



The Hardy Plant Society

President: Roy Lancaster

The Hardy Plant Society, formed in 1957 by the late Alan Bloom, has an active membership in both the UK and overseas.

- Its aim is to expand the knowledge of hardy plants and how to get the best from them.
- Society members are entitled to join Regional Groups offering programme activities at local level (see panel opposite) and to join Specialist Groups with an interest in particular plant types.
- A Correspondents Group caters for those who are unable to attend meetings and events.
- A well-produced Journal is issued in Spring and Autumn, with informed articles written by experienced plants people.
- Newsletters are also issued during the year.
- Members benefit from a valuable seed distribution scheme.

For more detailed information please see the Society website - <http://www.hardy-plant.org.uk/>

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The HPS Somerset Group has an active and varied programme, of interest to all gardeners (see <https://somersestgps.com/programme/> for details). We are friendly and genuinely welcoming to new HPS members and would love to see you at one of our meetings.

For local information visit - <https://somersestgps.com/> or the Somerset page on the national HPS website (<http://www.hardy-plant.org.uk/somerset>).

Contact the Secretary: Mrs Jane Hunt, Tel: 01934 732441

HPS Somerset Group Programme for 2021

(Correct at 5 Dec 2020)

- 16 Jan:** Lecture: Jane Moore, Head Gardener, Bath Priory, 'Painting with Plants'
- 20 Feb:** Lecture: Timothy Walker, former Director, Oxford Botanic Garden, 'Euphorbias – Probably the Best Plants in the World'
- 20 Mar:** Lecture: John Grimshaw, Director of the Yorkshire Arboretum 'Paying Rent: Plants that earn their keep; review of plants of all kinds that contribute to a long season of interest in the garden'
- 27 Mar:** HPS Somerset Early Spring Plant Fair – 10 AM – 3 PM. Milverton Recreation Ground, Butts Way, Milverton, Taunton TA4 1JR. Admission £3 plus booking fee.
- 17 Apr:** Lecture: Sue Applegate, Hurstbrook Plants 'English Wine and Vineyards'.
- 27 May:** Self-Drive Visit to Pulham Rectory, Nr Sherborne and (same day) Ashington Manor, Mudford, Nr Yeovil (Julian and Isabel Bannerman's nascent garden) Entry TBA.
- 10 Jun:** Self-Drive Visit to Westbrook House, Nr Glastonbury and (same day) Batcombe House, Nr Bruton Entry: TBA
- 4 Jul:** HPS Somerset Summer Plant Fair - Lower Severalls – 10 AM - 4 PM. Admission: £4 (£3 for HPS & RHS members).
- TBA Jul:** Self-Drive Visit to Somerset Devon borders – details TBA
- TBA Aug:** Self Drive Visit: North Somerset - details TBA
- 18 Sep:** 50/50 Plant Sale (10AM, hall open 9:30AM) & Lecture (11AM) by Jimi Blake Huntingbrook Garden, Ireland, 'A Beautiful Obsession'
- 16 Oct:** Lecture: Mary Payne, MBE. 'Autumn – so they think it's all over!'
- 20 Nov:** AGM 10 AM for 10:30 AM, followed by Lecture (11:15 AM): Derry Watkins Special Plants, Chippenham, 'Pushing the Boundaries – borderline hardy plants you can't live without'

All lectures are at West Monkton Village Hall, TA2 8NE and start at 10:30 for 11:00 AM unless stated otherwise.

All coach trips, tour & visits MUST be pre-booked as some have limited numbers.

See website for booking arrangements for both meetings and visits.

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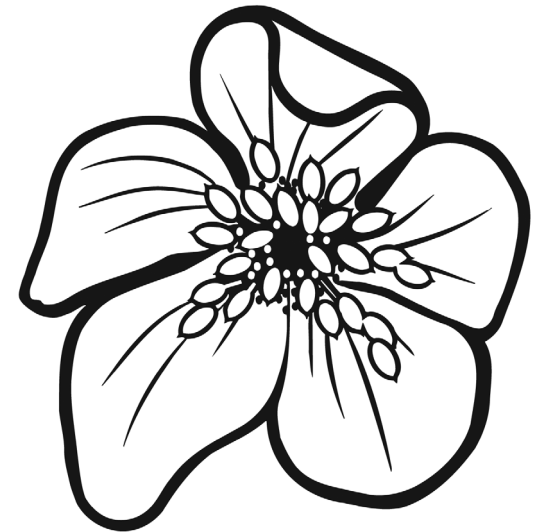
The National Gardens Scheme (NGS)

The NGS raises money, primarily for nursing charities, through the kindness of owners opening their private gardens to the public. The NGS gives away around £3.1 million every year. In 2019, gardens in Somerset and Bristol raised approx £120,000 for NGS charities.

NGS Gardens and their opening dates are detailed in their 'Yellow Book' available from most bookshops.

For further information please contact the Somerset county organiser, Laura Howard at laura.howard@ngs.org.uk

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