House
Sunday 24
29 Loughbrow House
41 Ravensford Farm
Sunday 31
33 No. 2 Ferndene
45 NEW St Cuthbert’s Hospice
**August**
- Sunday 7
  - 4 Stockley Grove
- Sunday 21
  - 39 NEW Quarry End

**September**
- Sunday 4
  - 10 Gibside
- Sunday 25
  - 21 Halls of Heddon

**October**
- Sunday 2
  - 27 Lizards Farm
- Sunday 9
  - 22 Hillside Cottages

**Gardens open to the public**
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The Gardens

**ADDERSTONE HOUSE**
Adderstone Mains, Belford NE70 7HS. John & Pauline Clough.
1m S of Belford off A1. Best approached from the N off A1. Adderstone Mains is 1m S of Belford, turn L off A1. From S, 0.7m N of Purdy Lodge on R but turn dangerous, continue to Belford, turn & approach from N. Ample parking. **Sun 17 July (1-5). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments in the courtyard.**

A Victorian farm house, gardens, millpond and grounds of 10½ acres. Some established but many ‘new projects’ in development with Sean Murray (RHS Chelsea Challenge winner). Walled garden with rose arbour, mature shrubs; an orchard leads to developing sunken garden; rose walk to the formal garden, then on to the mill pond, fruit/vegetable plots and vineyard. Plant stall, teas and grape juice from vineyard.

**BARNARD AVENUE GARDENS**
Stockton-On-Tees TS19 7AB. 10m E of Darlington off A66. Heading E or W from or towards Middlesbrough take slip rd marked Hartburn & Stockton W. L into Greens Lane, follow yellow signs. Off Gainford Rd & Oxbridge Lane W side of Stockton. **Sun 5 June (1.30-5). Combined adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas at Briarcroft (no 27).**

**10 BARNARD AVENUE**
Dennis & Jennifer Hodgson

**22 BARNARD AVENUE**
Laura & Peter Davison

**BRIARCROFT**
Mr Glenn Sunman
Enjoy a visit to three, small urban gardens. No. 10 is a mature secluded garden with several seating areas. Recently landscaped, it is divided into ‘rooms’ and backed by mature trees. There are two small ponds, a water feature, a Judas tree which is magnificent when in flower in spring and, apart from hanging baskets, no annuals. No. 22 is a quiet and relaxing suburban garden divided into three areas: a secluded sunny seating area, a larger lawned area with mixed borders and a shady section under a mature ash tree. No 27 has a wisteria covered pergola, wild flower area, willow tunnel and arbour, aerial hedge, kitchen garden and herbaceous borders. Gravel paths in some areas.

**In 2016 the Chesterfield Royal NGS Macmillan Cancer unit will open.**
3  THE BEACON
10 Crabtree Road, Stocksfield NE43 7NX. Derek & Patricia Hodgson, 01661 842518, patandderek@btinternet.com. 12m W of Newcastle upon Tyne. From A69 follow signs into village. Station & cricket ground on L. Turn R into Cadehill Rd then 1st R into Crabtree Rd (cul de sac) Park on Cadehill. Sun 17 July (2-6). Adm £4, chd free. Cream teas. Visits also by arrangement groups of 10+.
This garden illustrates how to make a cottage garden with loads of interest at different levels. Planted with acers, roses and a variety of cottage garden and formal plants. Water runs gently through it and there are tranquil places to sit and talk or just reflect. Stunning colour and plant combinations. Steep, so not wheelchair friendly but wheelchair users have negotiated the drive and enjoyed the view of the main garden.

4  BICHFIELD TOWER
Belsay, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE20 0JP. Lesley & Stewart Manners, 075114 39606, lesleymanners@gmail.com, www.bitchfieldtower.co.uk. Private rd off B6309, 4m N of Stamfordham and SW of Belsay village. Sun 10 July (1-4). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas in the carriage house garden and building.
6 acre maturing garden, in its 2nd year of rejuvenation, set around a Medieval Pele Tower with an impressive stone water feature, large trout lake, mature woodland, wild meadow and 2 walled gardens. Featuring this year, two stunning iron flower covered windows providing spectacular views of the surrounding countryside. There are large herbaceous borders around the garden with extensive lawns. Historic building, tennis court, woodlands fairy walk for kids, sculpture walk throughout the grounds, croquet lawn and set, trout lake, pop-up shops of local businesses.

Visit a garden and support hospice care in your community.
**BLAGDON**

Seaton Burn NE13 6DE. Viscount Ridley, www.blagdonestate.co.uk.

5m S of Morpeth on A1. 8m N of Newcastle on A1, N on B1318, L at r’about (Holiday Inn) & follow signs to Blagdon. Entrance to parking area signed.

**Sun 22 May (1-4.30). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.**

Unique 27 acre garden encompassing formal garden with Lutyens designed ‘canal’, Lutyens structures and walled kitchen garden. Valley with stream and various follies, quarry garden and woodland walks. Large numbers of ornamental trees and shrubs planted over many generations. National Collections of Acer, Alnus and Sorbus. Trailer rides around the estate (small additional charge) and stalls selling local produce. Partial wheelchair access.

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**BRAESIDE**

See Cumbria

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**BROACHES FARM**

Dalton, Richmond DL11 7HW. Mr & Mrs Hutchinson, 01833 621369, jude1@myfwi.co.uk.

7m W of Scotch Corner. From Scotch Corner on A66 W, 7m turn L at The Rokeby Inn. After ½ m turn L to Dalton. Farm on L after 1m.

**Sun 19 June (1-5). Cream teas. Wed 29 June (2-8). Light refreshments. Adm £3, chd free. Visits also by arrangement June to Aug any number of visitors.**

In 1996 this wonderful garden was a field. It now includes 2 ponds, one with koi, stream, bog garden and wooded area. Mixed colourful borders are full of herbaceous perennials. Informal and naturalistic, this is a rural idyll.

Abundant wildlife incl kingfishers, dippers, wagtails, frogs and toads. Lots of seating areas including summerhouse and gazebo.

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**Bichfield Tower**

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7 New

CAPABILITY BROWN'S KIRKHARLE LAKE COURTYARD

Kirkharle, Northumberland NE19 2PE. Kitty Anderson, 01830 540362, info@kirkharlecourtyard.net, www.kirkharlecourtyard.co.uk. Off A696 18m N of Newcastle upon Tyne. Turn L, signed Kirkharle Courtyard, off A696 6m N of Belsay near Wallington turn off. For NGS: Sun 1 May (11-4). Adm by donation. Light refreshments at Kirkharle Coffee house and restaurant. For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

300th ANNIVERSARY FOOD AND FLOWER FAYRE. Birthplace, and first workplace, of Lancelot ‘Capability’ Brown, who designed the serpentine lake, now restored, with planting, according to his original plans. Enjoy the lake, the art/craft workshops in the converted farm buildings, specialist stalls and food stalls, incl NGS Plant Stall. Featured in Titchmarsh on Capability Brown, More4.

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COLDCOTES MOOR FARM

Ponteland, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE20 0DF. Ron & Louise Bowey, 01661 822579, info@theboweys.co.uk. Off A696 N of Ponteland. From S, leave Ponteland on A696 towards Jedburgh, after 1m take L turn marked ‘Milbourne 2m’. After 400yds turn L into drive.

Visits by arrangement 11-31 July for groups of 10+. Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas.

The garden, landscaped grounds and woods cover around 15 acres. The wooded approach opens out to lawned areas surrounded by new ornamental and woodland shrubs and trees. A courtyard garden leads to an ornamental walled garden, beyond which is an orchard, vegetable garden, flower garden and rose arbour. To the south the garden looks out over a lake and field walks, with woodland walk to the west. Small children’s play area. Featured in WI Life Magazine. Most areas can be accessed though sometimes by circuitous routes or an occasional step. WC access involves three steps.
CONGBURN ARBORETUM
Edmondsley, Durham DH7 6DY.
Mr Alan Herbert, www.congburnnurseries.co.uk. From B6532 at Edmondsley, follow yellow NGS signs. Sun 14 Feb, Sun 3 Apr (10-4).
Adm £3, chd free. Light refreshments in on-site cafe serving lunches and teas from 10 ‘til 4.
Come and enjoy a woodland walk and find the snowdrops on St Valentine’s day or come in April to see the daffodils, narcissi and hellebores. The arboretum is in the process of development and you will therefore see plenty of new planting amongst the already established trees. The site is on a hillside so please wear sturdy footwear. You can choose a longer or shorter route through the woods. The paths are steep and not suitable for wheelchairs.

107 CONISCLIFFE ROAD
Darlington DL3 7ET. Jill Jackson. 2m from A1 near town centre.
From A1 S, L at r’about, L next r’about R onto Coniscliffe Rd. Follow signs towards Barnard Castle A167 from town centre /ring rd and this is Coniscliffe Rd. Please park in nearby streets. Sun 12 June (2-4).
Adm £2.50, chd free. Cream teas.
The garden is designed for a wildlife loving wheelchair user and features a pond, a patch of meadow, huge bug palace, numerous bird feeders and living brush pile. In addition vegetables share the borders with the flowers. There are some weeds as the rule is if the bees butterflies and bugs love it, it stays. The garden owner is a wheelchair user so access is fine but it is a slope with sloped paths, not all on the flat.

GROUP GARDENS
COTHERSTONE VILLAGE GARDENS
Cotherstone, Barnard Castle DL12 9QW. 4m NW of Barnard Castle. On B6277 Middleton-in-Teesdale to Barnard Castle road. Gardens are spread throughout the village. Home made teas at three points in the village.
Sun 3 July (11-4.30). Combined adm £4.50, chd free. Home-made teas in village hall and two gardens.
Once again a warm welcome awaits you in this traditional and historic Teesdale village. The village is bounded on two sides by the Balder and Tees rivers. A variety of country gardens (& allotments) ranging from small to nearly 3 acres. Look out for some great Teesdale views as you walk between them. This year access has also kindly been made available to the ruins of Cotherstone Castle (scheduled ancient monument). Visitors can help themselves to herbs from the pick your own boxes spread throughout the village. The village is on the Teesdale Way footpath and there are many picturesque walks in and around the locality. The village hall will also host an exhibition of local arts and crafts. Cotherstone and the surrounding area is a beautiful place for walking. There are 2 PHs, cafes and a shop in the village where refreshments can also be obtained. Owing to the variety of gardens and allotments some may not be accessible for wheelchair users.
12 **CROAGSIDE**
Rothbury NE65 7PX. National Trust, 01669 620333, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cragside/things-to-see-and-do/garden/. 13m SW of Alnwick, (B6341); 15m NW of Morpeth (A697). For NGS: Sat 16 July (10-5). Adm £17.40, chd free. For other opening times and information, please phone or visit garden website.
The Formal Garden is in the ‘High Victorian’ style created by the 1st Lord and Lady Armstrong. Incl orchard house, carpet bedding, ferneries, Italian terrace and Rose borders. The largest sandstone Rock Garden in Europe with its tumbling cascades. Extensive grounds of over 1000 acres famous for rhododendrons in June, large lakes and magnificent conifer landscape. The House, mainly the design of Norman Shaw, with its very fine arts and crafts interiors is worth a separate visit. Limited wheelchair access to formal garden.

13 **CROFT HALL**
Croft-on-Tees DL2 2TB. Mr & Mrs Trevor Chaytor Norris. 3m S of Darlington. On A167 to Northallerton, 6m from Scotch Corner. Croft Hall is 1st house on R as you enter village from Scotch Corner. Sun 29 May (2-6). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas in aid of St Peters Church. A lovely lavender walk leads to a Queen Anne-fronted house (not open) surrounded by a 5-acre garden, comprising a stunning herbaceous border, large fruit and vegetable plot, two ponds and wonderful topiary arched wall. Pretty rose garden and mature box Italianate parterre are beautifully set in this garden offering peaceful, tranquil views of open countryside. Some gravel paths.

14 **CROOK HALL & GARDENS**
Sidegate, Durham City DH1 5SZ. Maggie Bell, 0191 384 8028, info@crookhallgardens.co.uk, www.crookhallgardens.co.uk. Centre of Durham City. Crook Hall is short walk from Durham’s Market Place. Follow the tourist info signs. Parking available at entrance. For NGS: Mon 6 June (10-5). Adm £7, chd £5. Cream teas. For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website. Described in Country Life as having ‘history, romance and beauty’. Intriguing medieval manor house surrounded by 4 acres of fine gardens. Visitors can enjoy magnificent cathedral views from the 2 walled gardens. Other garden ‘rooms’ incl the silver and white garden. An orchard, moat pool, maze and Sleeping Giant give added interest! Refreshments in the Tea Room (main building) and the Café (entrance building). Featured on Radio 4 with John McCarthy, and Clare Balding, on Radio 4 Gardeners Question Time and in the Independent and the ‘ I ’ as number 9 in the top ten places to visit in Britain. Wheelchair accessible and disabled WC.

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Are You Proud Of Your Garden?
Do you have a well maintained and interesting garden? (Size doesn’t matter, but interest does.) Then why not open your garden for the National Gardens Scheme? Contact one of the local teams to discuss opening for the NGS.
10 FALLODON HALL
Alnwick NE66 3HF. Mr & Mrs Mark Bridgeman, 01665 576252, www.bruntoncottages.co.uk. 5m N of Alnwick, 2m off A1. From the A1 turn R on B6347 signed Christon Bank & Seahouses, & turn into Fallodon gates after exactly 2m, at the Xrds. Follow drive for 1m. Sat 25 June (2-5). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas in stable yard.
Extensive, well established garden, including a 30 metre border, finishing beside a hot greenhouse and bog garden. The late C17 walls of the kitchen garden surround cutting and vegetable borders and the fruit greenhouse. The sunken garden from 1898 has been replanted by Natasha McEwen. Woodlands, pond and arboretum extend over 10 acres to explore. Renowned home-made teas in stable yard, and plant sale, predominantly of Fallodon plants. Partial wheelchair access.

10 THE FOLD
High Wooley, Stanley Crook DL15 9AP. Mr & Mrs G Young, 01388 768412, g898young@btinternet.com. 3m N of Crook. Turn R at Xrds in Brancepeth, opp turn to Castle, drive 3m along the single track rd until you reach the junction on bend with the main rd. Entrance 100yards on L. Sun 10 July (1.30-4.30). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas.
Visits also by arrangement May to Sept, groups of 10+.
Garden, approx ½ acre created over 20 years in an area that had been extensively mined. It stands at 700ft and enjoys splendid views over countryside. Herbaceous borders, alpine bed, island beds, ponds, numerous mature trees and small roof garden. Wide range of plants, mostly perennials, many grown from seed and cuttings. Emphasis on colour, harmony and texture to create all year interest. No disabled access as steep slopes and gravel paths.
NORTH EAST

GROUP OPENING

17 FOREST LANE GARDENS
52 (The Hollies) & 48 Forest Lane, Kirklevington, Yarm TS15 9ND. Fiona & Terry Dunn, Marian & David McDonald. 200yds after village hall on R. Travelling N on A19 exit A67 to Yarm (or take Crathorne exit when heading S). At the Crown Hotel Kirklevington turn into Forest Lane & the gardens are 500yds on R. Sun 19 June (1-5). Combined adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas. Hot & cold drinks & cakes.
The Hollies, informal 1 acre gardens, large island beds plus borders with shrubs and perennials with rhododendrons, wisteria, alliums, clematis and 70+ trees incl wooded wild flower area, and kitchen garden. 48 Forest Lane, superbly manicured lawns and expertly planted beds with wide variety of flowering shrubs, camellias, perennials, climbers and fruit trees. Double tiered pond, water features and lilies. The Hollies: gravel drive and paths plus shallow slopes in the garden should be ok for wheelchairs. No.48 has narrow side access only.

18 THE FORGE
Ravensworth, Richmond DL11 7EU. Mr & Mrs Peter & Enid Wilson, 01325 718242, enid.wilson@btconnect.com. 7m N of Richmond. Travel 5½ m W on A66 from Scotch Corner. Turn L to Ravensworth & follow NGS signs. Sun 3 July (1-5.30). Adm £3, chd free. Cream teas. Homemade cakes. Visits also by arrangement June to Sept.
The Blacksmith’s Secret Garden - the garden is hidden from view behind The Forge House, Cottage and the working Blacksmith’s Forge. It has small wildlife ponds with two natural stone features and a meadow. There are a number of unusual plants i.e. Dactylorhiza Fuchsia. Featured in Northern Echo, Teesdale Mercury, Amateur Gardener. Wheelchair access across gravel path.

19 GIBSIDE
Rowlands Gill NE16 6BG. National Trust, 01207 541820, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/gibside. 6m SW of Gateshead. Follow brown signs from the A1 & take the A694 towards Rowlands Gill. For NGS: Sun 4 Sept (10-4.30). Adm £8.20, chd £4.10. Light refreshments in Cafe. For other opening times and information, please phone or visit garden website.
C18 landscape garden designed by Stephen Switzer for one of the richest men in Georgian England, George Bowes, and his celebrated daughter Mary Eleanor. Inner pleasure grounds with tree-lined avenue and productive walled garden, plus miles of woodland and riverside walks in the Derwent Valley. Ongoing restoration of the gardens and woodland, one of the National Trust’s most ambitious projects. Cafe offers locally-sourced produce with fruit and vegetables from the walled garden. Behind the scenes guided talks by one of the gardening team. See the walled garden come back to life as we restore it. If you have special access needs, please call us on 01207 541820 in advance of your visit.
20 14 GRAYS TERRACE
Redhills, Durham DH1 4AU.
Mr Paul Beard, 0191 5972849, pauljofraeard@yahoo.co.uk. Just off A167 on W side of Durham. 1½ m S of A167 / A691 r’about, turn L into Redhills Lane. When road turns R with no entry sign. Grays Terrace is ahead. No.14 is at the very end. Visits by arrangement Apr to Aug. Adm by donation.
A steeply sloping garden of about ² /³ acre with a superb view over Durham Cathedral, Castle and surroundings. Very informal garden; no bedding and a significant wild area. Planting is mixed with interest throughout the yr. Many unusual and rare plants. Particularly knowledgeable owner who is happy to escort groups round the garden.

21 HALLS OF HEDDON
West Heddon Nursery, Heddon-on-the-Wall, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 0JS. Mr David Hall, 01661 852445, www.hallsofheddon.co.uk. Approx 5m W of Newcastle upon Tyne. Approx 1m NW of Heddon on the Wall signed off B6318 (Military Rd) at the bridge crossing the A69. For NGS: Sun 25 Sept (10-4). Adm by donation. Teas, coffees and home made cakes. For other opening times and information, please phone or visit garden website.
Halls is a world renowned family owned nursery, full of plants set against the backdrop of an orginal heated walled garden. September sees a spectacular display of colour and foliage in its dahlia and chrysanthemum trial fields. Row upon row of brilliant hues of plants arranged to show type, colour and height. It lifts the spirits as winter approaches and makes a dahlia/chrysanthemum lover of every gardener. Introductory talks with a question and answer session will be provided throughout the day by David Hall. Harrogate Show Gold Medal Winner.

22 HARPERLEY HALL FARM
Harperley, Stanley DH9 9UB. Gary McDermott, 01207 233318, enquiries@harperleyhallfarm nurseries.co.uk, www.harperleyhallfarmnurseries.co.uk. A1 leave J63 at r’about take 2nd exit A693, continue for 5m. After T-turn R Shieldrow Lane, then R Kyo Lane at end turn R Harperley Lane, garden 500yds on L. Sun 15 May (10-4). Adm £3, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement Mar to Oct, groups welcome daytime or evenings.
An evolving garden, attached to an award winning specialist plant nursery. The garden is set within 5 acres of countryside and we grow a wide range of bog and woodland plants around a series of ponds. The garden is heavily planted with Primula ‘Inverewe’ and blue Himalayan poppies as well as the very rare Meconopsis punicea ‘Sichuan Silk’ For nursery opening times see our website. The garden is in a tranquil setting and a flock of Rainbow and other Lorikeet fly at liberty around the garden. Featured in Living North, Garden News and new plants regularly featured in the RHS Garden magazine. The majority of the garden and nursery can be accessed by wheelchair users.
GROUP OPENING

**NEW** THE HIDDEN GARDENS OF SKELTON
Skelton-In-Cleveland, Saltburn-By-The-Sea TS12 2WT. Colin and Daphne Hurworth. To Windermere Drive take A174 or A173 from Guisbrough. Parking in Health Centre. To the Ivories, head for North Skelton. Vaughan St is the High St & turn down small lane by Curly Tops Hairdressers. Sun 10 July (1-4). Combined adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas at The Ivories, plants for sale at 60 Windermere Drive.

**NEW** THE IVORIES, VAUGHAN STREET
Mr & Mrs Dave & Pauline Hutchinson

**NEW** 60 WINDERMERE DRIVE
Daphne & Colin Hurworth

60 Windermere Drive, situated 2m inland with an elevated position and frequent strong westerly winds, this garden has been a challenge. Interestingly shaped, larger than average ‘new build’ garden. Divided into areas of interest, including herbaceous, ferns and hostas, dry gravel planting and late clematis. Other features are a greenhouse, a living green shed roof and newly constructed alpine bed. Parking available in the nearby Health Centre. The Ivories: Enjoy a visit to a hidden garden in the true sense of the words. When the garden was started 14 years ago it was a blank canvas. It slopes away from the house and is now terraced with mature trees, shrubs and plants, full of colour and contrast. Seating areas with water feature and gravelled areas. The summerhouse is a perfect place to relax. Handmade garden ornaments are displayed in the garden. Parking on street.

Halls of Heddon
GROUP OPENING

**HILLSIDE COTTAGES**
Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland DL14 0EZ. Off the B6282 in Low Etherley, nr Bishop Auckland. To reach the gardens walk down the track opp number 63 Low Etherley. Please park on main rd. Limited disabled parking at the cottages. Sun 28 Feb, Sun 9 Oct (12.30-4). Combined adm £4, chd free. Light refreshments. Soup and rolls will be available.

1 HILLSIDE COTTAGE
Eric & Delia Ayres

2 HILLSIDE COTTAGE
Mrs M Smith
Visits also by arrangement Feb to Nov. mary@maryruth.plus.com
01388 832727

The gardens of these two C19 cottages offer contrasting styles. At Number 1, grass paths lead you through a layout of trees and shrubs including many interesting specimens. Number 2 is based on island beds and has a cottage garden feel with a variety of perennials among the trees and shrubs and also incl a wild area, vegetables and fruit. Both gardens have ponds and water features. This year we are opening for snowdrops in spring and for autumn colour. Featured in Northern Echo and Teesdale Mercury. There are steps in both gardens.

**INGRAM HOUSE**

In 2003 this 2 acre garden was mainly grass with mature trees and hedges. Since then, whilst the site provides the backdrop the garden has been informally landscaped. It now has a pond and stream, colourful island beds, orchard and kitchen garden. Planting is mixed and varied. It probably breaks all the rules but the overall effect of winding paths and different rooms is peaceful and relaxing. The work is ongoing, with the bottom end of the garden being landscaped and planted in 2015.

**LILBURN TOWER**
Alnwick NE66 4PQ. Mr & Mrs D Davidson, 01668 217291. 3m S of Wooler. On A697. Sun 29 May (2-6). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement Apr to Oct groups of 6+.

10 acres of magnificent walled and formal gardens set above river; rose parterre, topiary, scented garden, Victorian conservatory, wild flower meadow. Extensive fruit and vegetable garden, large glasshouse with vines. 30 acres of woodland with walks. Giant ilies, meconopsis around pond garden. Rhododendrons and azaleas. Also ruins of Pele Tower, and C12 church. Partial wheelchair access.
LIZARDS FARM
Kitswell Road, Lanchester, Durham DH7 0RE. Mr Peter Robinson, 07713 627329, treetransplanter@tiscali.co.uk, www.northerntreetransplanter.com. Drive full length of Kitswell Rd (signed as no through rd) & then continue straight ahead down single track to parking area. Sun 2 Oct (10-4). Adm £4, chd free. Light refreshments. Warming soup & bread roll, teas & cakes available all day.

Lizards Farm: a plantation and nursery for trees. Extensive range, with unusual species inc. many maples. Glorious autumn colour. Saplings to full size trees on sale. Very knowledgeable owner available to answer queries. Tree spade demonstration can be arranged - just ask. The site has lakes, extended walks and an area dedicated to a fascinating range of chicken breeds. Wear sturdy footwear.

For free copies of this booklet please send a s.a.e. to one of the county team listed.
LONGWITTON HALL
Longwitton, Morpeth NE61 4JJ. Michael & Louise Spriggs.
2m N of Hartburn off B6343. Entrance at east end of Longwitton village.
6 acre historic site with glorious views to the south. Sheltered, mature garden, with specimen trees and acers, currently being redeveloped with new borders. Circular rose garden, crescent shaped pool surrounded by foliage plants, ‘standing stone’ feature and a rhododendron and azalea glade leading to newly planted laburnum tunnel. Tree peonies and yew walk. Good wheelchair access.

LOUGHBROW HOUSE
Hexham NE46 1RS. Mrs K A Clark, 01434 603351, patriciaclark351@btinternet.com. 1m S of Hexham on B6306. Dipton Mill Rd. Rd signed Blanchland, ¼ m take R fork; then ¼ m at fork, lodge gates & driveway at intersection. Sun 24 July (2-5). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas.
Visits also by arrangement Mar to Oct.
10 LOW ROW
North Bitchburn, Crook DL15 8AJ. Mrs Ann Pickering, 01388 766345, keightleyann@yahoo.co.uk. 3m NW of Bishop Auckland. From Bishop Auckland take A689 (N) to Howden-le-Wear. R up bank before petrol stn, 1st R in village at 30mph sign. Park in the village. Visits by arrangement for individuals and groups of 20 max. Adm £2, chd free.
Unusual, original and truly organic, rambling garden: 90% grown from seeds and cuttings. Created without commercially bought plants or expense. Environmentally friendly. A haven for wildlife! Sloping garden with a myriad of paths and extensive views over the Wear Valley. Colour yr-round from snowdrops to autumn leaves. Knowledgeable garden owner who will make your visit one to remember. Open all yr except Tuesdays. Book by phone or e-mail. Refreshment offered in adjacent PH. Featured in Weekend Guardian.

MINDRUM GARDEN
Mindrum, Northumberland TD12 4QN. Mr & Mrs T Fairfax, 01890 850228, tpfairfax@gmail.com, www.mindrumestate.com. 6m SW of Coldstream, 9m NW of Wooler. Off B6352, 4m N of Yetholm. 5m from Cornhill on Tweed. For NGS: Sun 19 June (2-5). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.
7 acres of romantic planting with old fashioned roses, violas, hardy perennials, lilies, herbs, scented shrubs, and intimate garden areas flanked by woodland and river walks. Glasshouses with vines, jasmine. Large hillside limestone rock garden with water leading to a pond, delightful stream, woodland and wonderful views across Bowmont valley. Large plant sale, mostly home grown. Featured in Country Life. Partial wheelchair access due to landscape. Disabled parking close to house. Wheelchair accessible WC available.

MOORSHOLM VILLAGE
Saltburn-By-The-Sea TS12 3JF, www.moorsholminbloom.co.uk. Moorsholm is 6m E of Guisborough on A171. Turn L at sign for Moorsholm. Village 1m from A171. Visitors proceed to centre of village where stewards will direct to car park. Guides & maps available.
A range of gardens to view including woodland gardens, cottage gardens large and small, and up to 16 allotments in a moorland village. Farming and former ironstone setting, 5m from the North Sea. 4 times winner of Northumbria in Bloom best village; winner in Britain in Bloom. The village boasts a range of heritage features and cultivated public areas, notably the ‘Long Border’ and wild flower areas. An interesting heritage walk takes in village allotment gardens, green lanes with wildlife habitats and conservation schemes. Victorian Churchyard, Church Hall and Quiet Garden won ‘Best Grounds of a Religious Establishment’ Northumbria in Bloom. Printed map and interpretation boards ensure visitors enjoy local features and natural history. Warm welcome from Moorsholm in Bloom volunteers who very much enjoyed our first entry to NGS in 2015. Depending on weather some of the green lanes could be unsuitable for wheelchairs, some open gardens have steps.
NO. 2 FERNDENE
2 Holburn Lane Court, Holburn Lane, Ryton NE40 3PN. Maureen Kesteven, 0191 413 5937, maureen@patrickkesteven.plus.com. In Ryton Old Village, 8m W of Gateshead. Off B6317, on Holburn Lane in Old Ryton Village. Park in Co-op carpark on High St, cross rd and walk through Ferndene Park following yellow signs. Sun 31 July (1-4.30). Adm £5, chd free. Tea. Pizzas from wood fired oven and prosecco. Visits also by arrangement Apr to July groups of 10+.

A garden, approx. ¾ acre, developed over the last 6yrs, surrounded by mature trees. Informal areas of herbaceous perennials, more formal box bordered area, vegetable patch, sedum roof, wildlife pond, bog and fern gardens. Willow work. Early interest - hellebores, snowdrops, daffodils, bluebells and tulips, as well as later summer flowering perennials. 11½ acre mixed broadleaf wood being restored. Pizzas cooked in wood fired oven. Jams and chutneys for sale.

THE OLD VICARAGE
Hutton Magna, Richmond DL11 7HJ. Mr & Mrs D M Raw. 8m SE of Barnard Castle. 6m W of Scotch Corner on A66. Turn R, signed Hutton Magna. Continue to, and through, village. Garden 200yds past village on L, on corner of T-junction. Sun 24 Apr (2-5.30). Adm £3, chd free. Home-made teas.

S-facing garden, elevation 450ft. Plantings, since 1978, now maturing within original design contemporary to 1887 house (not open). Cut and topiary hedging, old orchard, rose and herbaceous borders featuring hellebores in profusion, with tulips and primulas. Large and interesting plant sale. Recent introduction of a loggery to encourage wildlife.

OLIVER FORD GARDEN
Longedge Lane, Rowley, Consett DH8 9HG. Bob & Bev Tridgett, www.gardenssanctuaries.co.uk. 5m NW of Lanchester. Signed from A68 in Rowley. From Lanchester take rd towards Sately. Garden will be signed as you pass Woodlea Manor. Sun 5 June (1-5). Adm £3, chd free. Home-made teas.

25 PARK ROAD SOUTH
Chester le Street DH3 3LS. Mrs A Middleton, 0191 388 3225. 4m N of Durham. Located at S end of A167 Chester-le-St bypass rd. Precise directions provided when booking visit. Visits by arrangement May to July. Adm £3, chd free. Light refreshments.
Plantswoman’s garden with all-yr round interest, colour, texture and foliage. Unusual perennials, grasses, shrubs and container planting. Cool courtyard garden using foliage only. Small front gravel garden. Plants for sale.

PARKER TOWERS
6 Garden Place, Church Hill, Crook DL15 9DR. Clive Parker, 01388 766277, clive.m.parker@btinternet.com, www.facebook.com/parkersgarden270615?ref=hl. off Church Hill via access track. See entrance track opp St Cuthberts Church RC on L after row of terraces on Church Hill - if going up hill & before the barn & school. Sun 12 June (1-5). Adm £2.50, chd free. Home-made teas. seating in the garden and conservatory.
Mostly woodland garden sloping down to Crook Beck with terraces incl herbaceous borders, tall perennials, wild flower grassland, summer and spring flowering shrubs and a large collection of shade tolerant plants and bulbs. Includes rear ‘potted’ garden with alpine house. Most of the large feature trees are unusual and multi- featured e.g. bark, autumn colour and flowers. Has a large wooden greenhouse 10’ x 6’ in main garden, small summer house, water features and a gazebo. House 175+ years old large terrace with unusual headstones/gargoyles on the eaves of Shakespeare and GB Shaw? Adjacent Church Hill Allotments 100m. Plant stall, cake stall and raffle on open day. Featured on BBC Radio 4 Saturday Live. The garden is very steep and not suitable for wheelchairs.

GROUP OPENING
PETERLEE GARDENS SAFARI
Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites, Old Shotton, Peterlee SR8 2PH. Peterlee Town Council, 0191 518 2295. From S-bound carriageway of A19, turn L onto slip rd signed Peterlee. At mini r’about turn L & then take the 1st turn on R into the grounds of Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites. Sun 10 July (10-4). Combined adm £3, chd free. Cream teas at Shotton Hall all day.
Peterlee is opening about 12 of its prettiest gardens together with its well-managed allotments and the colourful grounds of Shotton Hall. While some of the gardens are of medium size, many are small, bijou spaces full of colour and interest. All have been ingeniously planted by imaginative owners. Because of the size of the town, visiting all the venues will take the form of a circular safari for which a vehicle will be needed. So, purchase a ticket and collect a map from Shotton Hall and start your journey wherever you wish on the well-signed route. Refreshments will be available throughout the day at Shotton Hall. Wheelchair access to most but not all gardens.
39 NEW QUARRY END

Walworth, Darlington DL2 2LY. Mr & Mrs Iain & Margaret Anderson. Approx 5m W of Darlington on A68 or ½ m E of Piercebridge on A67 follow brown signs to Walworth Castle Hotel. Just up the hill from the Castle entrance, follow NGS yellow signs down private track. Sun 21 Aug (1.30-5). Adm £3.50, chd free. Home-made teas.

Woodland garden, about ¾ acre in an ancient quarry setting. Redeveloped over 15 years the garden has an C18 ice house, a wide variety of trees, shrubs and perennials, a fernery and ornamental vegetable plot. Spectacular late summer display. Recent addition of a further 1 acre naturalised woodland in adjacent quarry is under development. Extensive views over South Durham. Very limited access to new woodland area especially if wet. Main garden includes some rough steps and gravel paths.

40 RABY CASTLE

Staindrop, Darlington DL2 3AH. Lord Barnard, 01833 660202, admin@rabycastle.com, www.rabycastle.com. 12m NW of Darlington, 1m N of Staindrop. On A688, 8m NE of Barnard Castle For opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

C18 walled gardens set within the grounds of Raby Castle. Designers such as Thomas White and James Paine have worked to establish the gardens, which now extend to 5 acres, displaying herbaceous borders, old yew hedges, formal rose gardens and informal heather and conifer gardens. Assistance will be needed for wheelchairs.
RAEVENSFORD FARM
Hamsterley DL13 3NH. Jonathan & Caroline Peacock, 01388 488305, caroline@ravensfordfarm.co.uk. 7m W of Bishop Auckland. From A68 at Witton-le-Wear turn off W to Hamsterley. Go through village & turn L just before tennis courts at west end. Sun 24 July (2-5). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement Mar to Nov please confirm numbers for catering and parking in good time.
This large garden, now 30 years old, surrounds an old farmhouse. It contains two ponds, an orchard and a small wood. Mid-July is possibly its peak for colour, but there is always floral interest and we grow many unusual (labelled) shrubs and trees. On NGS day we sell plants and jams from the garden, we serve homemade cakes for tea, and Northumbrian pipers provide the background music. Several interesting items of garden statuary or art. Featured in Teesdale Mercury and Northern Echo and photographed for Garden News. Some gravel, so assistance will be needed for wheelchairs.

GROUP OPENING

ROMALDKIRK GARDENS
Teesdale DL12 9DZ. 6m NW of Barnard Castle. On B6277, 2m S of Eggleston. Sun 26 June (2-5.30). Combined adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas in The Reading Room, opp Rose and Crown Hotel in aid of Reading Room Fund. A group of 8 gardens of great variety. Most gardens are clustered around the village greens. Some are a short walk/drive to the edge of the village. Romaldkirk is an interesting, old fashioned village with a water pump, stocks and attractive church of St Romald. Some gardens are typical cottage gardens with herbaceous borders, another larger garden includes pond and grotto, one has lawns, rockery and interesting shrubs. Another garden which is well established has an attractive design of lawns, pond, herbaceous borders, trees and shrubs. Wheelchair access to some gardens.
ST MARGARET’S ALLOTMENTS
Margery Lane, Durham DH1 4QG, 0191 386 1049, pauline@dhent.fsnet.co.uk. From A1 take A690 to City Centre/Crook. Straight ahead at T-lights after 4th r’about. 10mins walk from bus or rail station. Sun 17 July (2-5). Combined adm £4, chd free. Teas served in St Margaret’s Centre in aid of St Margaret’s Centre and St Margaret’s Allotment Association.

5 acres of 82 allotments against the spectacular backdrop of Durham Cathedral. This site has been cultivated since the Middle Ages, and was saved from development 20yrs ago, allowing a number of enthusiastic gardeners to develop plots which display a great variety of fruit, vegetables and flowers. Guided tours including unusual vegetables. Creative and fun scarecrow competition. The site has some steep and narrow paths.
44 - SKARA BRAE
20 Tynedale Gardens, Stocksfield NE43 7EZ. Ann Mates, 01661 843175, ann.mates@yahoo.com. 14m W of Newcastle upon Tyne. 9m E of Hexham. A1/A69 then B6309 to Stocksfield. From W, past station & cricket ground. At Quaker meeting house turn into New Ridley Rd. 2nd R is Tynedale Gardens. Visits by arrangement. Evenings up to 7pm May-Aug welcomed. Adm £3.50, chd free. Tea. A charming, developing cottage-style garden, with established shrubs and herbaceous planting in wide borders, that is continuously being improved, on SW-facing site 150ft x 40ft. Added interest of statuary and water features, including small stream at bottom of the garden, and seating areas to sit and relax. Featured in Amateur Gardening.

45 - NEW - ST CUTHBERT’S HOSPICE
Park House Road, Durham DH1 3QF. Paul Marriott, CEO, www.stcuthbertshospice.com. 1m E of Durham City on A167. Turn into Park House Rd, the Hospice is on the L after bowling green car park. Parking available outside Hospice entrance. Sun 31 July (11-4.30). Adm £4, chd free. Cream teas in aid of Hospice Funds. 5 acres of mature gardens surround this CQC Outstanding-rated Hospice. In development since 1988, the gardens are cared for by volunteers. Incl a Victorian-style greenhouse and large vegetable, fruit and cut flower area. Lawns surround smaller scale specialist planting, and areas for patients and visitors to relax. Woodland area with short and long walks, and an ‘In Memory’ garden with stream. Cream teas. Plants/produce for sale. Information sessions on the services offered by the Hospice which include support for the carers & loved ones of people with dementia, and information on our Everything in Place campaign, aimed at breaking the taboos surrounding death and dying. Almost all areas are accessible for wheelchairs.

46 - NEW - STANTON FENCE
Stanton, Morpeth NE65 8PP. Sir David & Lady Kelly. 5m NW of Morpeth. Nr Stanton on the C144 between Pigdon & Netherwitton. OS map ref NZ 13588. Sun 26 June (12-5). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments and home-made teas in aid of hospice fund. Donation to local church. Contemporary 3-acre country garden designed by Chelsea Gold Medal winner, Arabella Lennox-Boyd, in keeping with its rural setting. A strong underlyiing design unites the different areas from formal parterre and courtyard garden to orchard, wild flower meadows and woodland. Romantically planted rose covered arbours and long clematis-draped pergola walk. Nuttery, kitchen garden and greenhouse. Both Robert Iley, the garden builder, and the current gardener will be available for questions. Delightful views. Wheelchair access for those chairs that can use mown paths as well as hard paving.
4 STOCKLEY GROVE
Brancepeth DH7 8DU. Mr & Mrs Bainbridge, 079445 23551, fabb63@sky.com. 5m W of Durham City. Situated on the A690 between Durham & Crook. There is no parking available in Stockley Grove. From Durham direction turn L at village Xrds & park at castle at end of rd. Lifts to the garden will be available if required. **Sun 7 Aug (1-5). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement May to Sept.**
A stunning ½ - acre garden with inspirational planting to provide yr-round colour and interest. Landscaped with hidden grassy paths with many unusual trees, shrubs and plants incl wildlife pond, rockery area and water features.

49 THORNTON HALL GARDENS
Staindrop Road, Darlington DL2 2NB. Michael & Sue Manners, 07713 508222, mannersfarmsltd@msn.com, www.thorntonhallgardens.co.uk. On B6279 Staindrop Rd. 3m W of Darlington. **Wed 15 June (11-4). Adm £6, chd £1. Home-made teas. Light Lunches. Visits also by arrangement May to July.**
C16 Grade I listed hall (not open). 2 walled gardens with Elizabethan raised borders, separate vegetable garden. Plantsman's garden with emphasis on colour-themed borders, plant associations, form and foliage. Unusual perennials, interspersed with interesting trees and shrubs in mixed herbaceous borders, large collection of hostas, roses, clematis, and peonies. Wildlife and ornamental ponds.
Wallington © Susie White

40° WALLINGTON
Cambo NE61 4AR. National Trust, 01670 774389, john.ellis@nationaltrust.org.uk, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wallington. 12m W of Morpeth 20m NW Newcastle. From N B6343; from S via A696 from Newcastle, 6m W of Belsay, B6342 to Cambo. For NGS: Sun 8 May (10-5) Adm £11.80, chd £5.90. Evening opening Fri 17 June 7-9.30pm, Adm £16.80, chd £8, wine and nibbles. Sun 10 July (10-5) Adm £16.80, chd £8, Light homemade refreshments in Cambo Village Hall. (School of Capability Brown). For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

Walled, terraced garden with fine herbaceous and mixed borders; Edwardian conservatory; 100 acres woodland and lakes. House dates from 1688 but altered, interior greatly changed c1740; exceptional rococo plasterwork by Francini brothers. Peat free plant sales. 8 May Head Gardener’s Question Time 12-4. 17 June 7-9.30. Private Garden Tour with fizz and nibbles. Booking required. 10 July incl Picturesque Cambo Village and an opportunity to take tea in the school room of Capability Brown (now the village hall). Wheelchair access limited to top terrace in Walled Garden but elsewhere possible with care and support.

50° WARRENFELL
2 Filter Cottages, Tunstall Reservoir, Wolsingham, Bishop Auckland DL13 3LX. Fran Toulson, 01388 528392, warrenfell@btinternet.com. W on A689 through Wolsingham Village centre. On edge of village take R turn by Wolsingham School, signed to Tunstall Reservoir. No through Road. Garden 2m on R below dam wall. Sat 2, Sun 3 July (10.30-4). Adm £3, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement.

A young garden, approx ¼ acre, started in 2012. A lovely location by the Waskerley river below Tunstall Reservoir. The garden visit can be combined with a walk at the reservoir. Borders with shrubs, perennials, roses and peonies. Pergola and arbour. Rock bed added in Autumn 2015. Kitchen garden with raised beds and espaliered apples and pears. Lavender hedge around house, small wild flower area.

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**WASHINGTON OLD HALL**
The Avenue, Washington Village NE38 7LE. National Trust, 0191 416 6879, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/washingtonoldhall. 7m SE of Newcastle upon Tyne. From A19 onto A1231 From A1 exit J64 onto A195 In both cases stay on road until you pick up brown signs to Washington Old Hall. **For NGS: Sun 5 June (11-4). Adm by donation. Light refreshments in Friends’ tearoom.** For other opening times and information, please phone or visit garden website.

The picturesque stone manor house and its gardens provide a tranquil oasis in an historic setting. It contains a formal Jacobean garden with box hedging borders around evergreens and perennials, vegetable garden, wild flower nut orchard with bee hives. Places to sit out and enjoy a picnic or afternoon tea. Delicious home made cakes. Garden lift - wheelchair users full access to the whole area. SUPER NGS PLANT SALE 11-4 AND VILLAGE GARDENS. Several private gardens will also be open. Location map and entry tickets can be purchased at the plant stall. Jams and chutneys for sale.

**WHALTON MANOR GARDENS**
Whalton, Morpeth NE61 3UT. Mr & Mrs T R P S Norton, 01670 775205, gardens@whaltonmanor.co.uk, www.whaltonmanor.co.uk. 5m W of Morpeth. On the B6524, the house is at E end of the village & will be signed. **For NGS: Sun 3 July (2-5). Adm £4, chd free. Tea.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

The historic Whalton Manor, altered by Sir Edwin Lutyens in 1908, is surrounded by 3 acres of magnificent walled gardens, designed by Lutyens with the help of Gertrude Jekyll. The gardens have been developed by the Norton family since the 1920s and incl extensive herbaceous borders, 30yd peony border, rose garden, listed summerhouses, pergolas and walls, festooned with rambling roses and clematis. Featured on the cover and an article in the ‘English Garden’ magazine. Partial wheelchair access, some stone steps.
**WOODLANDS**

Peareth Hall Road, Gateshead NE9 7NT. Liz Reid, 07719 875750, lizreid52@ntlworld.com. 3½ m N Washington Galleries. 4m S Gateshead town centre. On B1288 turn opp Guide Post PH (NE9 7RR) onto Peareth Hall Rd. Continue for ½ m passing 2 bus stops on L. Third drive on L past Highbury Ave. **Sat 25 June, Thur 7 July (1.30-4.30). Adm £3, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement June to Aug, groups of 10+.**

Mature garden on a site of approx ½ acres - quirky, with tropical themed planting and Caribbean inspired bar. A fun garden with colour throughout the year, interesting plants, informal beds and borders, pond area and decks. Featured in Amateur Gardening and Gardening Answers, magazine, local press (Newcastle Journal), ...

![Woodside House](Woodside_House.jpg)

**WOODSIDE HOUSE**

Witton Park, Bishop Auckland DL14 0DU. Charles & Jean Crompton, 01388 609973, j.crompton@talktalk.net. 2m N of Bishop Auckland. from Bishop Auckland take A68 to Witton Park. In village DO NOT follow SatNav. Go down track next to St Pauls Church. **Sun 17 July (2-5). Adm £4, chd free. Home-made teas. Visits also by arrangement Apr to Sept.**

Stunning 3-acre, mature, undulating garden full of interesting trees, shrubs and plants. Superbly landscaped with island beds, flowing herbaceous borders, an old walled garden, rhododendron beds, fernery, 3 ponds and vegetable garden. Delightful garden full of interesting and unusual features: much to fire the imagination. Winner of Bishop Auckland in Bloom. Featured in Sunday Telegraph. Partial wheelchair access.
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