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Welcome to St Margaret's Glorious Gardens 2026



In this brochure, discover all the beautiful gardens you can visit across Somerset and North Dorset between April and October while raising funds for St Margaret's Hospice.

We know how important gardens and green spaces are for our well-being and mental health. Our hospice gardens serve as sanctuaries for patients, their loved ones, and our staff and volunteers. Spending time in the garden brings calm and gives those at our hospice hubs the space to reflect, while connecting with nature.

We are so grateful to our supporters for opening their gardens so everyone can appreciate the magnificent spaces they have created, while raising vital funds for local hospice care. Last year, our Glorious Gardens raised an incredible £31,471 - proving that every visit (and every slice of cake purchased) makes a real difference.

I'd like to say a **huge thank you** to the garden owners, sponsors, and volunteers who have worked so hard on this year's Glorious Gardens campaign. I hope you enjoy visiting these lovely outdoor spaces and perhaps even feel inspired to try something new in your garden this year.

Joanna Hall
CEO



Key



Refreshments



Dogs welcome on leads



Toilets available



Parking available



Garden is accessible to wheelchairs/pushchairs



New garden for 2026



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What difference does your support make?



We've been caring for patients and their loved ones in our community for 45 years – but we couldn't do it without the kindness and generosity of people like you.

Last year*, with your support, we were able to:

Support 5,680 people in Somerset, including end-of-life and Lymphoedema patients, and family members and carers who benefitted from our wraparound care, such as family support, bereavement and spiritual care.

Reach 1,662 people through our Community Nursing Team, working collaboratively with local healthcare providers to care for the most complex patients within their home settings.

Answer 7,096 calls to our 24-hour Advice Line for patients, families and healthcare professionals, and **18,000 calls via our Central Referral Centre**, which is the single point of access for the hospice for direct calls and referrals.

Support 245 patients through our family and carer focused services, helping their loved ones navigate uncertainty, loss, and change.

Welcome 238 patients to our Sunflower Centre day hospices, designed to offer peer connection, therapeutic support, symptom management, and emotional care in a relaxed setting, helping people live as well as possible throughout their illness.

Care for 213 patients on our specialist In-Patient Unit, providing end-of-life care and complex symptom management.

**Figures for financial year ending March 2025*



Yeovil & South Somerset



1. Croft House & Smithcroft Cottage

Combe St Nicholas

Embark on a whimsical journey through these idyllic gardens on the edge of the Blackdown Hills, where a warm welcome awaits from donkeys, Pekin bantam chickens, and friendly pet sheep. At Croft House, admire spring shrubs, a tranquil woodland, and a bustling allotment garden nestled beside majestic lime trees. Follow the donkey paddock to Smithcroft Cottage, where fruit trees and a flourishing vegetable patch await. Delight in stunning borders adorned with alliums, hellebores, camassias, Peruvian lilies, clematis, tulips, and foxgloves, while serene views offer space for quiet reflection.

Parking is available in the village.

Address: Combe St Nicholas, TA20 3NA & TA20 3LY

Open: Saturday 16 May | **Time:** 2pm - 4pm | **Admission:** Donation



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2. Court House

Yeovil



The stunning 17th-century Court House has 26 acres of beautiful gardens, a new heritage orchard, and a special garden – Geoff’s Memory Garden – dedicated to the owner’s late partner. The gardens are a dream for nature lovers, providing a haven for a variety of wildlife. Enjoy a selection of tea and cake in the Old Farmhouse kitchen in the barn.

Address: Court Lane, Stoford, Yeovil, BA22 9UA

Open: Saturday 30 May

Time: 10 - 4pm

Admission: £4 suggested donation*
(*50% shared with Geranium Trust)



On lead

Sandhurst Garden Design

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Contact Julie for garden and border design, planting plans, plant selection advice and garden styling

RHS Chelsea Flower Show
BBC Gardeners' World Live Gold Medal Award
Taunton Flower Show Gold Medal Award

NEW

3. South Petherton Open Gardens

South Petherton

Visit seven village gardens in South Petherton, each offering something truly special. Admire stunning displays of roses, specimen trees and fragrant wisteria, and explore wildlife-friendly spaces and wildflower meadows. Whether you're seeking inspiration for your own outdoor space, or you're curious about this beautiful collection of village gardens, there's no better way to spend a late spring afternoon. Start your day at any of the seven gardens and collect your map, which will also serve as your entrance ticket. Refreshments will be available at The Coach House and there will be plants available to purchase. Toilets are located at the William Blake Memorial Hall in Market Square.

Open: Sunday 14 June | **Time:** 2 - 6pm | **Admission:** £8 for all gardens

The Coach House

Address: 7 West Street, South Petherton, TA13 5DQ



On road

20A West Street

Address: South Petherton, TA13 5DH



On road

Limited

31 St James Street

Address: South Petherton, TA13 5BN



On road

Kings' Pleasure

Address: 24 Silver Street, South Petherton, TA13 5BZ



On road

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Barcroft Hall

Address: North Street, South Petherton, TA13 5DA



Disabled
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Highfield

Address: Whitfield Lane, South Petherton, TA13 5DF



On lead

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Boundary Cottage

Address: Hele Lane, South Petherton, TA13 5DY



On road



NEW

4. Hinton St George Village

Hinton St George

Visit nine unique gardens in this picturesque village. Hinton St George is the quintessential English village with honey coloured ham and local stone houses, a Grade I listed church, community shop and pub. The gardens showcase a variety of styles and features, including cottage gardens, contemporary gardens, classic English country house borders, water features, courtyard gardens, parterres, specimen trees and historic protective walls. You will receive a map when you purchase your ticket at St George's village hall, Merriott Road, TA17 8SL. Refreshments will also be available in the village hall.

Address: St George's Hall, Merriott Road, Hinton St George, TA17 8SL

Open: Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 June | **Time:** 11am - 4pm

Admission: £8 or £12 for both days (all gardens)



Assistance
dogs only



Studio Cottage

Address: Gas Lane, Hinton St George, TA17 8RX

Phoenix House

Address: Gas Lane, Hinton St George, TA17 8RX

The Old Malthouse

Address: High Street, Hinton St George, TA17 8SE

Fosseway

Address: High street, Hinton St George, TA17 8SE



The Priory

Address: High Street, Hinton St George, TA17 8SE

Southernhay

Address: High Street, Hinton St George, TA17 8SE

The Old Rectory

Address: Church Street, Hinton St George, TA17 8SP

Fig Tree Cottage

Address: Church Street, Hinton St George, TA17 8SP

Hidden House

Address: 26 Green Street, Hinton St George, TA17 8SQ



5. Ashe Cottage

Marston Magna



This delightful garden wraps around the cottage and has been designed to show interest all-year-round, with a beautiful variety of shrubs, trees and flowers. Don't miss the kitchen garden, complete with fruit bushes. Wildlife is at the heart of this tranquil space, with a pond, stumpy and flowers creating a haven for insects. Tea and cake will be served in the garden.

Address: Rimpton Road, Marston Magna, BA22 8DH

Open: Sunday 5, Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 July, Saturday 8, Sunday 9, Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 August

Time: 2 - 5pm

Admission: £5 (including refreshments)



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Donate today and help our nurses deliver expert care – now and always.

Our dedicated nurses work around the clock providing a lifeline of comfort, compassion, and dignity for those facing a life-limiting illness.

We're determined to be here for anyone who needs us in the future, but we can only do this with regular support to help us plan ahead with confidence.

Sponsor now



Sponsor a
St Margaret's
Hospice Nurse





6. St Margaret's Hospice Yeovil

Yeovil

Lee Dalligan,
Yeovil gardener

Step into summer at the beautiful gardens of St Margaret's Hospice Care, where winding paths are lined with vibrant displays of blooming shrubs and dahlias. Wander at your own pace, breathe in the fresh air, and marvel at the thoughtfully designed planting that makes this garden a sanctuary for patients and their loved ones, St Margaret's staff and volunteers.

Our Head Gardener, Lee, will be on hand to answer your questions and guide you through the garden, revealing peaceful wildlife habitats and sharing the inspiration behind this special space. Afterwards, treat yourself to a relaxing cup of tea and a delicious slice of homemade cake, lovingly prepared by the hospice catering team. You're also warmly invited to bring a picnic and enjoy a laid-back lunch on the lawn surrounded by nature.

There's plenty for families to enjoy, too! Children can take part in an exciting scavenger hunt, searching for natural treasures hidden throughout the gardens, and say hello to St Margaret's friendly mascot, Busy Bee. Enjoy garden games including the Nerf wall, Spin to Win, a tombola, and the ever-popular Glorious Gardens raffle.

To top it all off, soak up the joyful atmosphere with live performances from local bands and choirs in the Round House — the perfect soundtrack to a wonderful day of colour and community.

Address: Little Tarrat Lane, Yeovil, BA20 2HU

Open: Saturday 18 July | **Time:** 11am - 3pm | **Admission:** Donations gratefully received





Taunton, West Somerset & Sedgemoor

7. The Coach House

Taunton



The Coach House is part of an 18th-century listed building in the centre of Bishops Hull village with a large walled garden. Sadly, over the years, many of the original features have been lost; however, there are many mature trees, including a magnificent cedar. There is a large courtyard with colourful planters and tranquil seating areas, newly planted flower beds, and an old grape vine covering an arbour. At the lower end of the garden, a large pond forms the focal point of a lovely area abundant with wildlife.

Address: Bishops Hull, Taunton, TA1 5EP

Open: Sunday 26 April

Time: 10am - 4pm

Admission: £3



8. The Walled Gardens of Cannington

Cannington



The Walled Gardens of Cannington lie within the grounds of a medieval Priory, showcasing a stunning variety of displays. Mixed classic and contemporary borders include a stunning 'hot' herbaceous border, the blue garden, a sub-tropical walk, a Victorian style fernery, and the Mediterranean garden. Two smaller gardens can be found within the walls – The Bishop's and Southern Hemisphere Garden. Don't miss the botanical glasshouse, showcasing exotic plants from around the world. These unique gardens form part of UCS College Group - providing dynamic learning for students - and have a tearoom, plants for sale, and a gift shop.

Address: Church Street, Cannington, TA5 2HA

Open: Saturday 2 May

Time: 10am - 4pm

Admission: £7



NEW

9. Bedrock Barn

Taunton



Escape to the serenity of Bedrock Barn's garden oasis, where vibrant rhododendrons and azaleas paint the landscape. Amid graceful silver birch trees, discover two shimmering ponds with stunning views of the Quantock Hills, and follow secret paths to uncover hidden wonders. Immerse yourself in the wildflower meadow and explore the newly planted sunken garden. Indulge in cake or cream tea under a marquee, serenaded by the soothing melodies of a cellist. Plants may be available to purchase.

Address: Brompton Ralph, Taunton, TA4 2RT

Open: Sunday 10 May

Time: 2 - 5pm

Admission: £5 - shared with St Mary's Church Brompton Ralph



Limited

10. Durleigh Farm

Bridgwater



What better way to spend a day than at a wildlife-friendly flower farm? The garden at Durleigh Farm is overflowing with beautiful perennials, delightful annuals, and a colourful collection of containers – all available to purchase on the day with a percentage of plant sales going to St Margaret's Hospice. All generations of gardeners are invited to visit, and the owners extend a special welcome to children to experience this beautiful flower farm.

Address: Enmore Road, Durleigh, Bridgwater, TA5 2AW

Open: Sunday 17 May & Sunday 28 June

Time: 10am - 4pm

Admission: £4 (has card machine)



11. Hollam House

Dulverton



On the edge of Exmoor National Park, this south-facing garden is bursting with spring colour. The multi-level gardens at Hollam House cover five acres and will be in full bloom in May, when the rhododendrons and thousands of bulbs are at their most opulent. Discover many unusual trees and shrubs, a tranquil water garden, ponds, meadow areas, a summerhouse, and a rill at this truly special garden.

Note: children must be closely supervised due to open water and steep terraces.

Address: Dulverton, TA22 9JH

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Open: Saturday 23 May

Time: 1pm - 5pm

Admission: £7



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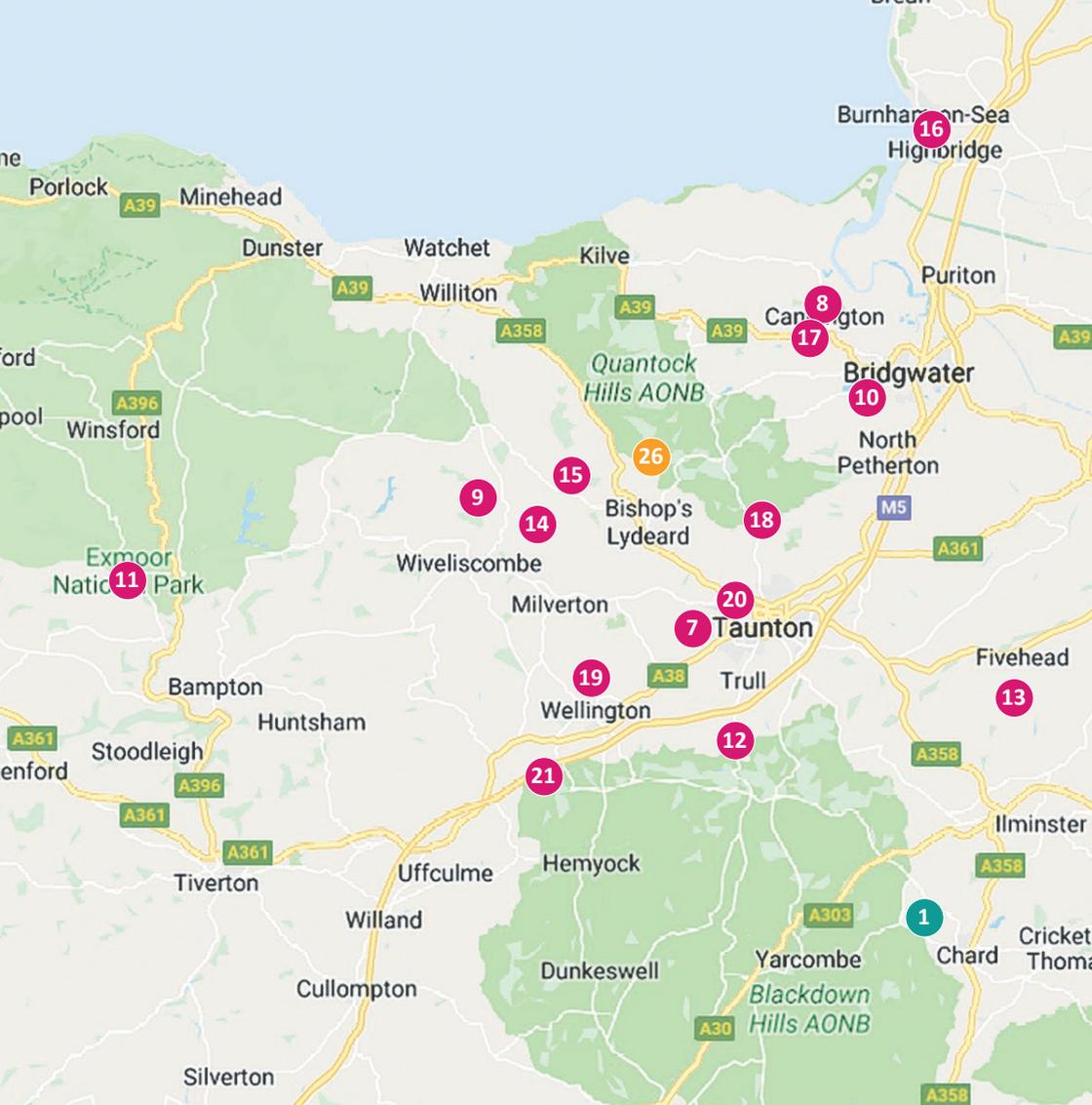
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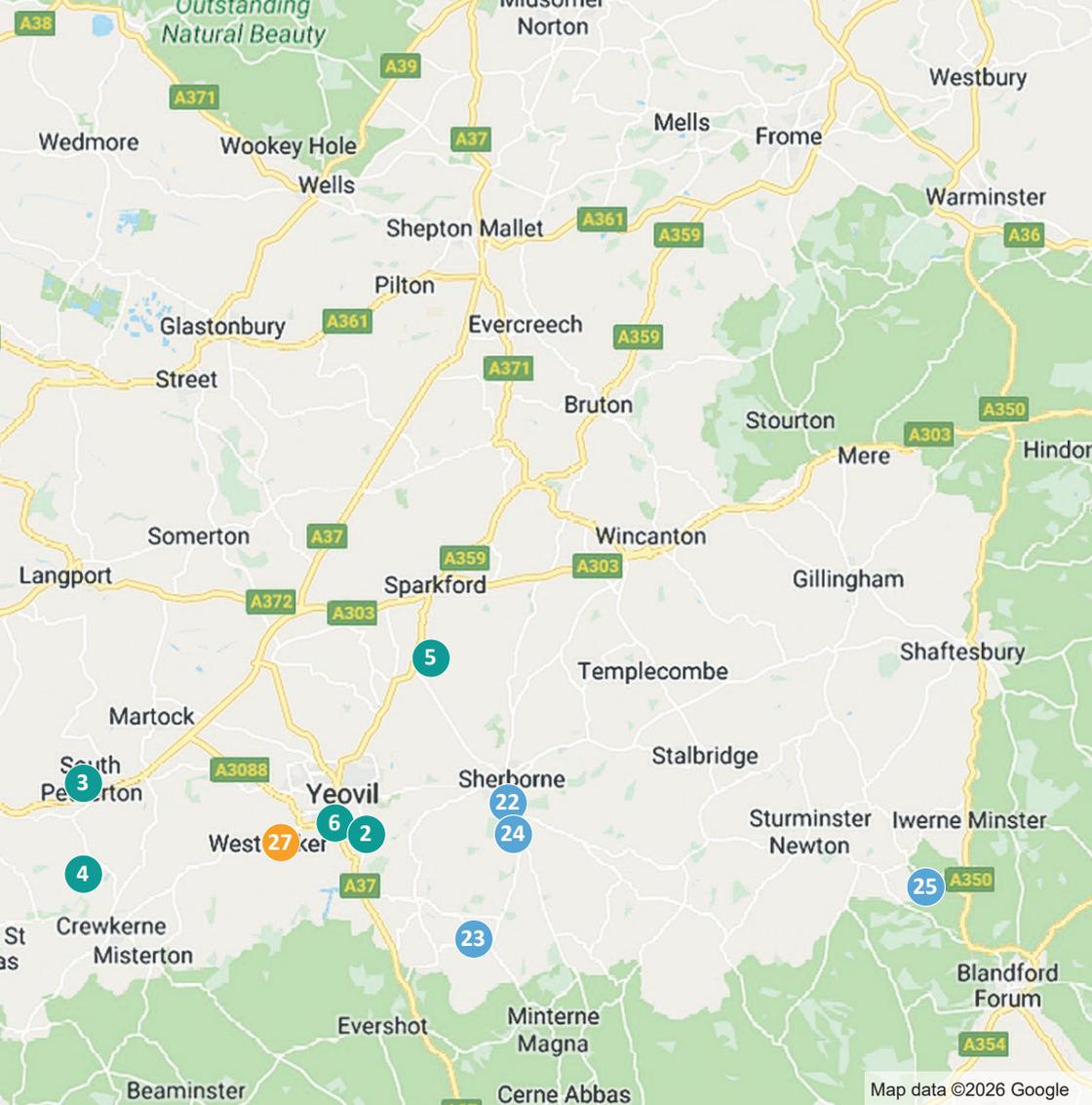
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Please note:
 This map is approximate,
 please refer to garden
 details for addresses.



NEW

12. Greener and Wilder Group Opening

Blagdon Hill

Visit 10 unique, wildlife-friendly gardens in Blagdon Hill and the surrounding hamlets on the northern slopes of the Blackdown Hills. These gardens are all part of the Greener & Wilder Blagdon Hill community initiative, focusing on wildlife and wellbeing. The garden owners meet on the Blagdon Green for activities including wildflower seeding, butterfly counts, and bat surveys. The gardens vary in size and design, from small colourful cottage gardens to larger formal gardens with streams, ponds, and beautiful views. All the gardens avoid peat and harmful chemicals and provide nectar-rich flowers for insects, water for birds and bees, and shelter in trees and hedges. Highlights for nature enthusiasts include nesting sites for Swallows, House Martins and Kingfishers, an underground rainwater harvesting system and picturesque walks along the stream. Start your day at any of the 10 gardens and collect your map, which will also serve as your entrance ticket. Refreshments will be available in five of the gardens.

Open: Sunday 24 & Monday 25 May | **Time:** 11am - 4pm

Admission: £10*

*50% shared with Green and Wilder Group



Ingleway House

Address: Sellicks Green, Blagdon Hill, Taunton, TA3 7SD



On road Limited

Pembroke (open Sunday 24 only)

Address: Blagdon Hill, Taunton, TA3 7SG



On road Limited

Lower Woodmans

Address: 4 Curdleigh Lane, Blagdon Hill, Taunton, TA3 7SH



Tea & cake

On road Limited

Autumn House

Address: Howleigh Lane, Blagdon Hill, Taunton, TA3 7SW



On road



Woodlands

Address: Blagdon Hill, Taunton, TA3 7SP



Hillcrest Cottage

Address: Blagdon Hill, Taunton, TA3 7SP



Toadstool Cottage

Address: Lowton, Taunton, TA3 7SX



Lower Chelmsine

Address: West Buckland, Wellington, TA21 9LW



The Old Parsonage

Address: Angersleigh, Taunton, TA3 7SY



Pitminster Lodge West

Address: Pitminster, Taunton, TA3 7AZ



NEW

13. Isle Abbots Village Opening

Taunton

Visit five beautiful and varied gardens in the picturesque village of Isle Abbots. Each offer something unique, from colourful mixed borders and mature trees to tranquil corners with sweeping views of the surrounding countryside. Some of the gardens feature rare and unusual plants, making this a delight for garden enthusiasts. At Pitts Cottage, visitors will be able to admire the Plant Heritage National Collection of *Papaver orientale* (Oriental poppies), which will hopefully be in bloom. You'll also have the chance to meet the cottage's two friendly resident pigs. There will be plants for sale on the day if you're feeling inspired after visiting these five special gardens. A map will be provided when you buy your entrance ticket.

Address: Isle Abbots, Taunton, TA3 6RH. (Field adjacent to Roselands TA3 6RH)

Open: Sunday 31 May | **Time:** 10am - 4pm | **Admission:** £10 for all five gardens



Limited



14. Westleigh Farm

Taunton



Since 2004, this special garden has been transformed into a haven for wildlife, with mature trees and wildlife ponds forming part of a rich eco-system. This tranquil garden is chemical-free, with a focus on vegetables, fruit and flowers. Orchids bloom in the damp meadow and a variety of insects and birds call the gardens home. The garden is on a slope, so different areas of the garden are accessed by terraces, steps, and ramps. Please note, only some parts of the garden are accessible to wheelchair users.

Address: Westleigh, Taunton, TA4 3RE

Open: Sunday 21 June

Time: 11am - 6pm

Admission: £7



Limited

15. Lydeard St Lawrence

School

Taunton



Discover this enchanting little village school with rural views of the Quantock Hills. Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea in the award-winning 'eco-school' courtyard garden and take part in bushcraft activities in the Forest School sanctuary. The community's Eco team look forward to welcoming you and celebrating their fresh produce, butterfly gardens and hedgehog hideaways.

Address: Lydeard St Lawrence, Taunton, TA4 3SF

Open: Saturday 27 June

Time: 11.30am - 1.30pm

Admission: £5



On road



16. 33 Ashcott Drive

Burnham On Sea



A small but mighty garden, recognised by the Somerset Wildlife Trust's Wildlife Garden Awards scheme. Designed with wildlife in mind, there is a beautiful wildflower patch and a small pond, with vibrant flower borders in full bloom in spring and summer. Although it is a small garden, it's perfect for a short wander followed by tea, coffee and cake and a chat with fellow nature enthusiasts. If it's a rainy day, there is a car port and cabin for shelter. Please note, due to the pond, children must be supervised at all times.

Address: Burnham On Sea, TA8 1HT

Open: Sunday 5 July

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Admission: Donation



On lead

Not
suitable for
wheelchairs

On road

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With the support of the hospice Ken found the confidence to play music again.

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Milestones to *Memories*

Watch the full story at
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17. Blackmore Farm

Cannington

Step back in time in the beautiful grounds surrounding the Manor House, which was built in 1486 by Sir Tremayll – a personal legal adviser to Henry VII. Discover a mixture of formal gardens and natural settings with views of the spectacular Quantock Hills. Blackmore Farm has won many prestigious awards, including ‘Guesthouse of the Year’ in the Bristol, Bath and Somerset Tourism Awards, and was awarded Gold four times in South West in Bloom. The gardens are free to visit, with guided tours around the Manor House at a cost of £10 per adult, £5 per child. Don’t miss out on the extensive menu of delicious homemade lunches and treats at the farm shop & café.

Address: Blackmore Lane, Cannington, TA5 2NE

Open: Saturday 18 & Sunday 26 July, Saturday 8 & Sunday 16 August

Time: 11am - 4pm | House Tours available for £10 at 12pm, 2.15pm daily

Admission: Donation for gardens



Garden only



NEW



18. Kingston St Mary Village Opening Taunton

Discover five unique gardens in the charming village of Kingston St Mary. During your visit, admire quintessential thatched cottages, explore intriguing ‘crinkle crinkle’ follies and take in stunning views of the Quantock Hills. In the summer, you’ll see colourful herbaceous flowers, annuals, roses and sweet peas. One of the gardens is a new plantsman’s garden, with a focus on South African plants. We invite you to take a moment to relax in one of the peaceful seating areas and immerse yourself in nature. Please purchase your tickets at the village hall and collect a map for your visit – refreshments will also be served in the village hall.

Address: Church Lane, Kingston St Mary , Taunton, TA2 8HR

Open: Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 July | **Time:** 2pm - 5pm | **Admission:** £8



At church
or on road

Limited



19. Nynehead Court

Wellington



NEW

Nynehead Court is a magnificent residential care home set within 14 acres of parkland, with extensive views towards the Blackdown Hills. The property is on Historic England's National Heritage List for England – the official register of all nationally protected historic buildings and sites in the country. One of the most noteworthy features is Nynehead Court's fine tree collection. At around 2pm, the Head Gardener will lead a free 45-minute tour of the garden, sharing the fascinating history of Nynehead Court.

Address: Nynehead, Wellington, TA21 0BN

Open: Sunday 26 July

Time: 2pm - 4.30pm

Admission: £4 garden only



20. Heron House

Taunton



The pretty gardens at Heron House wrap around the home, creating a peaceful environment for our residents to relax and enjoy. Beautifully manicured lawns and vibrant flower beds bring colour and life to every corner, while our Terrapins add a unique and charming touch. The gardens offer a safe, tranquil space where residents can connect with nature and spend time outdoors in comfort.

Address: Heron Drive, Bishops Hull, TA1 5HA

Open: Friday 7 August

Time: 13:30 - 15:30

Admission: £5



Limited On road

21. Hangeridge Farm Wellington



Nestled between the Blackdown and Quantock Hills sits this stunning one-acre plantsman's garden with a cottage feel. Surrounded by rural countryside, the garden offers a plethora of plants to suit all tastes, island beds with unusual perennials, shrubs, old roses, and specimen trees. There is somewhere for everyone to just sit back, relax, and embrace the tranquillity.

Address: Wellington, TA21 9QG

Open: Sunday 9 August

Time: 1pm - 5pm

Admission: £3



A Final Wish - *A Lifetime of Memories*

All Jacquie wanted was to meet a donkey and give it a back scratch. The hospice team made that dream a reality.

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Dorset

22. Sherborne Open Gardens

Sherborne

Lower Sheeplands



NEW

Lower Sheeplands is a unique, steeply terraced garden, incorporating both a traditional style garden and a wildflower meadow. The garden sits on a hillside with dry stone walls holding back the soil to provide narrow paths among equally narrow flower beds. There is plenty to admire, including three ponds, a waterfall, a raised bed vegetable plot, and exotic planting on the kitchen patio.

Address: Nethercoombe Lane, Sherborne DT9 4BU (Accessed by foot)*

Open: Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 June

Time: 10.30am - 4pm

Admission: £5**

*Please park in Sheeplands Lane or Marston Road NOT in Coombe road. A volunteer will guide you.

Will take payment for **BOTH Lower Sheeplands & St Catherine's Crescent. Map will be provided with details of St Catherine's Crescent.



On request

St Catherine's Crescent



NEW

This garden has been lovingly created by the owner, filled with shrubs and perennials providing colour and interest throughout the year. Although it is a modest plot, this special garden shows what can be achieved with creative planting and structures. There are two seating areas, including one nestled away at the top of the garden, perfect for watching the birds. In the front garden, take a moment to admire the wedding cake tree (*Cornus contraversa*), which will be at its most spectacular in June.



On road

23. The Old Vicarage

Leigh, Sherborne



With far-reaching countryside views, this elegant garden features a 20-metre semi-natural pond and a spectacular rose garden with 230 shrubs - all David Austin roses. The gardens at The Old Vicarage cover two acres and include a small mixed orchard, along with paved ornamental areas, annual planters, a small wild garden, mature trees, and lawns. There is a play area in the adjoining field.

Address: Batcombe Road, Leigh Sherborne, DT9 6HL

Open: Saturday 20 June

Time: 10am - 4pm

Admission: Donation



On lead



Glorious Gardens Raffle 2026



A chance to win some **fabulous prizes** and help raise vital funds for patients and their families across Somerset. Tickets are available to purchase at most St Margaret's Glorious Somerset Garden events.

Prizes include:

1st Prize – The Newt - Joint Membership

2nd Prize – Wellington Landscaping & Garden - £400 off any service or product

3rd Prize – Hestercombe house - Joint Membership

4th Prize – Glorious Gardens Days out - Forde Abbey and Gardens 1 adult ticket. Barleymows Farm Shop and Cafe £70 Voucher. Bishops Palace Wells VOUCHER FOR TWO ADULT DAY TICKETS (OR ADULT & CHILD)

Winners will be announced on Friday 11 September 2026 and published on st-margarets-hospice.org.uk
For terms and conditions, please see your raffle ticket.



24. Sherborne School Grounds

Sherborne

Manicured lawns and wildlife-friendly gardens sit within the stunning grounds of Sherborne School. Founded in 1850, Sherborne School is an independent boarding school for boys, located in the town centre, next to the spectacular Sherborne Abbey. The School Courts feature several different gardens – maintained by the school’s attentive gardening team – all of which boast unique views of the Abbey. The Beckett Lawns feature a bronze bust of Alan Turing, which honours one of the School’s most famous former pupils. The Fifth Form Garden is tucked away in a discreet corner of the Courts, offering a tranquil space with manicured lawns, bordered by lavender and butterfly-friendly wildflower plants and shrubs.

Address: Abbey Road, Sherborne, DT9 3LF

Open: Thursday 20 August | **Time:** 11am - 3pm | **Admission:** £3*

*All entry fees will be going to St Margaret’s Hospice but refreshments will go to Sherborne School.



Book in advance here:
trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/79545



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25. Hanford School

Blandford Forum

Roam through 45 acres of gardens and grounds at Hanford – a school for girls near Blandford Forum. Orchards, fields, and a characterful walled kitchen garden are waiting to be explored at Hanford. Wildflowers grow along borders of paths and in the walled garden to support pollinators and provide important habitats for local wildlife. The grounds team cultivate plants from their own seeds and propagate from cuttings, striving to improve biodiversity. The grounds are a key part of the school’s education programme – pupils are encouraged to learn valuable gardening and horticulture skills and are welcome to make dens, climb trees, and ride horses in their free time.

Address: Child Okeford, Blandford Forum, DT11 8HN

Open: Thursday 27 August | **Time:** 11am - 3pm | **Admission:** £5*

*All entry fees will be going to St Margaret’s Hospice but refreshments will go to Hanford School.



Book in advance here:
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26. Postbox Cottage By appointment only Taunton

Covering 1.5 acres, this picturesque garden has been carefully designed to offer something special all-year round, with spring bulbs flowering in the orchard through to late-flowering perennials and grasses in the walled garden. Set on the west side of the Quantock Hills with spectacular views towards Exmoor, this beautiful garden offers plenty of seating areas to unwind and immerse yourself in nature.

Address: West Bagborough, Taunton, TA4 3EF The what3words address is: ///pens.lecturers.loopholes

Open: Open by appointment for groups of 5 to 25 (April - end Oct)

Admission: £5



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27. Kingspring House Flexible by appointment Yeovil

Explore this expansive garden with evergreens and year-round colour. Admire the many flowering shrubs, heathers, and a variety of bulbs in spring. In summer and autumn, perennials, shrubs, roses, dahlias, bulbs and grasses are all in flower, creating a vibrant landscape. Don't miss the vegetable and fruit beds and be sure to stop by the tranquil pond. The patio and wall borders are carefully planted with a beautiful selection of shrubs, bulbs, perennials and annuals, surrounding Kingspring House.

Address: Higher Burton, East Coker, Yeovil, BA22 9LL

Open: Flexible By Appointment (Mar - Nov) | **Admission:** Donation

x8 cars only

Tel: 07771 204402 | **Email:** KingspringHouse@gmail.com



Additional information

When visiting our Glorious Gardens, please remember...

- Take care when exploring the gardens, especially near ponds and water features, and on steps and slopes
- Entry for children is free although any donation is welcomed. Children must be supervised at all times, and dogs must be kept on leads (where they are permitted – please check individual garden listings)
- Keep to marked paths
- Parking is at your own risk
- Bring cash with you, as most gardens cannot take card payments (children under 16 go free to all gardens).

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Volunteer with us

Our volunteers are an essential part of the team at St Margaret's, generously giving their time, energy and skills to support local hospice care. Thanks to our volunteers, we are able to support over 5,000 people across Somerset each year, providing free, compassionate care when it matters most.

We have flexible volunteering roles to suit everyone, whether you have a few hours to spare or more time to give. To get involved, please visit: st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/volunteer-with-us or contact us via:

E: volunteering@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk
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Join us for Glorious Gardens 2027!

Register **now** to open your garden in support of St Margaret's Hospice.

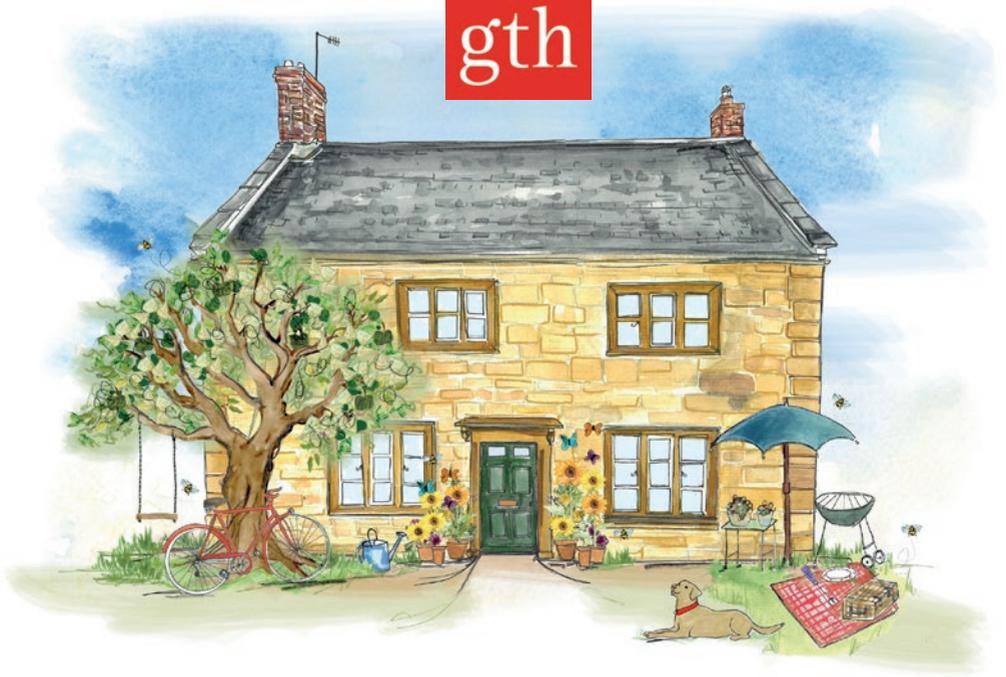
Glorious Gardens is about celebrating our community's love of gardening while raising vital funds for local hospice care.

We welcome gardens and green spaces of all sizes, from cottage gardens to community allotments, grand estates with manicured lawns, to back gardens bursting with colour! Our supporters love visiting all gardens, taking inspiration for their own outdoor spaces, and enjoy the smallest flower bed as much as a sweeping vista.

If you have a beautifully planted border that would make Monty Don proud, why not show it off? Whether you open your garden for one day or a whole season, you will help us continue caring for patients and their loved ones when it matters most.

We'd love to hear from you! Please email us:
gloriousgardens@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk
or call us on **01935 709496** for more information.



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