



Message from the President - July 2026

Dear friends and supporters,

Well, here we are in mid-opening season and it's not only the weather that's hotting up!

We have a fairly new team on board, who seem to be brimming with enthusiasm and ideas and raring to go, so watch this space!

We have already had some super new gardens open and we have more to come, so do "Follow, like and share our "Facebook" posts if you can, to encourage more people to visit them. It's not too late to get involved yourself, particularly if you have a beautiful garden that looks lovely in the Autumn! Got good organisational skills? Think you could seek out new gardens? How about becoming a coordinator? Just contact me to find out more.

This year one of our Partner Gardens, L'Arboretum de la Sedelle will be opening on our behalf on Sunday 13th September. Not only is it a beautiful place to visit, but several members of the team will be on site should you want to find out more about the work we do and how you can get involved.

The charities of children and young adults we open our gardens for, need our help as much as ever. You can find out more about them by visiting our [website](#). Every entrance fee, cup of tea, piece of cake or plant bought, is another step towards donating to them at the end of our season. Please support us in whatever way you feel you can.



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A Shared Love of Gardens and Giving Back



There is something very special about opening a garden to others — sharing a beautiful space, meeting new people and raising money for a cause that matters. Leggett Immobilier has supported Open Gardens / Jardins Ouverts for many years.

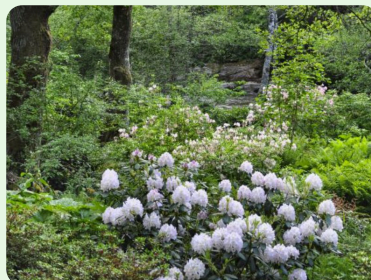
This summer, Joanna Leggett will once again open her garden in Champagne-et-Fontaine, Dordogne, on Sunday 12th July. Visitors can enjoy a relaxed day in lovely surroundings, have a wander, stop for a chat and support the work of Open Gardens / Jardins Ouverts at the same time.

It is exactly the kind of warm, welcoming occasion that reflects the spirit of the association. Read the full article [here](#) and discover more about this long-standing partnership.

Three Gardens to Discover...



03190
Lieu-dit Renaud,
Hérisson



23160
L'Arboretum de La
Sedelle



24320
Nanteuil-Auriac-de-
Bourzac

Set beside the River Aumance, this former abattoir and its surrounding land have been transformed over 22 years into a peaceful, wooded garden with intimate spaces, seasonal interest and rich riverside biodiversity.

31st October and 1st November

[View Garden](#)

Set across six hectares, this remarkable arboretum blends more than 400 plant species, including an outstanding maple collection, into a carefully sculpted landscape where cultivated gardens and natural habitats exist in harmony.

13th September

[View Garden](#)

This varied two-acre garden combines formal planting, courtyard spaces, wildflower meadow and emerging woodland, all managed with wildlife in mind and home to ponds, hundreds of young trees, wild orchids and a rich variety of insects, birds, reptiles and mammals.

Wednesday 8th July

[View Garden](#)



Social Media Support Volunteer

Could you help us?

We are looking for a friendly volunteer to help us share the Open Gardens / Jardins Ouverts story on social media.

This would be a light and flexible role, helping us create warm, engaging posts about garden openings, events, our volunteers and the difference the association makes.

There is no expectation to post every day, but you may be busier during our opening season. The role can be shaped around the time you are able to offer, and content, ideas and support will be provided.

The aim is simply to help more people discover our gardens, grow our community and encourage others to visit, join, volunteer or open their own garden. The role would suit someone who enjoys social media, gardens and community-focused causes, and who would like to contribute a little time to a friendly association. Please contact our President, Susan Lambert at president@opengardens.eu if you would like to discuss further.

Dates for your Diary

Open Gardens / Jardins Ouverts

The 2026 garden opening season is well underway, and we have lots of dates coming up across France.

Please check each individual garden page on our website before visiting, as opening times, booking requirements and event details may vary.

More dates will continue to be added throughout the season, so do keep an eye on our calendar and social media updates.

[Visit the Open Gardens website](#)

Upcoming garden openings and events

03 Allier

03390 Beaune d'Allier — 20th September, 10h00–18h30. New opening for 2026.

03310 Durdatt-Larequille — 27th September, 10h00–17h00.

03420 La Forêt, Terjat — 27th September, 10h00–17h00. Two gardens are expected to open together here. Further details will be added once their garden information has been confirmed.

03420 Saint-Fargeol — A further garden may also join the openings on 27th September, 10h00–17h00. Confirmation and full details are still awaited.

03190 Lieu-dit Renaud, Hérisson — Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November, 10h00–17h00. Two guided tours will take place each day: one at 10h30 for the Riverside garden, and one at 14h30 for those also interested in food forests and old orchards.

16 Charente

16390 Labreuille, Montignac-le-Coq — Something for Membership Card holders: 26th July, 23rd August and 20th September, 14h00–18h00.

16190 Bourné, Nonac — 28th June, 10h00–18h00. New for 2026.

16210 Chemin des Fontaines, Chez Bariot, Yviers — 5th July, 10h00–19h00. New for 2026.

23 Creuse

23240 Besseresse, Saint-Priest-la-Plaine — 6th September, 10h00–16h00.

23160 Villejoint, Crozant — Partner Garden: L'Arboretum de La Sedelle will open on our behalf on 13th September, 14h00–18h00. The guided tour in French will commence at 14h30. An English speaker will translate if required. The entrance fee, including the tour, is €8, or €6 on production of your OGJO Annual Membership Card 2026/27.

24 Dordogne

24300 Augnac — Opening by appointment only. Please see the garden page on our website for contact details.

24320 Nanteuil-Auriac-de-Bourzac — Wednesday 8th July, 10h00–16h00. New for 2026. Please note that this is a Wednesday opening.

24340 Champagne-et-Fontaine — 12th July, 10h00–16h00. One of our sponsor's gardens!

29 Finistère

29450 Sizun, Finistère — 25th and 26th July, 14h00–18h00.

37 Indre-et-Loire

37290 Yzeures-sur-Creuse — 4th and 5th July, 15h00–19h00.

47 Lot-et-Garonne

47800 Montignac-de-Lauzun — Saturday 19th September, 10h30–12h30 and 14h30–18h30. Please note that this is a Saturday opening.

86 Vienne

86250 Peussicot, Genouillé — This garden is opening by appointment only. Please see the garden page for contact details.

Please remember: garden openers continue to add dates throughout the season. We will keep you updated through this newsletter and on social media, but please check the calendar and individual garden pages before planning your visit.

[Check the latest dates](#)

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