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Dear friends and supporters,

This summer we have had some super gardens open on our behalf and we still have more to come. Our three Partner Gardens are all holding special events in support of our charities and we couldn't be more pleased (see below). As the wider world can often bring many problems, many people find comfort in both gardening themselves and visiting other's gardens. Why not take time out to visit one of our lovely gardens and have a relaxing day out amongst like-minded people who take pleasure in the natural world around them, by trying to create something beautiful and welcoming.

If you find yourself some distance from one of our gardens, why not have a weekend away and visit a new part of the country that you have never seen before. Even travelling to a new department can be fun and enlightening. That's what we do!

Maybe you will be inspired to help us in some way too? Don't forget our gardens continue to open right through until October, so if your garden looks lovely later in the season, please don't hesitate to get in touch and someone will help you get organised.

Have a lovely summer and hope to see you at one of our gardens soon,



Sue Lambert

President.

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Discover Our Partner Gardens – Unique Events This Summer and Autumn

We are proud to work with three exceptional Partner Gardens, each officially recognised as a Jardin Remarquable. These stunning locations not only offer memorable experiences, but also generously support our fundraising efforts. Here's how you can enjoy them this year:

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AFTERNOON
Tea

EN SOUTENANT CET EVENEMENT
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DIMANCHE 20 JUILLET 2025 14H - 18H
ARBORETUM DE LA SEDELLE
VILLEJOINT 23160 CROZANT
ENTREE: 8 EUROS
VISITES GUIDEES: 14H15 ANGLAIS
ET 16H15 FRANCAIS

RESERVATIONS: SUELAMBERT.OPENGARDENS@GMAIL.COM

Join Us for a Summer Afternoon Tea at the Arboretum de La Sedelle! Crozant (23160)

Sunday 20th July 2025, from 2pm to 6pm.
Entry: €8

Enjoy Afternoon Tea at this breathtaking arboretum, hosted by long-standing supporters Philippe and Nell Wanty. Entry is €8 and includes a guided tour (English at 14:15, French at 16:15). Delicious food and refreshments available separately. **Pre-booking required.**

Reservations

Special Event - Arboretum du Château de Neuville d'Ussel – Neuville (19160)

Sunday 3rd August 2025, from 11am to 3pm
Entry: €10

Explore this remarkable arboretum and its chapel, with a guided tour led by Béatrix d'Ussel herself. Bring your own picnic to enjoy on the château's terrace. Entry is €10 per person. **Pre-booking required.**



Reservations



Jardin LACORE – Saint-Pardoux-d'Arnet (23260)

Sunday 28th September 2025, from 10am to 6pm. No pre booking required.

A garden like no other, crafted over 40 years by Alain Gribet and featuring a mosaic maze, viewing tower, and life-sized sculptures. Join us for a special opening, including a “Panorama of the Creuse” photo exhibition by J. L. Allègre, showcasing 30 panoramic works. A rare opportunity not to be missed!

Find full details and booking links on our website calendar. We are so grateful to these remarkable gardens for their continued support—do come along and enjoy a truly special day out!



Spotlight - Why We Support Le Réseau Bulle 23

At Open Gardens/Jardins Ouverts, we are proud to support Le Réseau Bulle 23, a Creuse-based association making a meaningful impact in the lives of individuals with autism and related neurodevelopmental conditions. Over the past decade, we've contributed **€14,000** to help them expand their reach and enhance their inclusive programmes. From creative workshops and hands-on cooking sessions to family-friendly outings and supportive community gatherings, Le Réseau Bulle 23 offers a lifeline to families navigating daily challenges. Their commitment to empowerment, inclusion, and awareness

aligns perfectly with our values, and we're honoured to play a part in their journey.

**Find out more about
Le Réseau Bulle 23**

Open Gardens/Jardins Ouverts Needs You!

We had a great response to our last call for volunteers—but we're still on the lookout for more passionate and creative people to join us. Whether you can spare a few hours a month or want to take on a bigger role, there are many ways to support Open Gardens/Jardins Ouverts and help us grow. We're especially keen to hear from anyone who might be able to help us with these two particular roles. Firstly, a WordPress Administrator to help update our website. You will be familiar with WordPress and be able to post content and manage our Garden pages. No coding or server/cloud knowledge is necessary — just confidence using WordPress and a good eye for detail.

And secondly a Membership Secretary - This role involves helping to manage our membership list and staying in touch with members by email. Whilst being fluent in French is not essential, a friendly disposition, basic computer skills, such as using email, spreadsheets and simple admin tools are important.

If you'd like to get involved, meet like-minded people, and support a cause that brings communities and gardens together, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact me [here](#).

Here are some dates for your diary:

16 Charente

16190 St. Laurent de Belzagot. - 6th July.

16320 Fontmorte, Rougnac – 14th June – ***please note***: this is a Saturday opening, not a Sunday.

16390 Labreuille, Montignac-le-Coq – Something for Membership Card holders - 22 June, 27 July, and 24th August.

19 Corrèze

19160 Neuvic – 3rd August. - Special Event – this is one of our Partner Gardens, L'Arboretum du Château de Neuvic d'Ussel. Guided tour of the Arboretum and chapel by Béatrix d'Ussel, followed by the opportunity to eat your own picnic on the château terrace/lawn. Entrance fee 10 euros per person. - ***to note: pre-booking required***, please see their garden page on our website.

23 La Creuse

23600 Montmoulard, Boussac-Bourg - 15th June.

23150 Valaize, Saint-Pardoux-les-Cardes - 6th July, three gardens opening together in this hamlet today.

23160 Villejoint, Crozant. - 20th July. **Special Event**, Afternoon Tea at one of our Partner gardens, the Arboretum de la Sedelle. Entrance fee 8 euros, to include guided tour of the arboretum in English at 14h.15 or in French at 16h.15. – refreshments and food will be sold separately. **To note: pre-booking required**, please see their garden page on our website.

23240 Besseresse, Saint-Priest-la-Plaine. 7th September.

23260 La Core, Saint-Pardoux-d'Arnet 28th September. **To note**: This is one of our Partner Gardens, Jardin Lacore; and there will also be a Photo exhibition "Panorama of the Creuse" of work by J L Allègre. (30 photos of 2.50m x 1m).

24 Dordogne

24300 Augignac - Commencing opening from 4th June 2025 by appointment only. Please see Garden Page on website for contact details. **New for 2025.**

24320 Champagne-et-Fontaine - 29th June.

37 Indre-et-Loire

37290 Yzeures-sur-Creuse - 28th and 29th June.

45 Loiret

45190 Beaugency - 29th June. **New for 2025.**

47 Lot-et-Garonne

47800 Montignac de Lauzun - Saturday 13th September. **New for 2025**

53 Mayenne

53340 Epineux-le-Seguin – 22 June and 20th July.

53110 Lassay-les-Châteaux - 15th June and 14th September.

53190 La Dorée - 28th and 29th June.

65 Hautes-Pyrénées

65330 Montastruc - 6th July. This garden is opening up a new department for us!

Please remember to check our calendar from time to time, as garden openers continue to add dates throughout the season.



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