

Ashton under Hill Open Gardens 2010

Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 June

Gardens and Other Attractions

BACK LANE *can also be accessed from Middle Farm*

1. Rails End Nursery and Garden

A well-stocked garden with a variety of herbaceous perennials and shrubs situated beside the family-run nursery selling a wide range of herbaceous and hardy plants.

Disabled friendly and plenty of parking available

BECKFORD ROAD

2. Middle Farm *can also be accessed from Back Lane*

This large garden has an arboretum, a garden room of formal flower beds bordered by a beech hedge, a woodland garden and a knot garden in front of the old stone house.

There is a pond and an adjoining stream with a variety of water plants. ***Disabled friendly***

3. Kingham House

Rising up from a fish pond with waterfall and colourful rockery behind the house, the garden is on several levels with variegated shrub borders; a woodland shade area leads to beds of herbaceous perennials.

4. Walnut Thatch

The church with its ancient yew and beech trees provides a backdrop to this colourful, bird-friendly garden. There is a range of beds with perennials, shrubs and trees on different levels, and a sheltered patio beside the new orangery.

ELMLEY ROAD

St Barbara's Church

The village church, which dates back to Norman times, is approached through the lychgate and churchyard with its lichened headstones. Inside are floral displays complementing the lime-washed interior and Arts & Crafts Movement inspired stained glass in the North Aisle and Chancel windows.

There is a **Wildlife** themed exhibition, and an audio-visual display about St Barbara's.

Disabled friendly, with level access up a sloping path.

The Star Inn (toilets available)

The traditional village pub will be open all day, serving a range of food and drink.

Disabled access

5. The Old Farmhouse

An interesting half-acre garden developed from a former farmyard and rickyard. Perennial and shrub beds for year-round interest, herb garden, pond and bog garden, kitchen garden with greenhouses, soft fruit cage, fruit trees. Plus a terrace, summerhouse and lots of pots. ***Disabled friendly***

Display in the stable by the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

Home-grown plants and home-made preserves for sale.

The Old Post House

Why not start your visit with a **traditional Ploughman's Lunch** served between 12.30-2.30 pm, or take a break from viewing and enjoy a **Cream Tea with a complimentary glass of bubbles**, served with delicious home-made preserves.

The Village Hall *Disabled friendly*

(Toilets in the Hall and in the entrance to the Green Room)

FIRST AID POST in the Green Room, North side of Village Hall.

TEAS with home-made cakes and filled rolls at lunchtime served by members of the Women's Institute.

On the forecourt: A Range of Stalls featuring **local nurseries** selling a variety of interesting plants, and a **Royal Society for the Protection of Birds stand**.

Grand Raffle with great prizes (Draw takes place at 5.00pm on Sunday)

6. Ashton First School

This exciting project was started 6 years ago by the children of the school. They are continuing to develop their very own garden, which includes a living willow tepee, vegetable beds and a wildlife area. ***Disabled friendly***

Display by Vale Wildlife Rescue in the school grounds

7. Bredon Holt

A charming garden with roses and unusual trees, including a *Ginkgo Biloba* framing the thatched cottage. There is an arboretum for visitors to enjoy, and a large productive vegetable area.

Display by Hereford and Worcester Master Composters on the entrance drive to the south of Bredon Holt

8. Larkspur

A secluded garden on the site of a former orchard, with an old cider mill in the front, and one of the original apple trees, set amongst lawns with shrub beds and borders and a goldfish pond. *Disabled friendly*

9. Hollymount (toilet available)

With its signature clipped holly tree, this formal garden is framed with trellis supporting a range of climbing plants. There are flower borders, rose beds, a shrub bed and an ancient walnut tree. *Disabled friendly*

Ice creams and bottled water for sale

The following garden can be accessed via BAKERS LANE or COTTONS LANE leading off ELMLEY ROAD - see map

10. Orchard House

A tranquil low maintenance garden with plenty of seats on which to rest. The beds and borders set amongst sweeping lawns have been imaginatively planted in the past four years to resist as far as possible the predations of the deer which roam in from Bredon Hill.

return to ELMLEY ROAD

Ashton Free Church

The non-conformist chapel was built in the early 20th century by public subscription. Visitors are invited to rest awhile, enjoy the flowers, and have a cup of tea in the adjacent Chapel Hall. (Toilet available).

11. Hideaway

Impressive displays of bedding plants characterise this large sloping garden with its shrubs, trees and pond. There are two glasshouses for the production of salad crops.

12. Pennfields

This relaxing garden with views across to Broadway Tower has a variety of shrubs, trees, roses and herbaceous plants, together with a pond, patio, kitchen garden and a wildflower meadow.

13. Morland

This gently sloping garden draws the visitor's eye to distant views of the Cotswold edge. It has been re-developed in recent years with a natural swimming pond edged with moisture-loving plants, a sunclock and pear hedge.

The following two gardens can be accessed from ELMLEY ROAD, or via a footpath with steps from WOOD LANE, opposite No.17.

GORSE HILL

14. No.24 Gorse Hill

A compact garden which has been tastefully planted over the past two years with a range of colourful flowers and shrubs. There are good views across the Vale.

15. Ashwood

New this year!

This extensive 3-acre garden, landscaped around the house with ponds and a stream, leads into natural woodland rising up the hillside.

WOOD LANE (Off ELMLEY ROAD or via the footpath with steps from GORSE HILL)

16. No. 21 Elmley Road (approach from WOOD LANE)

A large productive vegetable plot with a demonstration of organic compost making and the use of comfrey as fertiliser.

17. Ashbee

New this year!

A delightfully varied garden surrounding a new timber-framed house includes colourful borders, two ponds, an apiary, raised beds with organic vegetables, a small apple orchard and a half-acre of broadleaf woodland planted in 1991.

ELMLEY ROAD continued

18. Cherry Orchard

An extensive garden with perennials, a range of shrubs and a pond. The vegetable plot in the front garden is a recent development. ***Disabled friendly***

Ice creams and bottled water for sale.

19. No. 9 Elmley Road

This intimate garden is full of character and humour with a wide variety of objects and plants set amongst fruit trees. ***Disabled friendly***

CORNFIELD WAY

20. The Nutshell, No.43 Cornfield Way

A small imaginative cottage-style garden packed with plants. There is a gravelled area, pond, dry stone wall, shrubs and perennials. Vegetables and salads grown in boxes are a new development this year. ***Disabled friendly***

ELMLEY ROAD continued

21. Bredon Hill Middle School (200 yards from Cornfield Way) *New this year!*

This “work in progress” garden, which was started by the pupils 18 months ago, supplies the school kitchen with some of its vegetables. It is used for leisure time and lessons, and the children enjoy the salads and soft fruits.

HAMLET OF PARIS, BAKERS LANE *Not suitable for disabled visitors*

Approach by footpath through the churchyard, or a half-mile walk up Bakers Lane (fairly demanding) - see map - or use the shuttle bus service.

22. Beauchamp House

This sloping landscaped garden has Italianate fountains and colourful beds of perennials alongside a small natural stream. There are panoramic views across the valley eastwards to Dumbleton Hill, and seating is available.