

## Dates for your Diary :

### NGS Open Gardens :

249 Barnsley Road, Flockton, Wakefield, WF4 4AL  
Saturday & Sunday 26 & 27 April : 1pm – 5pm  
Admission £5 (children free)



Parking on Hardcasle Lane – WF4 4AR. Please park with consideration for the residents.

An elevated south facing garden with panoramic views, 1/3 of an acre garden packed with sun loving perennials and shrubs. Relax on the patio and pergola areas or view the garden from the numerous seated viewing points. Massive plant sale. Disabled drop-off point at the bottom of the drive. Dogs welcome. Home made teas.

7 Low Westwood, Golcar, HD7 4ER  
Saturday 26th April : 1pm – 3pm  
Admission £5 (children free)

With 110 yds of canal frontage, this landscaped garden of ¾ acres has both flat and steeply sloping aspects with views across the Colne Valley. Mature lime tree walk, terraced herbaceous beds, pond and vegetable plot. Daffodils and rhododendrons in the Spring. Partial wheelchair access into lower garden only. Refreshments. Picnics welcome. Cashless payments available.

Scape Lodge, 11 Grand Stand, Scapegoat Hill, Golcar, HD7 4NQ  
Sunday 4th May and Sunday 11th May : 1.30pm – 4.30pm  
Admission £5 (children free)

Park at Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church – HD7 4NL or in village.

1/3 acre contemporary country garden with far-reaching views. Gravel paths lead between mixed borders on many levels. Colour-themed informal planting gives year round interest. Steps lead to a terraced kitchen and cutting garden. Gazebo, pond, shade garden. Featured in Horticulture Magazine 2024. Plants for sale. Refreshments. Cashless payments available.

## National Trust :

### Plant and Woodwork Sales : National Trust : Marsden Moor

The Old Goods Yard, Station Road, Marsden, West Yorkshire, HD7 6DH

Their plant and woodwork sales return for 2025, with all funds going back to helping look after the moors. All of the plants available for sale have been lovingly grown and tended to by volunteers. They'll be on hand every Friday to offer advice too. They will also be selling woodwork including planters, troughs, hedgehog houses and bird boxes to really give your garden that finishing touch. All the woodwork is made by their volunteers from recycled wood. Sales take place every Friday, from 10am -12pm. Card payments only please.

## Future Newsletter Contributions:

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# BLUEBELL GARDEN CLUB APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

**Our Next Meeting :** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the month,  
Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, 7.30pm, St John's Church Hall, Lepton  
"How to Design Your Own Low Maintenance Garden"  
a presentation by Lynn Heslop from Dewberry Horticulture.



Dewberry Horticulture is a garden design business based in East Markham, Nottinghamshire, and was founded in 2012 by Lynn Heslop. Dewberry Horticulture prides itself on being a bespoke design business, creating sustainable designs for any style and size of garden, and tailoring the client's needs to a 'right plant, right place' philosophy. This enables them to give an individual, yet practical solution to any site/location. When Lynn Heslop wanted to turn her passion for gardening into a new garden design business, she looked to the Royal Horticultural Society and its highly regarded qualifications. "Studying with the RHS has benefited my business in so many ways," she says. "When I first started my learning path with the RHS, I had no idea I'd meet so many inspirational people. "Being RHS qualified has helped me attract customers and underpinned the development of my garden design business." Another valuable part of the experience was the opportunity for theoretical topics such as plant health, plant science and garden planning.

## Next month's meeting :

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the month : Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025,  
7.30pm, St John's Church Hall, Lepton

"Flower Power Plus Plus Plus"  
a talk by Don Witton.



As the title suggests, this talk is stuffed with flowers in every shade, shape and colour. Thousands of flowers will be seen in this talk. Whether it's masses of tiny flowers, giant colourful blooms, long long flowering periods, stunning wildflower scenes, there are images from every season which will leave you amazed and uplifted with the power of flowers. Don has been a gardener for over 40 years and an avid 'Hardy Planter' (hardy herbaceous perennials) for 25 years. He holds a Plant Heritage National Collection of hardy Euphorbia which has been in numerous magazines and featured on BBC 2's Gardeners' World. It has also been featured on BBC TV's Tatton Park Show programme. He has staged exhibits (along with other National Collection Holders) at the Tatton Park Show for over 10 years and received a collection of medals including 2 Gold.

He has also written two books on Euphorbias for the Hardy Plant Society.



## Perfect plants for problem spots – Part 1

Extract from Gardeners World magazine by Alan Titchmarsh

### Plants for shady areas



**Rose of Sharon (*Hypericum calycinum*)** - if you want bright flowers in shade, give this evergreen groundcover plant a go. Its bright yellow flowers are centred with a shaving brush of stamens, which give it its other uncommon name – Aaron's beard.



**Lady's Mantle (*Alchemilla Mollis*)** - an obliging border perennial whose scalloped leaves hold water droplets like little orbs of quicksilver. The early summer flowers make a froth of lime green. It seeds itself around, so chop off flowers as soon as they fade.



**Foxglove** - towering spires of flowers that may be pink, white, yellow or apricot, depending on the species or variety. Great for bringing spring and summer height to plantings under trees. Most of them seed themselves around freely.

### Plants for dry shade



**Ferns** – once established, dryopteris (the start of the name is a happy clue) will provide a feathery understory in dry and shady areas. Cut back the old fronds when the new ones emerge each spring. There are lots of different species available – all of them are worth a try.

**Brunnera Jack Frost** – a real tough cookie with leaves netted with silver-grey and topped with sprays of small forget-me-not flowers. It makes a foot-high rug and spreads happily in the poorest of soils. The plain green kind is not nearly so attractive but is still useful where everything else struggles.



### Plants for waterlogged soil



**Hostas** – there are hundreds of varieties, large and small, with a myriad of different variegations. They die down in winter and are martyrs to slugs and snails, but choose thick-leaved varieties such as “Devon Green” and “Forbidden Fruit” and you will be less troubled.

**Candelabra primulas** – there are lots of different primulas suited to growing in damp earth and which carry their spring flowers in tiers, hence the common name. The Harlow Carr hybrids are a personal favourite, along with *Primula pulverulenta* (wine red) and *Primula cockburniana* (orange).



**Coloured Dogwoods** – great shrubs for damp earth, adding plentiful winter interest if treated the right way. Cut them back hard in early March to encourage production of younger, brighter stems on the likes of *Cornus alba* “Sibirica” and *Cornus sanguinea* “Midwinter Fire”.

### Upcoming Club Events:

Both the following events have proved very popular, so are now fully booked:

**Friday, 6 June 2025 :**

**Visit to Scampston Walled Garden, Nr Malton**

Note, this trip is now fully booked.

**Wednesday 9th April 2025 :**

**Stained Glass Workshop**

Note, this workshop is now fully booked.