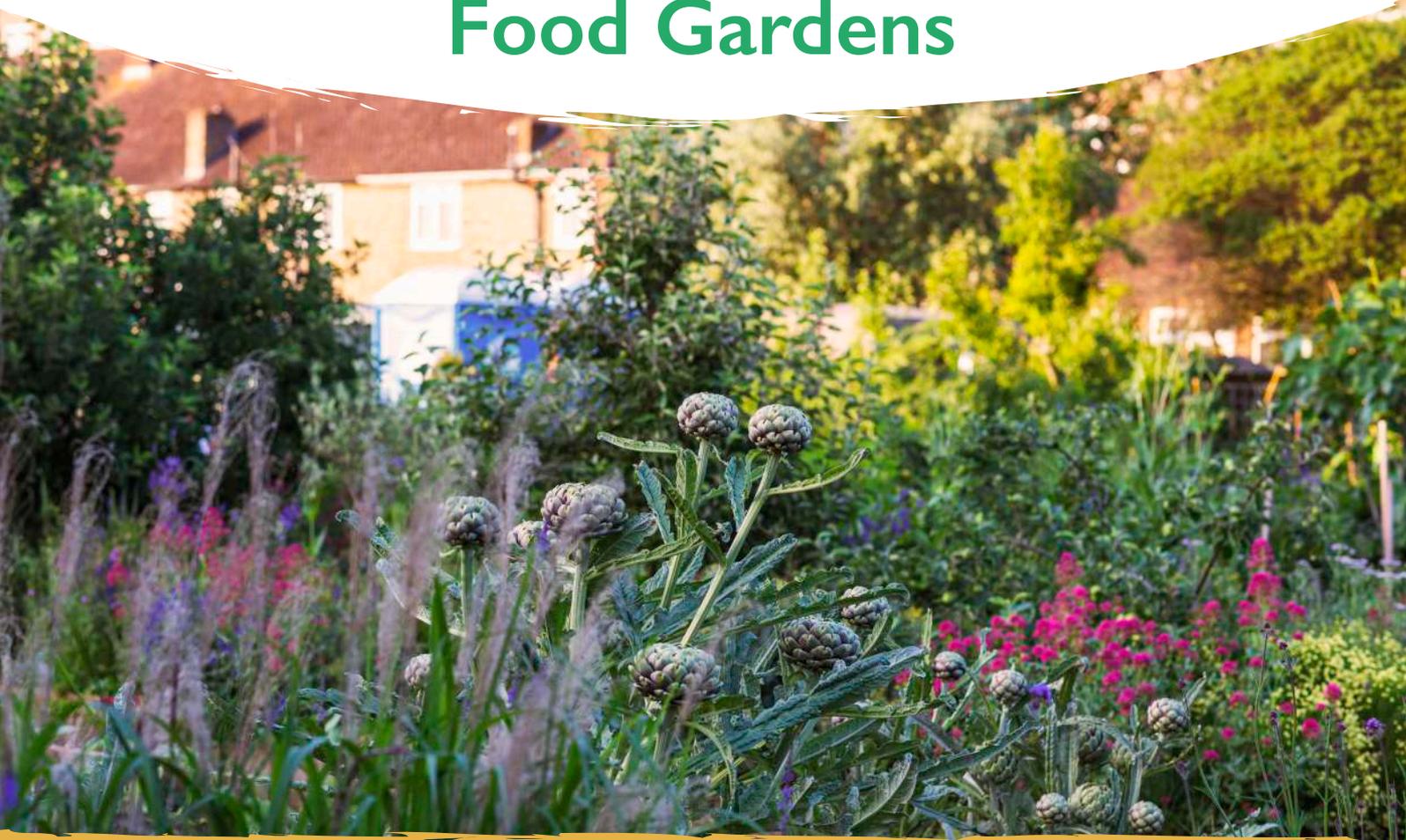


LONDON SQUARE OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND



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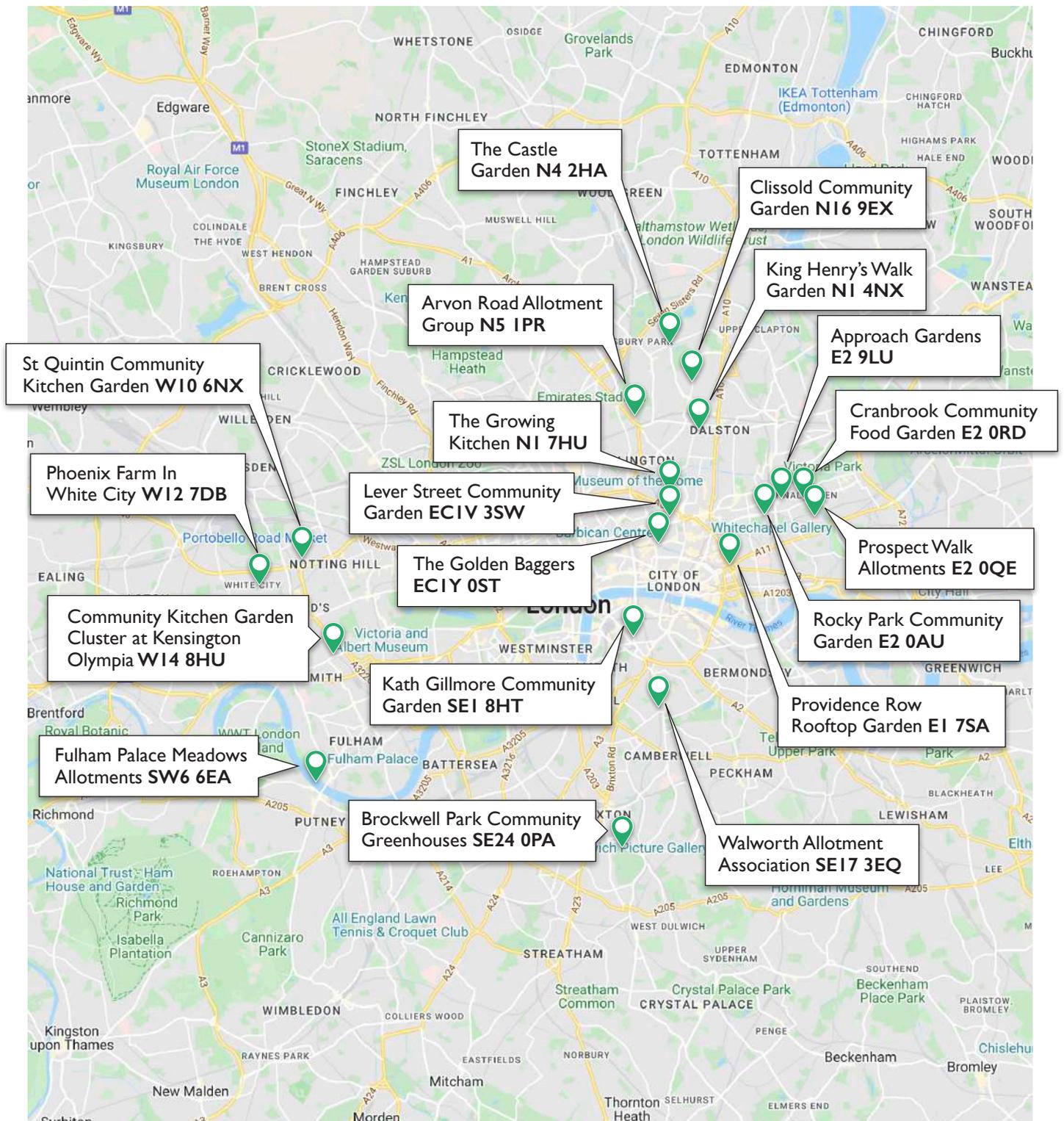
Allotments and Community Food Gardens



Growing plants for food – be it vegetables, fruit or herbs – takes place in many of the spaces you can visit during Open Gardens weekend. In some cases, however, sharing the necessary resources and facilities to grow produce sustainably has become the focal point for a community.

Visiting these gardens will give kitchen gardeners a host of tips and ideas but will also offer a glimpse of the community life that revolves around growing spaces.

Map of participating Allotments and Community Food Gardens



Approach Gardens

Open: Sunday 11am – 5pm

Entrance: Between Russia Lane and Peel Grove. E2 9LU

Nearest stations: Cambridge Heath Overground, Bethnal Green underground, Stepney Green

Bus: D3, D6, 8, 26, 55, 106, 254, 309, 388

Cycle hire station: York Hall



Approach Gardens, © Anna Barclay

The garden

This award-winning community food garden brought together diverse groups to create a thriving haven for local residents and wildlife. A resident-led committee rescued the site and, with Lottery support, it has developed to host over 40 raised growing beds, greatly valued by families, schoolchildren and a daycare centre. Asian and unusual vegetables grow alongside a fruit orchard, wildlife area and pond, with native hedgerows, bug hotels, nectar bars, a wildflower meadow, bat boxes and ivy walls for bees. It won a Silver award in the 2018 London in Bloom Awards in the Thriving Garden category, as well as being named Best Community Garden, Best Wildlife (Group) and Overall Group Winner in the Tower Hamlets in Bloom Awards.

Chair: Margaret Wilson

Visitor Information

Activities: We hope to sell curry and cakes made by our growers, as well as plants and drinks.

Access: Ramp available for access (one step). Uneven ground (turf) inside and some narrow paths between beds but most of the site is flat and accessible.

Dogs: Working assistance dogs only

Arvon Road Allotment Group

Open: Saturday 11am – 5pm

Entrance: Arvon Road. N5 IPR

Nearest stations: Drayton Park, Holloway Road, Arsenal

Bus: 43, 271, 153, 263



Arvon Road Allotment Group, © Colin Wing

The garden

Local residents created these allotments on disused land at the Arvon Road site in the late 1970s, using funds from Greater London Council (GLC) and Islington Council's Operation Clean Up. The plots are terraced along the adjacent freight railway line, with access to the lower level only possible by ladders. The land also features a small mixed woodland, woodland shelter and pond. There are strong community ties to the network of streets around it and the site is important historically as it was created by GLC funding and has always been independently managed and self-funded.

Visitor Information

Activities: Members from Arvon Road Allotments will be on hand to explain the site's history and show visitors around. Refreshments available.

Access: The top tier of allotments - flat area with paving along the side - will be open to the public. Access to the wood is via a woodland path unsuitable for wheelchairs.

Dogs: Working assistance dogs only

Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses

Open: Saturday 10am – 5pm
Sunday 10:30am – 4:30pm

Entrance: Dulwich Road, Brockwell Park
Gardens, Brixton Water Lane or Tulse Hill
SE24 0PA

Nearest stations: Herne Hill

Bus: 2, 3, 37, 57, 68, 196, 322, 432, 468



Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses, © Diana Jarvis

The garden

Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses is a large community garden in the centre of Lambeth's Brockwell Park. The splendid site includes an orchard, a series of demonstration gardens, a walled herb garden and two commercial-sized greenhouses. The garden runs its own nature-based education programme as well as year-round events, courses and workshops aimed at children, families and schools. There is also a drop-in garden volunteering scheme and the charity has the support of more than 200 dedicated volunteers. Its aim is to help people grow through learning and learn through growing, with a strong focus on community spirit. The charity grows a range of plants for sale and also has interesting jarred products for sale such as local honeys, cordials and jams.

Community Gardener: Cat Stevens

Capital Growth garden: 1956

Visitor Information

Activities: Range of affordable ornamental and edible plants to buy, as well as honey from our apiary and home-made produce. For more details, visit the [website](#). There is a big park playground close by.

Access: Some uneven paths. Greenhouses and most of the garden are accessible.

Dogs: Dogs on leads

Conditions: Tickets are not required for this garden.

The Castle Garden

Open: Saturday 10am – 5pm

Entrance: Green Lanes, south of Manor House junction, opposite Myddleton Avenue. N4 2HA

Nearest stations: Manor House

Bus: 106, 141, 3410



The Castle Garden, © Anna Barclay

The garden

Self-sufficiency and sustainability are key to The Castle Garden. The centre's organic waste is composted and the garden team lead workshops and teach skills in organic and sustainable food-growing methods to those who volunteer. The garden has been created in the grounds of an old Victorian water pumping station, (now an indoor climbing centre). The kitchen garden also features a forest garden, beehives, round house and willow dome, and supplies the kitchen and café with organic produce. Herbs for the garden's own tea blends and other herbal products are grown and processed on-site, and sold in the shop and café.

Garden Manager: Victoria Power

Capital Growth garden: 102

Visitor Information

Activities: Fresh garden herb tea and cakes available in the garden. Take a walk around and enjoy the tranquillity; there are information boards to read along the way. There'll also be garden tours led by one of our garden team. The centre has a vegetarian café, serving delicious food using garden produce.

Toilets: Disabled toilet on site

Access: Not all areas wheelchair accessible - uneven surfaces, slopes and small paths

Dogs: Dogs on leads

Clissold Community Garden

Open: Saturday 10am – 4pm

Entrance: 23a Clissold Road N16 9EX

Nearest stations: Dalston Kingsland, Stoke Newington (1.5km), Manor House (1.8km)

Bus: 141 & 341 to Stoke Newington Church Street, 73 & 476 to Stoke Newington Town Hall, 393 along Stoke Newington Church St.



Clissold Community Garden, © Anna D'Avanzo

The garden

Clissold Community Garden is a community food growing space and part of the Peter Bedford Housing Association wellbeing programme. The garden is hidden behind a row of Georgian terrace houses and lies next to a very small wood. Access to the garden, which is frequented by resident artists, food growers, bird watchers and sun-lovers, can be found between two Georgian houses on Clissold Road, connecting Albion Road with Church Street Stoke Newington.

Community Gardener: Anna D'Avanzo

Capital Growth garden: 1234

Visitor Information

Activities: Tours available to all visitors. Refreshments, produce and products from the garden for sale. Art and joinery products to view and buy, created in PBHA's Creative Industries. Picnics allowed.

Toilets: Toilet on site

Access: Access by two sets of steps, each with a handrail. No wheelchair access to garden

Dogs: Dogs on leads

Community Kitchen Garden Cluster at Kensington Olympia

Open: Sunday 11am – 3pm

Entrance: Russell Road W14 8HU

Nearest stations: Kensington Olympia

Bus: 9, 27

Cycle hire station: Kensington Olympia Station



Community Kitchen Garden Cluster at Kensington Olympia, ©William Rallison

The garden

Two community kitchen garden projects are located on disused platforms at Kensington Olympia Station and a vacant plot of land between housing. The kitchen gardens provide food growing spaces in raised beds for residents living in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. Olympia kitchen garden, part of which has a small area planted for pollinators and wildlife, has been made possible with support from Network Rail. A short walk away is Russell Road kitchen garden. Access to both gardens is from Russell Road, on the opposite side of the over ground railway from Olympia Exhibition Centre over the footbridge.

Lead Community Gardener: William Rallison

Visitor Information

Activities: There will be a chance to meet plot holders, volunteers and the council's community gardeners. Get advice on what vegetables and produce to plant in a small space and hear about the environmental and greening projects supported by the royal borough.

Public toilets: Holland Park open Sunday 8am – 8pm

Access: Some slightly uneven areas. Access between plots narrow in places. Nearest toilets on opposite side of platform (inside station)

Dogs: Dogs on leads

Cranbrook Community Food Garden

Open: Saturday and Sunday 10am – 3pm

Entrance: The Avenue, Cranbrook Estate
Roman Road - opposite Usk Street E2 0RD

Nearest stations: Stepney Green, Bethnal Green

Bus: 8, D6

Cycle hire station: Globe Town Market



Cranbrook Community Food Garden, © Anna Barclay

The garden

Cranbrook Estate residents and those from the surrounding area designed and built this community garden in 2009. The garden nestles proudly within the iconic modernist Cranbrook Estate, designed by Skinner, Bailey and Lubetkin. Completed in the 1960s, the estate is home to Elizabeth Frink's sculpture *The Blind Beggar and his Dog*. The garden has 21 raised beds, a shed, greenhouse, composting facilities, a patio area with seating, a living roof and recent biodiversity improvements. Awards include an Outstanding rating in London in Bloom 2016-2020.

Treasurer: Lizzy Mace

Capital Growth garden: 68

Visitor Information

Activities: Plants, seeds and garden products for sale, and preserves. Refreshments including tea, coffee.

Toilets: Disabled toilet on site

Access: Wheelchair access to most of garden; some uneven ground

Dogs: Dogs on leads

Fulham Palace Meadows Allotments

Open: Saturday | 11:30am – 5:30pm

Entrance: Allotments entrance in Bishops Avenue opposite the tennis courts.
SW6 6EA

Nearest stations: Putney Bridge

Bus: 14, 74, 22, 414, 430, 220

Cycle hire station: Bishop's Avenue



Fulham Palace Meadows Allotments, © Diana Jarvis

The garden

Volunteers from Fulham Palace Meadows Allotment Association (FPMAA) run this site by the River Thames. The allotments cover an Anglo-Saxon site of historical importance which is set within a designated Scheduled Ancient Monument area and is under the jurisdiction of English Heritage. In the later Middle Ages, Fulham Palace is said to have been the largest moated residence in Europe. The site was a gift from the Bishop of London in 1916. FPMAA plays a vital part in local life with local residents from all walks of life experiencing something very special within this inner-city haven of more than 400 plots.

Allotments entrance in Bishops Avenue opposite the tennis courts. Please note that this year there will not be access from Fulham Palace.

Chairman of FPMAA: Donna Kunzig

Visitor Information

Activities: Guided tours only. Teas and light refreshments. Plant and produce stall.

Toilets: Toilet on site

Access: Narrow paths with uneven surfaces, not very suitable for wheelchairs

Dogs: Working assistance dogs only

The Golden Baggers

Open: Saturday 10:30am – 4:30pm
Sunday 11am – 4pm

Entrance: In the middle of the Golden Lane Estate, adjoining the Ralph Perring Centre, between Basterfield House and Hatfield House. EC1Y 0ST

Nearest stations: Barbican, Farringdon, Old Street

Bus: 4, 55, 56, 153, 243

Cycle hire station: Roscoe Street



The Golden Baggers, © Anna Barclay

The garden

Residents of the Golden Lane Estate turned an old, disused nursery playground into the thriving Golden Baggers community food-growing space. The initiative began in 2010 with 20 one-tonne builders' bags on the playground but, as it became more popular, a further 20 bags were added a year later. The bags were replaced by solid wooden boxes in 2016 to create a more permanent and accessible solution. Now, there are 42 individual boxes for growing fruit, vegetables, salad crops and flowers. There is also a communal herb garden, soft fruit, potted apple trees, grapevines, a small wildlife area and a children's shed and digging box.

Acting treasurer: Sue Pearson

Visitor Information

Activities: Home-made cakes & refreshments from the Baggers Café.

Toilets: Disabled toilet on site

Dogs: Dogs on leads

The Growing Kitchen

Open: Saturday 10am – 5pm

Entrance: Napier Grove NI 7HU

Nearest stations: Old Street

Bus: 21, 76, 141, 271, 394, 205

Cycle hire station: Eagle Wharf Road



The Growing Kitchen, © Lisa Barr

The garden

The Growing Kitchen is an award-winning resident-led community garden project, which promotes inclusivity and diversity. A Lottery grant helped to transform this disused site in a peaceful corner of Hoxton into a beautiful communal garden where residents garden, cook and socialise. There are micro-allotments, raised herb beds, communal foraging area with wildlife pond, and covered space with clay oven and barbecue. Residents are constantly looking for new areas to cultivate and have also created a wild orchard and flower meadow nearby in the heart of the estate.

Visitor Information

Activities: Refreshments, peppermint tea and homemade cakes for sale. Informal guided tours available. A variety of seating plus picnic table. Children's activities and picnic areas available. Picnics allowed.

Public toilets: Old Street Roundabout - Exits 7 & 8 open Saturday 8:30am – 4:30pm

Access: Two steps lead from main entrance into garden. A secondary entrance on the other side has wheelchair access. Slight slope leading to communal area.

Dogs: Working assistance dogs only

Kath Gillmore Community Garden

Open: Saturday 12pm – 5pm

Entrance: Between Blocks S & T of the Peabody Blackfriars Estate on the Blackfriars Road SE1 8HT

Nearest stations: Southwark, Waterloo, Elephant & Castle

Bus: 40, 63

Cycle hire station: Webber Street



Kath Gillmore Community Garden, © Carole Wright

The garden

The Garden, which is located on the Peabody Blackfriars Housing Estate, was created from a disused tarmac courtyard in 2013 and consists of 14 raised beds which residents use to grow food and nectar-rich plants. A planted courtyard with fruiting hedge and herbs provides an enchanting entrance to the garden. For Peabody's 160th anniversary in 2022, there will be estate tours, a pamphlet and plant sales. Architects Farouk Agoro and Dele Awoyemi reveal details of the garden project 'More Than a Shed', a collaborative project with residents commissioned by Blak Outside working in partnership with Peabody and contractors Gingko Horticulture.

Garden Co-ordinator: Carole Wright

Visitor Information

Activities: Pollinator plants, seeds and information leaflets for sale. Local community gardens and Permaculture information stall, upcycled crafts, henna hand painting. Refreshments available. Picnics allowed.

Public toilets: Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park open Saturday 10am – 6pm

Access: Level access

Dogs: Dogs on leads

King Henry's Walk Garden

Open: Saturday and Sunday 12pm – 4pm

Entrance: 11C King Henry's Walk (to the left of the adventure playground) NI 4NX

Nearest stations: Dalston Kingsland, Canonbury, Dalston Junction

Bus: 21, 30, 38, 56, 141, 277



King Henry's Walk Garden, © Anna Barclay

The garden

King Henry's Walk Garden was created by the local community for the local community and contains growing plots for cultivation by residents. Run entirely by volunteers, its organic gardening methods help to encourage biodiversity. Sustainability is a key theme: recycled materials are used wherever possible, all garden waste is composted and rainwater is collected. A year-round programme of educational workshops and events engage the whole community. Communal areas consisting of lawn with ornamental flower borders, a wildlife pond, and a small woodland area also provide enjoyment. Plants - cultivated in the garden's greenhouse - will be on sale.

Visitor Information

Activities: Tea and home-made cakes. Plant sale. Traditional summer fête on Saturday afternoon with games, competitions, live music, Pimm's bar and pizzas from wood-fired oven. (Higher capacity at this time.)

Toilets: Disabled toilet on site

Access: Some uneven paths, and some steps. All parts of the garden can be accessed.

Dogs: Working assistance dogs only

Conditions: Uneven paths in woodland area

Lever Street Community Garden

Open: Saturday and Sunday 1pm – 5pm

Entrance: Lever Street - opposite Mora Street EC1V 3SW

Nearest stations: Old Street

Bus: 21, 43, 76, 135, 141, 205, 214, 271, 243, 55

Cycle hire station: Windsor Terrace



Lever Street Community Garden, © Lever Street Community Garden

The garden

Lever Street Community Garden is a small and lively award-winning garden with 17 raised wooden beds, which enable local families and individuals to learn about and enjoy growing vegetables, fruit and flowers. These are surrounded by fruit trees, shrubs and flowers and there are also composting facilities, a water supply, seating and communal toolbox. The garden was launched in 2013 as a joint project between the local community and Islington Council and it opens monthly to visitors. The garden received Islington's Pontecorvo prize in 2014, and was judged to be Islington's Best Community Park in 2019.

Chair: Rose Heatley

Visitor Information

Activities: Picnics allowed.

Public toilets: Old Street Roundabout - Exits 7 & 8 open Saturday 8:30am – 4:30pm

Access: Woodchip paths

Dogs: Working assistance dogs only

Conditions: Seating area

Phoenix Farm In White City

Open: Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm

Entrance: Adjacent to Phoenix Fitness Centre, Bloemfontein Road W12 7DB

Nearest stations: Shepherds Bush Market, White City, Wood Lane

Bus: 220, 283



Phoenix Farm In White City, © Lydia Shellen-Walker

The garden

Award-winning Phoenix Farm provides a learning resource for schools and local community groups and offers volunteering opportunities for local residents. The one-acre farm produces more than 40 varieties of fruit and vegetables, as well as medicinal herbs, plants to attract wildlife and edible flowers from its glasshouses and beds. There is a community orchard, soft fruits and wildlife areas, as well as bees, rabbits and chickens. This garden in the centre of the White City Estate has won many awards including a Gold Medal at Hampton Court Flower Show in 2016 and Gold in the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood campaign.

Community Food Grower: Michelle Sinden

Visitor Information

Activities: Plant sale. Refreshments.

Toilets: Toilet on site

Access: Accessible toilet in adjacent fitness centre

Dogs: Working assistance dogs only

NEW

Prospect Walk Allotments

Open: Saturday and Sunday 10am – 3pm

Entrance: Usk Street E2 0QE

Nearest stations: Bethnal Green Underground

Bus: 8, D6

Cycle hire station: Globe Town Market



Prospect Walk Allotments, © Prospect Walk Allotments Association

The garden

Prospect Walk Allotments were laid out in the late 1970s. The area had been damaged by WW2 bombing and, in the post-war period, the site was used for emergency housing. The 'prefabs' were not cleared until around 1974, when local people took the initiative and created the allotment site we see today. The Allotment Association comprises 24 members who cultivate 22 plots and a border area; the site is bordered by mature trees on two sides and there is a newly created wildlife plot, including a pond. Visitors can expect a warm welcome from plot-holders.

Secretary: Andrew Lewis

Visitor Information

Activities: Plant and seed sales, some refreshments.

Access: Gravel and grass at gateway. Fairly level hardstanding walkway the length of the garden.

Dogs: Dogs on leads

Conditions: Nearest convenience at Cranbrook Garden. Depending on their opening times!

Providence Row Rooftop Garden

Open: Saturday 12pm – 4pm

Entrance: 82 Wentworth Street E1 7SA

Nearest stations: Aldgate East (no service 11 and 12 June), Aldgate

Bus: 115, 205, 25, 15, 254. 135, 242

Cycle hire station: Central House



Providence Row Rooftop Garden, © Candy Blackham

The garden

Providence Row, a charity supporting homeless and vulnerable people in East London, provides accredited training in gardening. In the rooftop garden, more than 100 edible plants are grown to ensure a constant supply of ingredients for the kitchen, which serves breakfast and lunch to more than 30 people every day. Downstairs, raised beds of perennials provide year-round colour while mobile planters provide greenery. A large golden honey locust tree spans native woodland planting in the courtyard garden. The result is a flexible, therapeutic and attractive environment for the services and activities offered throughout the week.

Gardening co-ordinator: Julie Floyd

Visitor Information

Activities: Rooftop garden tours. Hot and cold drinks available.

Toilets: Disabled toilet on site

Access: Access to roof garden includes steps. Fully accessible courtyard garden and disabled-access toilet at street level.

Dogs: Dogs on leads

NEW

Rocky Park Community Garden

Open: Saturday 9:30am – 6pm

Entrance: Ellsworth Street E2 0AU

Nearest stations: Bethnal Green

Bus: 8, 388, 106, 254, D3, D6, 309

Cycle hire station: Pott Street



Rocky Park Community Garden, © Rocky Park Urban Growers

The garden

Rocky Park is an urban community garden. It was established in 2009, rising up from a disused play area plagued by antisocial behaviour. The garden became a great success and led the way for many other community food gardens across the borough. Rocky Park is run and maintained by the community. There are 70 individual raised growing beds, communal growing areas, an urban orchard, a bug hotel, various types of composting and much more. Growers grow a wide variety of vegetables and flowers, families growing together as well as individuals.

The garden is perfect for picnics amongst various flowering plants and shrubs.

Head Community Gardner: Michael Howard

Visitor Information

Activities: You will be warmly welcomed on the day to a variety of activities, there will be a opportunity to be involved in seed planting, pot painting, mobile making themed around the environment and short workshops around different types of composting.

Refreshments will be available: a variety of herb teas, coffees, soft drinks, home-made cakes and cookies. A donation would be amazing as it will help to provide funds for our numerous projects.

Toilets: Disabled toilet on site

Access: Fully accessible

Dogs: Dogs on leads

St Quintin Community Kitchen Garden

Open: Saturday and Sunday 11:30am – 4pm

Entrance: The entrance is on St Quintin Avenue next to the Health Centre.
W10 6NX

Nearest stations: Latimer Road, Ladbroke Grove, White City

Bus: 7, 23, 70, 228, 295, 316



St Quintin Community Kitchen Garden, © Colin Wing

The garden

In 2019 this kitchen garden, which was created from a disused tennis court, celebrated its 10th anniversary. The garden's 48 raised wooden beds maximise food-growing space, and most of those involved in the garden grow fruit, vegetables and flowers. Plot-holders donated OGSW 2017 proceeds to the Grenfell Tower Relief Fund after debris from the fire landed in some plots. St Quintin's won an Outstanding classification in London in Bloom between 2016 and 2018 ('It's Your Neighbourhood' section) and the London in Bloom Excellence in Gardening Award (2015). Individual plot-holders have won awards too. The garden featured in The Great British Garden Revival BBC2 series in 2013.

Capital Growth garden: 342

Visitor Information

Activities: Plants and home-made cakes for sale. Tea and coffee. Artworks by resident artists Denis Free and Donal Ryan and others TBA.. Picnics allowed.

Access: Narrow paths, ramps

Dogs: Dogs on leads

Walworth Allotment Association

Open: Saturday and Sunday 10am – 6pm

Entrance: Fielding Street, off Walworth Road, just west of railway bridge. SE17 3EQ

Nearest stations: Kennington, Elephant & Castle

Bus: 12, 68, 171, 176, 468 from E+C



Walworth Allotment Association, © Mike Kear

The garden

This site of 16 individual and shared allotment plots was established in the 1970s by the Walworth Allotment Association by a group of local people who were passionate about gardening and growing produce. The group prides itself on only using organic pesticides that enhance and care for the earth. A variety of vegetables, herbs, fruits and fruit trees now grow on this former reclaimed building site. A twice-yearly working party helps to maintain the site, which also boasts a wildlife area, beehives, pond and communal area.

Visitor Information

Activities: Home made cakes and refreshments

Toilets: Disabled toilet on site

Access: Ground uneven in parts, but still wheelchair accessible

Dogs: Dogs on leads

Plan your visit

With over 100 gardens opening their gates on 11 and 12 June, there are green spaces to suit every visitor. Use our garden search tool at www.londongardenstrust.org/log2022/garden-selector to plan your weekend by entering the types of garden you'd like to see, the area that interests you or the times when you'll be visiting.



Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses, © Diana Jarvis

About London Square Open Gardens Weekend

London Square Open Gardens weekend is organised by the London Gardens Trust, a small charity with a big mission to champion London's historic parks, gardens, squares and green spaces for the benefit of everyone. The weekend organising team comprises staff and dedicated volunteers, without whom the event would not be possible.

We are excited to work this year with title sponsor and leading residential developer London Square. We thank them for their support, alongside the support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association.

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