

Wildlife-friendly GARDENS

Open
Days



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Wildlife Trust

Dorset Wildlife Trust would like to invite you to visit some of the wonderful places that have received our *Wildlife-Friendly Spaces* award. A selection of gardens and community spaces are open to visit between 23 May and 9 June 2024. There is a range of sizes and styles, but they all share a passion for gardening and helping wildlife. Come and chat to knowledgeable and enthusiastic wildlife-friendly gardeners for tips and inspiration.

Entry is free, but any donations to Dorset Wildlife Trust are always gratefully received. **A big thank you to all the open gardens for taking part!**

Where? 4 Whites Close, Piddlehinton DT2 7UE
[Click here for map](#)

When? Thursday 23 May
10am - midday or 1 - 3pm

Contact **BOOKING ESSENTIAL:** Please email
orchard444@aol.com to arrange your visit

Parking Thimble Inn car park, 100m away

Info Sorry no dogs
Sorry no toilet facilities
Thimble Inn open midday - 11pm

Access Gate width restriction of 66cm

This gorgeous medium-sized wildlife-friendly garden is in the heart of the Piddle Valley and is bordered by a small stream frequented by otters.

Judith and Julian are knowledgeable gardeners who have created a wonderful wildflower meadow which will be at its peak in late May.

Visits by appointment only please.



Where? 57 Queen's Avenue, Dorchester DT1 2EP
[Click here for map](#)

When? Sunday 26 May, 10am - 4pm

Contact Linda

Parking Plenty of on-street parking available

Info Sorry no dogs
Sorry no toilet facilities

Access Unsuitable for wheelchair access

This lovely medium-sized garden has many wildlife-friendly and native plants. It is on two levels, with flower, fruit and veg beds, and a lawn - part of which has wildflowers and remains uncut in spring. Hedgehogs and slow worms visit, as well as many birds and pollinating insects. There is also a small pond with newts, frogs and pond skaters.

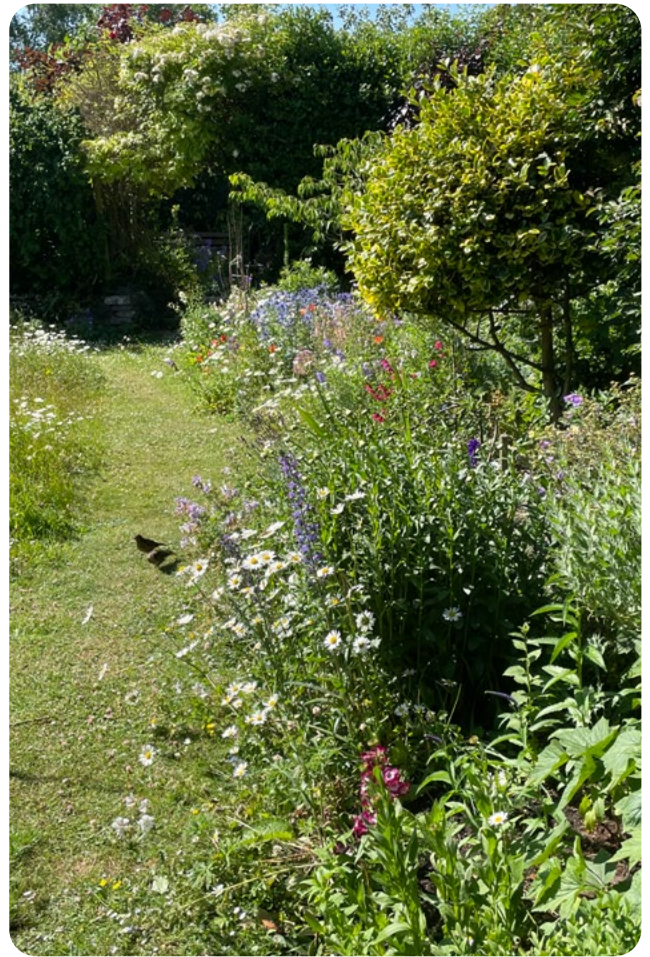


Photo: Linda



Photo: John

Where? 22 Chapel Lane, Weymouth DT3 5NA
[Click here for map](#)

When? Saturday 25 May, 10am - 4pm
Sunday 26 May, 11am - 4pm
Saturday 8 June, 10am - 4pm
Sunday 9 June, 11am - 4pm

Contact John

Parking On-street parking

Info Sorry no dogs
Sorry no toilet facilities
Moth trap, subject to weather

Access Unsuitable for wheelchair access

This is a garden of many 'rooms', with seasonal planting, wildflowers, ponds and plenty of nooks and crannies for wildlife! John's garden is a welcome space for nature and is visited by a range of insects, birds, reptiles and mammals - including badgers, foxes and hedgehogs.

Where? The Annexe, Quarr Farm House,
Harman's Cross BH19 3DY [Click for map](#)

When? Wednesday 29 May, 10am - 3.45pm
Tuesday 4 June, 10am - 3.45pm

Contact Penny: 07776 258771

Parking Room for four cars by the farmhouse, or
in the field on your left as you approach
the farmhouse

Info Plant sale & raffle for Dorset Wildlife Trust
Sorry no dogs
Sorry no toilet facilities

Access Unsuitable for wheelchair access

This small, secluded part-walled garden has shrubs, mixed trees and hedges, wildflowers, and naturalistic planting. It is 'off the beaten track' and full of wildlife-friendly features, miniature ponds, thoughtful seasonal planting and inspirational ideas. Penny says: "Come and visit my wildlife garden, the nature table, potting shed and lots more". Penny's garden also features on our [website](#).



Photos: Penny Smith



Photo: Tina Wright

Where? The Old Vicarage, East Orchard,
Shaftesbury SP7 0BA [Click for map](#)

When? Sunday 2 June, 2 - 5pm

Contact Tina: 01747 811744

Parking In field on opposite corner on road to
Hartgrove

Info Refreshments available
Dogs on short leads welcome
Toilet available

Access Wheelchair accessible, unless very wet

The Old Vicarage has a large garden with a stream and several ponds which are home to frogs, great crested newts, and dragonflies. Mature trees, shrubs, and a range of flowers provide food and shelter for birds and insects. Standing deadwood and log piles provide great habitat. In addition, there is a fantastic composting area and a small orchard. Most boundaries are native hedging and the Vicarage itself is home to several species of bat!

Where? BH15 Grow Together Community Garden
Green Road, Poole, BH15 1PU
[Click here for map](#)

When? Friday 7 June, 5 - 7pm

Contact Paul: 07531 255194

Parking Pitwines car park (Newfoundland Drive)
6 mins walk

Info Dogs on short leads allowed
Sorry no toilet facilities

Access Wheelchair access on pavement

BH15 Grow Together is a community garden project in Poole. The idea is to work together to grow some fruit and veg and enable as many people as possible to enjoy the results! This wildlife-friendly plot attracts bees, butterflies, and other insects. This is a brilliant example of how an urban space can be transformed into a productive and wildlife-friendly area.



Photos: Anona Dawson



Where? 4 Staples Terrace, Lyme Regis DT7 3DX
[Click here for map](#)

When? Wednesday 29 May, 10am - 2.30pm
Friday 31 May, 10am - 2.30pm
Wednesday 5 June, 10am - 2.30pm
Friday 7 June, 10am - 2.30pm

Contact **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** via Simon:
07870 603345

Parking On-street parking in Annings Road,
access via footpath or Charmouth Road
Pay & Display car park

Info Sorry no dogs
Sorry no toilet facilities

Access Unsuitable for wheelchair access

Simon has been gardening for wildlife for over 50 years. This charming, small garden in Lyme Regis is an inspiring example of how to create a mini haven for wildlife using native planting. With real attention to detail, Simon has included lots of features which give this garden character as well as being full of interesting native plants.

Visits by appointment only please.



Photo: Mitch Perkins



The Old Vicarage, Shaftesbury

Photo: Tina Wright