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Dear Garden Visitors,

Welcome to our 2026 Yellow Booklet.

Our gardens provide a haven of peace, tranquility and a green space for a time of relaxation and enjoyment in convivial company in a fast-moving world. What better way to relax than in somebody else's garden eating cake and drinking tea? What is there not to like about the National Garden Scheme?

We are saying sad farewells to our chief executive, George Plumptre and our President Mary Berry but giving a warm welcome to Dr. Richard Claxton, our new chief executive and Alan Titchmarsh, our new President. They can be assured of our wholehearted support in their challenging roles as we approach the National Garden Scheme's centenary year in 2027.

We would like to take the opportunity of thanking Pennells Garden Centres for sponsoring our Lincolnshire Yellow Booklet for 2026. Without them we could not print the 30,000 Yellow Booklets we need. We have lots of new and exciting gardens opening for us in 2026 and we hope you enjoy visiting them soon. Please enjoy our 2026 gardens.

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Symbols at the end of each garden entry indicate features and items of special interest at the garden.

NEW Gardens opening for the first time this year or re-opening after a long break.

◆ Garden also opens on non-NGS days. (Gardens which carry this symbol contribute to the NGS either by opening on a specific day(s) and/or by giving a guaranteed contribution).

♿ Wheelchair access to at least the main features of the garden.

🐕 Dogs on short leads welcome.

✿ Plants usually for sale.

NPC Plant Heritage National Collection Holder.

🏠 Gardens that offer accommodation.

☕ Refreshments are available, normally at a charge.

🧺 Picnics welcome.

💷 Cashless payments available.

🏡 Garden designed by a Fellow, Member or Pre-registered Member of the Society of Garden Designers.

🚐 Garden accessible to coaches. Coach sizes vary so please contact garden owner or County Organiser in advance to check details.

Group visits Group Organisers may contact the County Organiser or a garden owner direct to organise a group visit to a particular county or garden. See above for County Organiser details, or visit www.ngs.org.uk.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

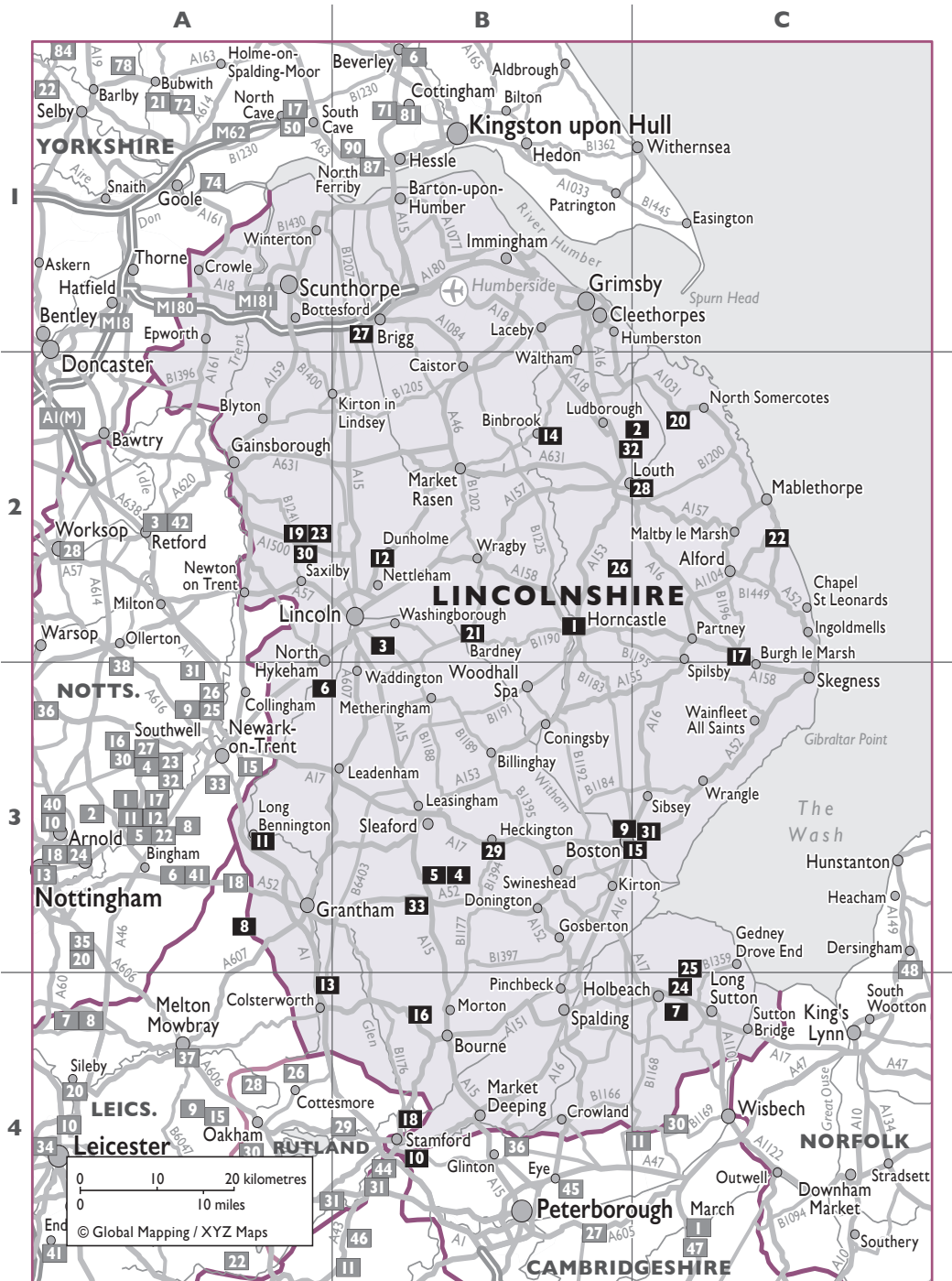
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OPENING DATES

All entries subject to change. For latest information check www.ngs.org.uk

Map locator numbers are shown to the right of each garden name.

Extended openings are shown at the beginning of each month.

February	
Snowdrop Openings	
Sunday 15th	Woodlands 32

March	
Sunday 29th	The Old Vicarage 24

April	
Friday 3rd	◆ Easton Walled Gardens 13

Sunday 5th	Ashfield House 3
	Woodlands 32

Saturday 11th	◆ Burghley House Private South Gardens 10
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Sunday 12th	◆ Burghley House Private South Gardens 10
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Sunday 19th	23 Accommodation Road 1
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Sunday 26th	23 Accommodation Road 1
	Dunholme Lodge 12

May	
Sunday 3rd	23 Accommodation Road 1
	NEW Oxcombe Manor 26
	Woodlands 32

Saturday 9th	◆ Belvoir Castle 8
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Sunday 10th	◆ Belvoir Castle 8
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Tuesday 12th	NEW ◆ Grimsthorpe Castle 16
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Sunday 17th	The Old Vicarage 24
	Old White House 25

Saturday 23rd	Aswarby House 4
	Aswarby Park 5
	NEW Scawby Hall 27

June	
Saturday 6th	Willoughby Road Allotments 31
	NEW Woodside Farmhouse 33

Sunday 7th	◆ Aubourn Hall 6
	49 Church Street Woodlands 11
	NEW Woodside Farmhouse 32
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Sunday 14th	Home Farm 18
	Shangrila 29

Sunday 21st	The Fern Nursery and Bowling Club 14
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Tuesday 23rd	NEW ◆ Grimsthorpe Castle 16
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Thursday 25th	The Ash 2
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Saturday 27th	The Ash 2
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Sunday 28th	The Ash 2
	Dunholme Lodge 12
	Walnut Lodge 30

July	
Sunday 5th	NEW Ivy Cottage 19
	NEW Mere House 23
	The Old Vicarage 24
	NEW Oxcombe Manor 26

Saturday 18th	Battleford Hall 7
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Sunday 19th	Battleford Hall 7
	NEW The Manor 21

Sunday 26th	◆ Gunby Hall and Gardens 17
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August	
Every Thursday and Sunday	The Secret Garden of Louth 28

Sunday 2nd	Woodlands 32
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Saturday 8th	The Fern Nursery and Bowling Club 14
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Sunday 9th	Fyddell House 15
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Sunday 16th	Boston Exotic Garden 9
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September	
Sunday 20th	Woodlands 32

By Arrangement	
	Arrange a personalised garden visit with your club, or group of friends, on a date to suit you. See individual garden entries for full details.

	Ashfield House 3
	Boston Exotic Garden 9
	Fyddell House 15
	Home Farm 18
	Ludney House Farm 20
	Marigold Cottage 22
	The Old Vicarage 24
	The Secret Garden of Louth 28

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THE GARDENS

23 ACCOMMODATION ROAD B2

Horncastle, LN9 5AS. Mr & Mrs D Chapman. From turning off Lincoln Rd A158, onto Accommodation Rd we are situated approx 600yds on R. Roadside parking. **Sun 19, Sun 26 Apr, Sun 3 May (11-4). Adm £3.50, chd free.** A medium sized garden to wander around and discover different plants; A range of tall and dwarf bearded iris, Auricula theatres showing off lovely doubles and there are also a range of fruit trees and bushes. Sitting in the garden, which is designed to have small rooms showing off flowers, you can relax and take it all in. Talk to the owners and discover garden plaques throughout. Mixture of plants and garden wall plaques to purchase finishes an enjoyable experience. Partial wheelchair access to decking area.

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THE ASH B2/C2

Main Road, Covenham St Bartholomew, Louth, LN11 0PF. Angela & Mervyn Aylett. N of Louth. From A16 go E on Pear Tree Ln. At the x-roads turn R to Covenham St. Bartholomew. Cont into the village, garden is on the R. What3words app: rides.bronze.circulate. **Thur 25, Sat 27, Sun 28 June (10-3). Adm £5, chd free. Light refreshments in the village hall.**

What is now the garden was a field when we moved here in 2021. Work commenced in the October and today the garden is full of shrubs, trees, cutting garden and vegetable patch. This, along with the pond, has brought a great amount wildlife to the garden and is a constant source of joy. The development of the garden has been totally based on no dig principles, which has proved a great success.

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Aubourn Hall

ASHFIELD HOUSE B2

Lincoln Road, Branston, Lincoln, LN4 1NS. John & Judi Tinsley, 07977 505682, john@tinsleyfarms.co.uk. 3m S of Lincoln on B1188. N outskirts of Branston on the B1188 Lincoln Rd. Signed 'Tinsley Farms - Ashfield'. Nr bus stop, follow signs down drive. **Sun 5 Apr (11-4). Adm £6, chd free. Light refreshments. Visits also by arrangement Apr to Oct.** Discover 140 flowering cherries and 30 magnolias. Many thousands of spring bulbs, sweeping lawns and lake. Beautiful naturally landscaped garden with some superb mature trees as well as a fascinating arboretum. One of the best flowering cherry displays in the area. Fairly level garden. Wheelchair access via grass paths.

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ASWARBY HOUSE B3

Aswarby, Sleaford, NG34 8SE. Penny & James Herdman. Past church on R of road. 300yds from the gates of Aswarby Park. Plenty of parking available on the roadside. **Sat 23 May (2-5). Combined adm with Aswarby Park £10, chd free. Home-made teas in Aswarby Park.** Refreshments in aid of Aswarby Church. Garden of one acre planted in the grounds of a handsome C18 house and coachhouse. It has a partial walled garden, wildflower meadow surrounded by ornamental grasses and a 30 metre long herbaceous border. With two box parterres, and woodland shrubs, it has stunning views over ancient ridge and furrow grassland. This garden would complement your visit to Aswarby Park.

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ASWARBY PARK B3

Aswarby, Sleaford, NG34 8SD. Mr & Mrs George Playne, www.aswarbyestate.co.uk. 5m S of Sleaford on A15. Take signs to Aswarby. Entrance is straight ahead by church through black gates. **Sat 23 May (2-5). Combined adm with Aswarby House £10, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of Aswarby Church.

Formal and woodland garden in a parkland setting of approx 20 acres. Yew trees form a backdrop to borders and lawns surrounding the house, formally a converted stable block. The walled garden incorporating a greenhouse with a Muscat grapevine which is over 300 years old. Other attractions inc a unique rose walk, a cutting garden created in 2022 and a wildflower bed in 2023. Partial wheelchair access on gravel paths and drives.

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◆ AUBOURN HALL A3

Harmston Road, Aubourn, Lincoln, LN5 9DZ. Mr & Mrs Christopher Nevile, 01522 788224, office@aubournestate.co.uk, www.aubournestate.co.uk. 7m SW of Lincoln. Signed off A607 at Harmston & off A46 at Thorpe on the Hill. **For NGS: Sun 7 June (12-4). Adm £8.50, chd free. Home-made refreshments.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website. The peaceful and secluded 12 acre garden that surrounds Aubourn Hall is a dramatic reimagining of a space previously untended. It features a Golden Garden, rose garden, prairie garden, a stumpery and a 13 ring grass labyrinth. The southern part of the garden is divided into rooms while the Big Lawn occupies the space to the west and leads into the woodland gardens and ponds behind the house. Partial wheelchair access.

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Battleford Hall

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7 BATTLEFORD HALL C4

Bensgate Road (formerly Proudfoot Lane), Fleet, Holbeach, Spalding, PE12 8NL. Mr & Mrs J. Holmes. Access via main gates from Bensgate (formerly Proudfoot Ln). A former old rectory found next to St. Mary Magdalene Church. Fleet, approx 3m E from Holbeach. **Sat 18, Sun 19 July (11-4). Adm £7, chd free. Tea, coffee & cake.** 'A new garden on old bones'. A Victorian garden with formal clipped hedging, rose parterres alongside colourful borders and a walled herbalist garden. A canopy of mature trees, comprising of Ginkgo Biloba, Mulberry, London plane and Cedar of Lebanon. A new area of 'jungle' planting with banana trees, bamboo and Tetrapanax papyrifer. Lincolnshire Life (April 2025).

**8 ♦ BELVOIR CASTLE A3**

Belvoir, Grantham, NG32 1PE. The Duke & Duchess of Rutland, 01476 871001, info@belvoircastle.com, www.belvoircastle.com. 9m W of Grantham. Follow brown heritage signs for Belvoir Castle on A52, A1, A607. **For NGS: Sat 9, Sun 10 May (9.30-5). Adm £10, chd £6. Last entry to the garden at 4.30pm.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

The striking Regency castle sits proudly overlooking the beautiful Vale of Belvoir and is surrounded by Capability Brown landscape. The plans to the ten hectares of pleasure gardens originally designed by Harold Peto have only recently been rediscovered with all the classic hallmarks of the designer. The roses in the garden today are the design of Emma, the current Duchess of Rutland. Flat shoes essential and steep climb to Castle. Aviary Tearoom serving a range of home-cooked lunches and afternoon teas. Bistro cafe and farm shop selling a range of fresh produce available at Belvoir's Retail Village. Adventure playground and nature walks through the Capability Brown designed parkland. Historic Castle tours available. Only rose garden accessible by wheelchair. Steep slopes and steps in places.

**9 BOSTON EXOTIC GARDEN B3**

40 Allington Garden, Boston, PE21 9DW. Nigel Smith, 07932 626266, bostonexoticgarden@gmail.com. 1m NE of Boston town centre. From Boston take A16 towards Spilsby. Take 3rd L into Hospital Ln then 2nd R into Linden Way. 1st L is Allington Garden. What3words app: hatch. awake.magic. **Sun 16 Aug (11-4). Adm £5, chd free. Tea, coffee & cake.** Refreshments in aid of Alzheimer's society. Visits also by arrangement 1 Aug to 30 Aug for groups of up to 20.

Built from a blank canvas since 2017, this 42m x 12m garden has been transformed into an exotic garden full of interesting tropical plants with huge lush foliage. Various forms of banana plants, *Canna* and *Brugmansia*. Many of the plants are tender so need protection over winter. Various paths to explore. Small wildlife pond. There are two steps up to main lawn from large patio area. A ramp will be available. There are a few narrow paths.

**10 ♦ BURGHELY HOUSE PRIVATE SOUTH GARDENS B4**

Stamford, PE9 3JY. Burghley House Preservation Trust, 01780 752451, burghley@burghley.co.uk, www.burghley.co.uk. 1m E of Stamford. From Stamford follow signs to Burghley via B1443. **For NGS: Sat 11, Sun 12 Apr (10-4). Adm £12, chd £9.50. Pre-booking essential, please visit www.ngs.org.uk for information & booking.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

The Private South Gardens at Burghley House will open for the NGS with spectacular spring bulbs in a park like setting with magnificent trees. Relish the opportunity to enjoy Capability Brown's famous lake and summerhouse. Entry via Garden Kiosks. Adm charge is a special pre-book price only via NGS website. Visitors paying at the gate on the day will be charged a Gardens ticket price. Wheelchair access via gravel paths.

**11 49 CHURCH STREET A3**

Long Bennington, Newark, NG23 5ES. Di Ablewhite, www.withamsidehouse.com. Equidistant between Grantham and Newark, just off the A1. Enter Church St opp the sch. Garden is halfway down on the L. 2 large brick pillars at the top of the drive. What3words app: mini. waistcoat.delighted. **Sun 7 June (11-4). Adm £5, chd free. Tea, coffee & cake.** A beautiful riverside garden with fabulous open views. We have mature trees, topiary, borders and several relaxing seating areas in different styles. The house and garden are also used as a photoshoot location. Fairly wheelchair friendly, but some gravel areas and low steps.

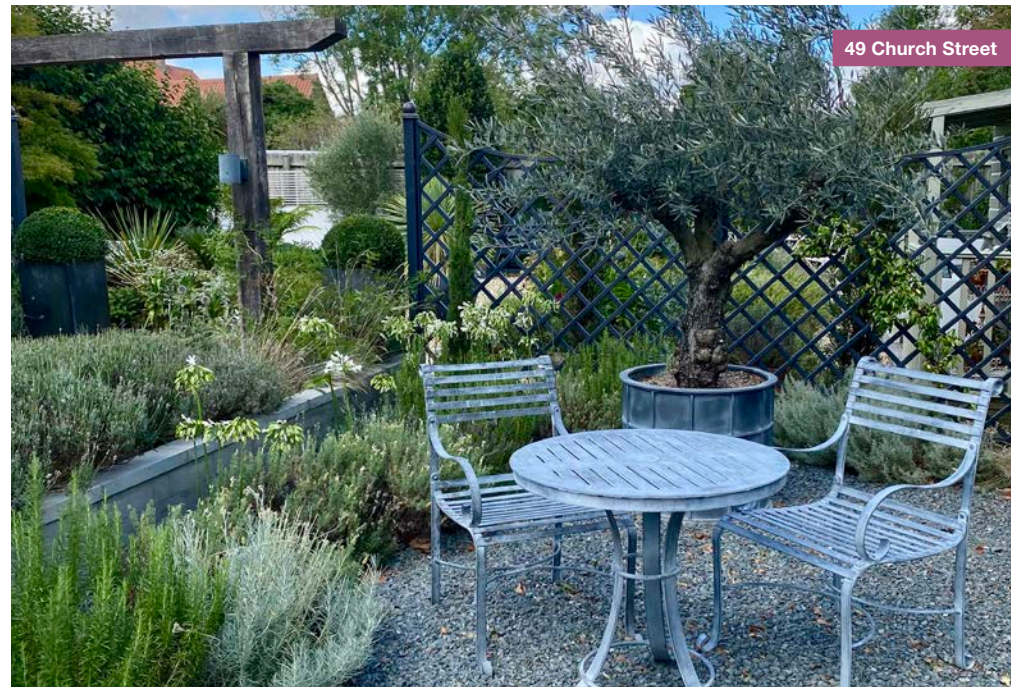
**12 DUNHOLME LODGE B2**

Dunholme, Lincoln, LN2 3QA. Hugh & Lesley Wykes. 4m NE of Lincoln. Turn off A46 towards Welton at the r'about. After 1/2m turn L up long private road. **Sun 26 Apr, Sun 28 June (11-5). Adm £5.50, chd free. Home-made teas.** Refreshments in aid of St Chad's Church.

A WWII airfield site and farm. Garden developed over 35 years comprising five acres of trees, shrubs, mixed borders, spring bulbs, roses, wildflower area, large wildlife pond, vegetable patch and topiary. War memorial and pop-up museum, craft stalls, vintage vehicles and music. Lincolnshire Life (May 2025). Lincolnshire Pride (July 2025). Most areas wheelchair accessible but some loose stone and gravel and some grass.



Join our team of friendly and energetic volunteers. If you have experience in social media or publicity, enjoy finance, are a keen photographer or simply love visiting gardens and talking to people – there's a role that's perfect for you. Please contact Lesley on 07771 675146 or email lesley.wykes@ngs.org.uk



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13 ♦ **EASTON WALLED GARDENS A4/B4**

Easton, NG33 5AP. Sir Fred & Lady Cholmeley, 01476 530063, info@eastonwalledgardens.co.uk, www.visiteaston.co.uk. 7m S of Grantham. 1m from A1, off B6403. **For NGS: Fri 3 Apr (11-4). Adm £12.50, chd £5.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

A 400 year old, restored 12 acre garden set in the heart of Lincolnshire. Home to snowdrops, sweetpeas, roses and meadows. The River Witham meanders through the gardens, teeming with wildlife. Other garden highlights inc a yew tunnel, turf maze and cut flower gardens. The Applestore Tearoom and Coffee Room offers hot and cold drinks, light savoury snacks, home-made cakes. Regret no wheelchair access to lower gardens but tearoom, shop, upper gardens and facilities are all accessible.

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14 **THE FERN NURSERY AND BOWLING CLUB B2**

Grimsby Road, Binbrook, Market Rasen, LN8 6DH. Neil Timm, www.fernursery.co.uk. On B1203 from Market Rasen. On the Grimsby road from Binbrook Square, 400m. **Sun 21 June, Sat 8 Aug (11-4). Adm £4, chd free. Tea, coffee & cake in the bowling pavilion. Refreshments provided by Binbrook Bowling Club.** Refreshments in aid of Binbrook Bowling Club. A wildlife garden with a natural stream running through which supplies a pond and water features. Discover rock features, acid beds and a sheltered winter garden with a sundial; a small wood with the main fern collection. There is a nursery and bowling green where a game is often played. Large shrubs, a bank of drought tolerant plants and herbaceous perennials, seats, a gazebo, and bridge Artwork at 'Scalwags' garden just off the bowling green also open to view. Partial wheelchairs access, gravel paths.

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15 **FYDELL HOUSE B2/C2**

South Square, Boston, PE21 6HU. Boston Preservation Trust, 01205 351520, info@fydellhouse.org.uk, www.facebook.com/fydellhouse. Through the Market Sq, past Boots. One way street by Gulldhall. There are 3 car parks within 200yds of the house. Disabled parking in council car park opp the house. **Sun 9 Aug (10-4). Adm £4, chd free. Light refreshments. Visits also by arrangement.**

Within three original red brick walls a formal garden has been created in 1995. Yew buttresses, arbours and four parterres use Dutch themes. The borders contain herbaceous plants and shrubs. The north facing border holds shade loving plants. There is a mulberry and walnut tree. The astrolabe was installed in 1997. A Victorian rockery is built from slag from ironworks in Boston. Ramps to front door and widened paths in the garden.

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16 **NEW** ♦ **GRIMSTHORPE CASTLE B4**

Grimsthorpe, Bourne, PE10 0LY. Grimsthorpe & Drummond Castle Trust, 01778 591205, visit@grimsthorpe.co.uk, www.grimsthorpe.co.uk. 3m NW of Bourne. 8m E of A1 on A151 from Colsterworth junc. Main entrance gates indicated by brown tourist sign. **For NGS: Tue 12 May, Tue 23 June (10-5). Adm £10, chd £6. Tea, coffee & cake at Coach House Tearoom.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website. The Grade I listed gardens encompass nearly 70 acres and inc large formal lawns, fine topiary and formal hedges, ornamental and productive kitchen garden, large herbaceous borders, rose parterre and woodland walks with spring bulb displays. Visitors can explore the surrounding 3000 acre estate that encompasses a Capability Brown landscape, in addition to the tranquil and relaxing gardens. Home-made light lunches, hot and cold drinks, cakes and snacks from our Tea Trailer (10-4). Farm shop, adventure playground, historic house and park trails. Gravel paths and disabled ramps.

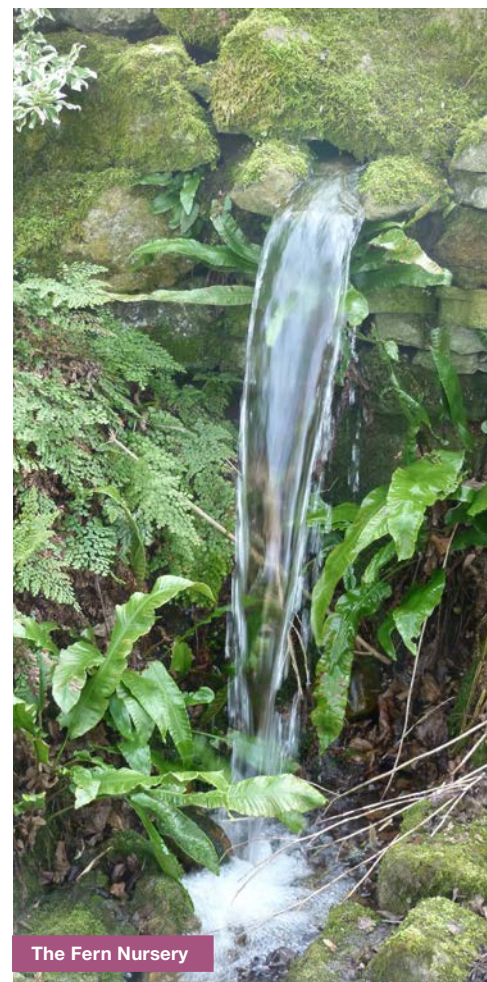
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17 ♦ **GUNBY HALL AND GARDENS C2/C3**

Spilsby, PE23 5SS. National Trust, 01754 892998, gunbyhall@nationaltrust.org.uk, www.nationaltrust.org.uk/gunby-hall. 2½m NW of Burgh-le-Marsh. 7m W of Skegness. On A158. Signed off Gunby r/about. **For NGS: Sun 26 July (10-4). Adm £7, chd £3.50. Tea, coffee & cake in the Gunby tearoom.** For other opening times and information, please phone, email or visit garden website.

Eight acres of formal and walled gardens. Old roses, herbaceous borders, herb garden and kitchen garden with fruit trees and vegetables. Greenhouses and sweeping lawns. Tennyson's Haunt of Ancient Peace. Enjoy a sweet treat from the tearoom, or visit one of many craft and trade stalls in the courtyard. House and Garden Adm: £12 Adult, £6 Child. Wheelchair access in gardens. Mobility scooter available. Gunby's dedicated wheelchair for ground floor of house. There are steps into the house.

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18 HOME FARM B4

Little Casterton Road, Ryhall, Stamford, PE9 4HA. Steve & Karen Bourne, 07771 804466, sjbourne@outlook.com. 1½m N of Stamford. Just off the A6121 Stamford to Bourne Rd. 1½m N of Stamford. At mini-r about turn towards Little Casterton & Toleshorpe Hall. Car park 50yds on L. **Sun 14 June (11-5). Adm £6, chd free. Home-made teas.** Visits also by arrangement in June for groups of 15 to 50.

A large farmhouse garden featuring more than 120 old English rose varieties. Herbaceous beds with delphiniums, salvias, grasses, and another planted in hot reds and yellows with alstroemeria, *Geum* and sunflowers. A terrace with far-reaching views surrounded by lavender and a wildflower area with pathways, woodland walk, large fruit cage, apple orchard and vegetable garden. Lincolnshire Life (June 2025). Most areas accessible by wheelchair.

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Home Farm

19 NEW IVY COTTAGE A2

Stow Road, Sturton By Stow, Lincoln, LN1 2BZ. Martin & Jill Fish, www.martinfish.com. 10m NW of Lincoln between Sturton & Stow. House on R. Postcode stops short of garden. Parking for both gardens at Mere House opp. Limited blue badge parking at Ivy Cottage. What3words app: *engage.tycoons.refrained*. **Sun 5 July (11-4). Combined adm with Mere House £10, chd free. Tea, coffee & cake at Mere House. Adm inc refreshments.**

Ivy Cottage garden has been redesigned and planted over the past three years. The 0.3 acre garden features a summerhouse, patio and mixed borders with a selection of trees, shrubs, roses and perennials giving all year-round interest. A large greenhouse with edible crops and a display of ornamental plants. The productive kitchen garden features raised vegetable beds, herbs and trained fruit. Featured in Garden News, Kitchen Garden, Yorkshire Dalesman and the Pots & Trowels YouTube channel.

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20 LUDNEY HOUSE FARM C2

Ludney, Louth, LN11 7JU. Jayne Bullas, 07733 018710, jayne@theoldgatehouse.com. Between Grainthorpe & Conisholme we are on the main road. There is a paddock for parking. **Visits by arrangement 1 May to 13 Sept for groups of 10 to 30. Adm £10, chd free. Tea, coffee & cake. Adm inc refreshments.**

A beautiful large garden, lovingly developed over the last 25 years with several areas of formal and informal planting inc a pond which attracts a wonderful variety of wildlife. There is an excellent mix of trees, shrubs, perennials, rose garden and wildflower area. There are plenty of seats positioned around to sit and enjoy a cuppa and piece of cake. Wheelchair access to most of garden.

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21 NEW THE MANOR B2

Church Lane, Bardney, Lincoln, LN3 5TZ. Mrs Samantha Cook, www.bardneymanorwalledgarden.com. Drive on Church Ln, past graveyard on L. Turn L after red dog bin & into the drive. What3words app: *tasters.interviewer.wiped*. **Sun 19 July (11-4). Adm £7, chd free. Tea, coffee & cake.**

Set in the heart of rural Lincolnshire, Bardney Manor Walled Gardens offer a rare opportunity to step back in time and experience the charm of a English kitchen garden being lovingly restored for the modern day. Enclosed by high brick walls, the garden provides shelter and creates a unique microclimate that allows fruit, vegetables and flowers and herbs to thrive. Wheelchair access to all areas of the garden.

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National Garden Scheme gardens are identified by their yellow road signs and posters. You can expect a garden of quality, character and interest, a warm welcome and plenty of home-made cakes!



Ivy Cottage

22 MARIGOLD COTTAGE C2

Hotchin Road, Sutton-on-Sea, LN12 2NP. Stephanie Lee & John Raby, 07853466554, marigoldlee@icloud.com, www.rabylee.uk/marigold. 16m N of Skegness on A52. 7m E of Alford on A1111. 3m S of Mablethorpe on A52. Turn off A52 on High St at Cornerhouse Cafe. Follow road past playing field on R. Road turns away from the dunes. House 2nd on L. **Visits by arrangement May to Aug for groups of 10+.** Adm by donation. Home-made teas.

Slide open the Japanese gate to find secret shaded paths. You will be taken aback by the abundance of planting combinations. There are pergolas covered in climbers, raised beds, a large kitchen garden and everywhere places to rest and absorb the ambience. Stephanie is always on hand to share her love of gardening and expertise. Not forgetting, substantial plant sales propagated from the garden. New hosta theatre and heuchera installation. Most of garden is wheelchair accessible along flat, paved paths.

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23 NEW MERE HOUSE A2

Stow Road, Sturton by Stow, Lincoln, LN1 2BZ. Nigel & Alice Gray. 10m NW of Lincoln between Sturton & Stow. 1m from centre of Sturton village heading to Stow, house on L. NB: Postcode will not bring you far enough out of Sturton village. What3words app: *roadblock.validated*. **obliging. Sun 5 July (11-4). Combined adm with Ivy Cottage £10, chd free. Tea, coffee & cake. Adm inc refreshments.**

Approx 1½ acres of established garden planted for the first time in 1975, redesigned in 1996, 2011, renewed over the last year. There is also a cutting garden, pleached hedges, vegetable garden and orchard. Work in continual progress includes long herbaceous border and new border for the dryer conditions. Homes and Gardens, Lincolnshire Life. The garden is wheelchair accessible, some grass paths.

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Old White House

24 THE OLD VICARAGE C4

Low Road, Holbeach Hurn, PE12 8JN. Mrs Liz Dixon-Spain, lizdixonspain@gmail.com. 2m NE of Holbeach. Turn off A17 N to Holbeach Hurn. 1st R at war memorial into Low Rd. Old Vicarage is on R approx 400yds. Parking in grass paddock. **Sun 29 Mar (12-3.30). Adm £5, chd free. Sun 17 May (1-5). Combined adm with Old White House £8, chd free. Refreshments served at Old White House. Sun 5 July (1-5). Adm £5, chd free.** Refreshments in aid of a local charity. Visits also by arrangement 22 Mar to 27 Sept for groups of 5 to 30. A two acre garden with 160 year old tulip, plane and beech trees: borders of shrubs, roses, herbaceous plants. Snowdrops, early bulbs, hellebores in woodland. Shrub roses and herb garden in old paddock area, surrounded by informal borders with pond, bog garden, wildflowers, grasses and bulbs. Small fruit and vegetable garden. Grass and flower meadow. Garden managed environmentally for 35 years. Wheelchair access via gravel drive. Some hard paths but mostly grass.

**25 OLD WHITE HOUSE C3/C4**

Baileys Lane, Holbeach Hurn, PE12 8JP. Mrs A Worth. 2m N of Holbeach. Turn off A17 N to Holbeach Hurn, follow signs to village, cont through, turn R after Rose & Crown pub at Baileys Ln. **Sun 17 May (1-5). Combined adm with The Old Vicarage £8, chd free. Home-made teas & cakes.** Refreshments in aid of a local charity. A mature garden of 1½ acres featuring herbaceous borders, roses, patterned garden, herb garden and walled kitchen garden. Large catalpa, tulip tree that flowers, ginko and other specimen trees.

**26 NEW OXCOMBE MANOR B2**

Oxcombe, Horncastle, LN9 6LU. Mr Edward Gorst, www.oxcombepottery.co.uk. From the Bluestone Heath Rd turn into road signposted 'Oxcombe'. What3words app: tinsel.mouse.corrects. **Sun 3 May, Sun 5 July (11.30-5.30). Adm £7, chd free. Tea, coffee & cake.**

Oxcombe lies in a secluded picturesque valley of the Lincolnshire Wolds, with a manor house, traditional farmstead and parish church among a kitchen garden, orchard, lawns, woodland and flower beds. Today it offers a tranquil retreat for developing potters and artists. The gardens are cared for but not manicured, beginning a new chapter with fresh projects planned under new tenure. Visitors can enjoy the gardens while trying pottery taster sessions, browse local produce stalls, and relax with tea and home-made cakes. Explore the historic All Saints Church, wander a short woodland trail, and discover the Visitor Centre with its history of the Lincolnshire Wolds and Oxcombe. Main gardens are wheelchair accessible, excluding some small sections. There is a wheelchair accessible toilet located 100m from the gardens.



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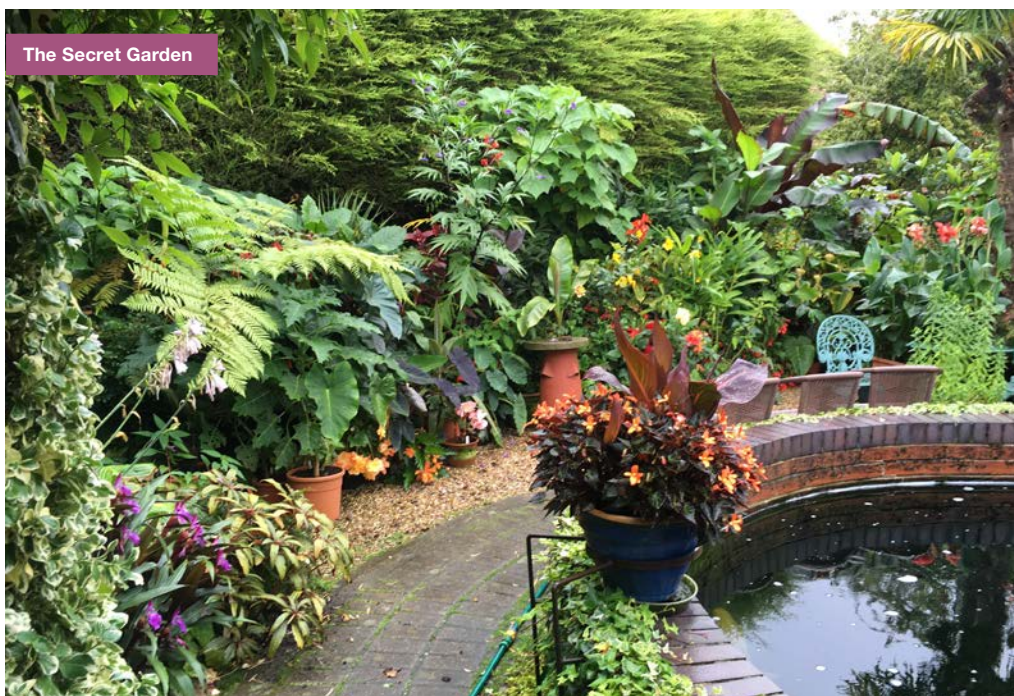
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The Secret Garden

27 NEW SCAWBY HALL B1
 Vicarage Lane, Scawby, Brigg, DN20 9LX. Mr & Mrs Sutton Nelthorpe, www.scawbyhall.com. The car park may be reached by heading through the gates for Scawby Hall at the intersection of Vicarage Ln & Messingham Ln. **Sat 23 May (11-4). Adm £6, chd free. Tea, coffee & cake in the church.** Refreshments in aid of local church. The kitchen garden at Scawby Hall was developed during the Victorian era and maintains the original framework of four quadrants with box hedging edged with espaliered fruit trees. Brilliant peony display in late spring and dahlias in late summer. Traditional garden with productive vegetable patch with some modern additions such as a beautiful pleached copper beech circle and grass collection. Paths are lined with woodchip.

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23 THE SECRET GARDEN OF LOUTH C2
 68 Watts Lane, Louth, LN11 9DG. Jenny & Rodger Grasham ½m S of Louth town centre. For SatNav & to avoid Watts Ln use postcode LN119DJ. Mount Pleasant Ave, leads straight up to our house. **Every Thur and Sun 2 Aug to 30 Aug (11-4). Adm £5, chd free. Pre-booking essential, please phone 07977 318145, email sallysing@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.facebook.com/thesecretgardenoflouth for information & booking.** **Tea, coffee & cake.** Refreshments in aid of The Salvation Army, Louth. Visits also by arrangement 2 Aug to 30 Aug for groups of 10+.

Blank canvas of ½ acre in early 90s. Developed into lush, colourful, exotic plant packed haven. A whole new world on entering from street. Exotic borders, raised exotic island,

long hot border, pond and stumpery. Intimate seating areas throughout. Can children find where the frogs are hiding? Butterflies and bees but how many different types? Feed the fish, find Cedric the spider, Simon the snake, Colin the Crocodile and more. Garden News Magazine (May 2025). Main areas wheelchair accessible with care. Narrow paths. Not suitable for mobility scooters.

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29 SHANGRILA B3
 Little Hale Road, Great Hale, Sleaford, NG34 9LH. Marilyn Cooke & John Knight. On B1394 between Heckington & Helpringham. **Sun 14 June (11-5). Adm £4.50, chd free. Tea, coffee & cake.**

Approx three acre garden with sweeping lawns, long herbaceous borders and colour themed island beds. Discover the hosta collection, and relax in the seating area by the lavender beds. Features also inc topiary, acer collection and a Japanese zen garden. Wheelchair access to all areas.

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Walnut Lodge

30 WALNUT LODGE A2

Bransby, Lincoln, LN1 2PH. David Lunt. 7m NW of Lincoln. From Saxilby on A57 take B1241 to Sturton. From the A1500 look for the yellow sign to Bransby 3m E of Sturton. Please park in Bransby Horses staff car park. Sun 28 June (10-4). Adm £5, chd free. Tea, coffee & cake.

Rural garden of ½ acres established by the owners over the past ten years on clay. Herbaceous borders extending to 60m. Mature trees comprise limes, walnut and false acacia. Raised vegetable garden. Outstanding views to the Lincoln cliff to the east. The charity Bransby Horses, is located in the village and the visitor centre is well worth a visit.

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31 WILLOUGHBY ROAD ALLOTMENTS B3/C3

Willoughby Road, Boston, PE21 9HN. Willoughby Road Allotments Association, www.willoughbyroadallotments.com. Entrance is adjacent to 109 Willoughby Rd. Street parking only. Sat 6 June (11.30-3.30). Adm £4, chd free. Light refreshments.

Set in five acres the allotments comprise 60 plots growing fine vegetables, fruit, flowers and herbs. There is a small orchard and wildflower area and a community space adjacent. Discover artwork created by Bex Simon and there is a small cafe open to the public on site. We work with schools, social prescribing and community groups. Community area with kitchen and disabled WC. Large

polytunnel with raised beds inside and out. The allotments are completely wheelchair accessible and good for mobility scooters.

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32 WOODLANDS B2/C2

Peppin Lane, Fotherby, Louth, LN11 0UW. Ann & Bob Armstrong, www.woodlandsplants.co.uk. 2m N of Louth off A16 signed Fotherby. Please park on R verge opp allotments & walk approx 350 yds to garden. If full, please park considerably in the village. No parking at garden. Sun 15 Feb (10.30-3.30); Sun 5 Apr, Sun 3 May, Sun 7 June, Sun 2 Aug, Sun 20 Sept (10.30-4.30). Adm £5, chd free. Home-made teas. For our Feb opening we are offering

home-made soup to warm visitors. Refreshments in aid of St Mary's Fotherby. Renowned for its rich planting of shaded beds, but plenty to interest sun lovers too, especially salvias. A good selection available in the RHS listed nursery. The new crevice garden is developing nicely and once again we are holding a winter opening featuring drifts of snowdrops and aconites amongst winter flowering shrubs and a small, but expanding collection of named snowdrops. Award winning professional artist's studio open to visitors. National collection of *Codonopsis* with Plant Heritage status. Wheelchair access possible with care. Some parking at the house for those with limited mobility.

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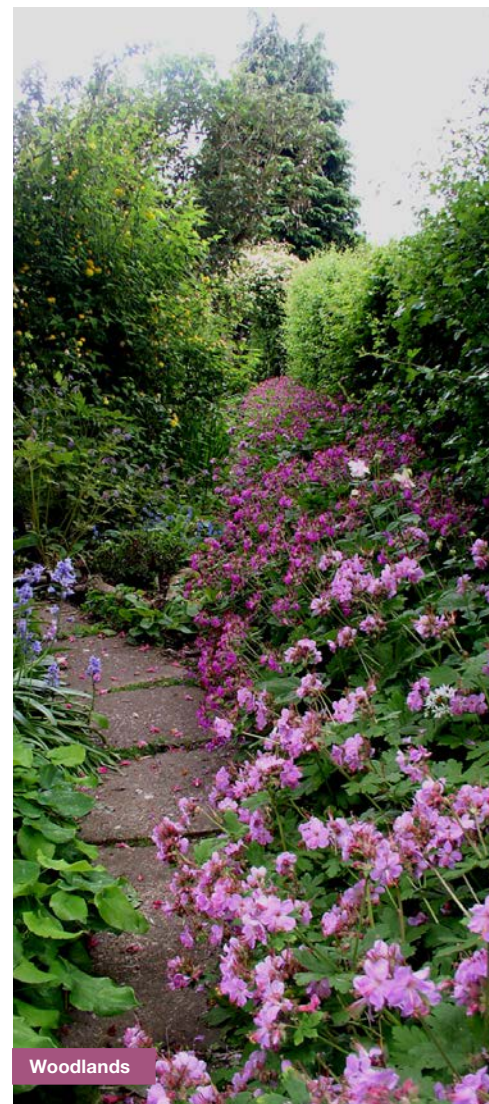
33 NEW WOODSIDE FARMHOUSE B3

Newton, Sleaford, NG34 0EE. Mrs Anne Walton. 8m S of Sleaford. Taking the turn for Newton from the A52. Once in the village turn R at the T-junc. Look for car parking signs on R next to the old pub. Sat 6, Sun 7 June (10.30-4.30).

Adm £5, chd free. Tea, coffee & cake.

Wrapping around a C17 Lincolnshire Longhouse, the garden has been 16 years in the making. From a derelict house and plot, the garden has evolved to provide space for living, working, exercising, cherishing plants and relaxing. With water, a large netted vegetable plot, apple orchard, wild patch, chicken accommodation and formal contemporary area, there is much to explore.

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