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Dear friends and supporters,

With our 2025 opening season gradually coming to a close and our final garden opening in the Allier (03) on the 1st and 2nd of November, I am delighted to be able to tell you that this year we are able to donate 22,000 euros to our chosen charities. This will bring the total amount given to charity since we started to over 198,000 euros. A chart of our beneficiaries for this year is included below.

- A Chacun son Everest – €3,500
- Sourire à la Vie – €3,000
- À Bras Ouvert – €3,000
- Quelque Chose en Plus – €2,500
- Le Rire Médecin – €2,500
- Réseau Bulle 23 – €2,500
- AFS Costello et CFC – €2,500
- Actions pour l'Autisme Asperger – €1,500
- Association Violet – €1,000

I would like to thank most sincerely everyone involved in enabling us to raise this money. In whatever way you helped, whether as a garden opener, a coordinator, a member, a visitor, a Partner Garden, a conseil member, a technical administrator, a translator, a journalist or a volunteer making a cake or sitting at a garden gate, we have achieved this together and your part has been invaluable. I sincerely hope you enjoyed yourself, in whatever capacity you were involved; and do hope you will continue to support us again next year.

Yet again, people have surprised us by supporting us in unexpected ways, such as the association Graines de Cultures from the Oise, who so kindly donated 2,700 euros to us as our share of the entrance fee, following a garden design/brocante event held at the farm of Vincent et Albane des Bois De Warren one weekend in September. We were delighted to be invited to receive the cheque they gave to us, in the wonderful setting of the grounds at the Château de Chantilly. What a super end to yet another successful year!



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Behind the Garden Gate in Finistère...

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Step inside Jackie and Bryan Carrick's beautiful Finistère garden, where laburnum, hydrangeas and homemade cake take centre stage. Discover how their love of gardening — and a warm Breton welcome — has blossomed into a community favourite since 2016.



Gardening Through Change: Lessons from Gardens Across France

As gardeners, we're used to the rhythms of nature — the first buds, the lazy hum of summer bees, the rustle of autumn leaves. But across France, those rhythms are shifting. Hotter summers, sudden storms, and long, uncertain dry spells are challenging even the most experienced hands with the trowel. So, we turned to the people who know these gardens best — our very own Open Gardens members — to ask how they're adapting. From the cool north to

the sun-baked south, your answers painted a wonderfully varied picture of resilience, experimentation, and gentle reinvention.

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Cultivating the Next Season: Open Gardens/Jardins Ouverts invites New Committee Members and Coordinators

After several rewarding years of growth and achievement, the Open Gardens/Jardins Ouverts committee has reached a natural turning point in life's cycle. Like well-established perennials that have offered colour and abundance season after season, some of our current team now wishes to take a well-deserved pause.

To keep our charity flourishing and ensure a vibrant future, we are currently seeking enthusiastic individuals to step into some of their roles. Fresh energy, new ideas and a love of gardens are the nutrients that will sustain the next phase of our development.

The following positions will be available from 1st March 2026 and we welcome your interest in finding out what is involved, with a view to possibly being nominated.

- Treasurer – to carefully manage the financial roots that nourish our activities.
- Membership Secretary – to welcome and care for new members, ensuring our community continues to grow.
- Vice President – to provide essential support to the current president and continuity in her leadership.
- General committee members. - to also attend monthly committee meetings and help the team where your skills allow.

We are also seeking coordinators for the Creuse 23, the Mayenne 53, the Indre-et-Loire 37 and the Loiret 45.

If you have a passion for gardens and community, this is your opportunity to plant new ideas, nurture connections and help Open Gardens/Jardins Ouverts

continue to bloom for years to come.

For further details or to express your interest, please contact Sue Lambert at:
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Together, let's sow the seeds for the next thriving seasons of Open
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