



# Pulborough & Nutbourne Open Gardens 2024



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available - see  
website for  
details.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1-5 pm  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1-5 pm

In aid of Friends of Pulborough Parish Church

Our parish of Pulborough, including North Heath and Nutbourne, lies in the heart of beautiful Sussex. We are on the threshold of the South Downs National Park and the RSPB. Our gardens are a vital element in this rich ecological setting and worthy of our attention and interest.

Thank you to all those opening their gardens this weekend. In supporting the Friends of Pulborough Parish Church (FPPC) you are helping us to maintain the fabric and life of St.Mary's Parish Church and its place at the centre of our beautiful village. Sunday 16 June is the feast day of St.Richard of Chichester and is designated as **Sussex Day**: a good day to be celebrating our community in West Sussex.

Reverend Canon Paul Seaman  
Rector of St.Mary's, Pulborough

This is our second year of opening gardens in the parish to raise funds and promote community spirit for the Friends of Pulborough Parish Church. If you would like to join us by becoming members of the FPPC, we would be delighted to hear from you. There are membership forms available at the open gardens, leaflets in our church and you can join on our website.

A heartfelt Thank You to the 12 garden owners who are opening their gardens for you this weekend. Enjoy the fruits of their labour and have an enjoyable and interesting day.

Chris Williams  
FPPC

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## NUTBOURNE GARDEN DESCRIPTIONS

### **1) Stile Place Farmhouse, Gay Street, Nutbourne RH20 2HH (Chris and Liz Williams)**

About an acre with walled cottage garden, box parterre, rose pergola walks, a vegetable plot, wild meadow and large pond. Downs view. Less formal the further one moves from the house. Wheelchair accessible. Plants for sale

### **2) The Old Manor, The Street, Nutbourne RH20 2HE (Frank and Erica Riddle)**

This has been an important dwelling in Nutbourne for centuries. Roman coins have been found in the garden. A Victorian-style vegetable garden has been recreated. The solar panels power the pumping of water from the well within the house. The garden has a commanding view down the main street. Look out for how the owners have used the tiered slope.

### **3) Hobbs, The Street, Nutbourne RH20 2HE (Brian and Lynn White)**

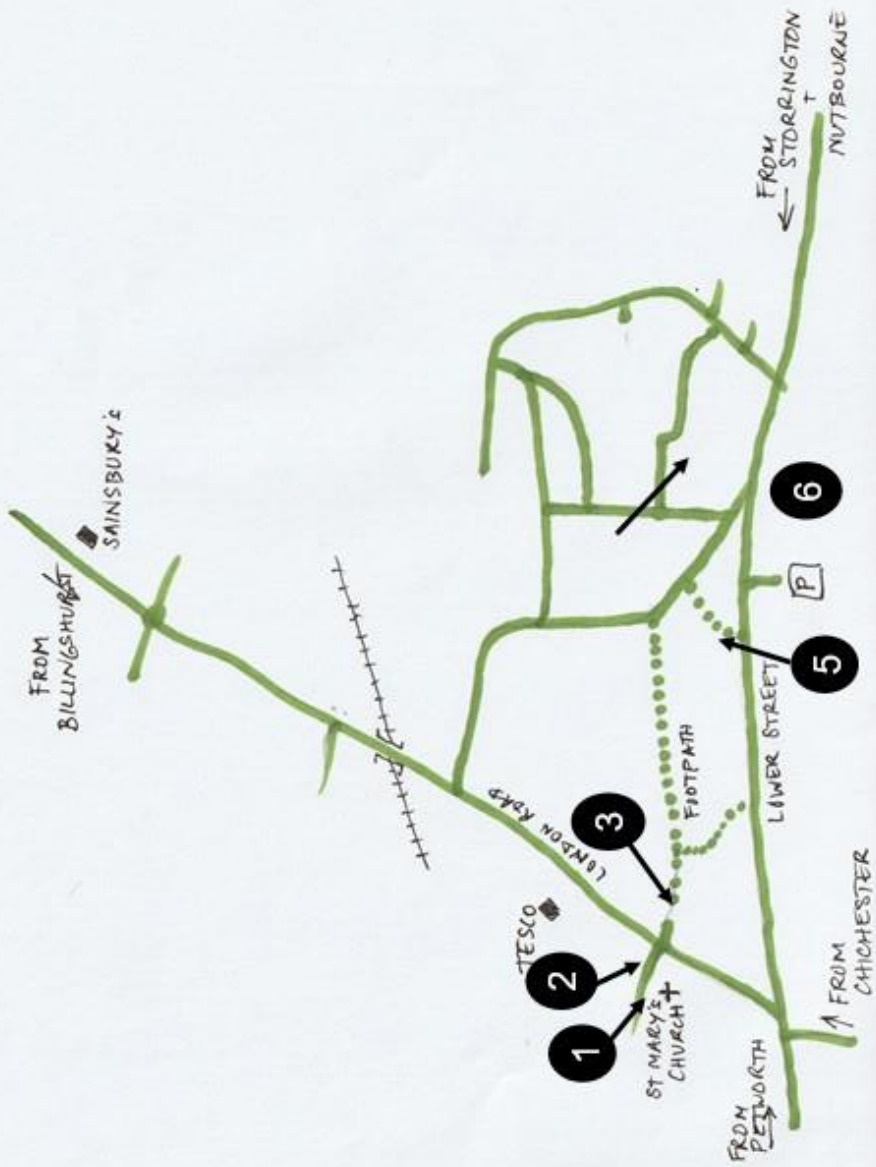
A delightful bijou cottage garden with a sunny aspect and a pergola with an outstanding wisteria inviting one to sip a glass of wine beneath it. An oasis on the high street and a few paces to the Rising Sun. Tea and cake offered.

### **4) Long Platt, The Street, Nutbourne RH20 2HE (Jill Marcuson)**

Long Platt is one of the oldest houses in Nutbourne, dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> century. “The garden is large and the paddock even bigger – and this is the best bit for me as it’s ideal for family gatherings with lots of space for outdoor living and there is a beautiful yurt for an extra bedroom. I am trying hard to encourage wildlife by not being too manicured and allowing areas to be wild. Planting insect friendly

# Nutbourne Gardens





flowers has resulted in more bees and butterflies .... Just need a bit more sunshine and less rain from now on!"

**5) Hillview, Stream Lane, Nutborune RH20 2HG (Liz Edwards)**

Small cottage garden with open outlook onto fields. A complete redesign started in 2020 by current owners after removal of two huge conifers and leylandii hedges. Brick paths through mixed borders make the garden fully accessible – even though they are still to be pointed! Wheelchair accessible and accessible toilet available

**PULBOROUGH GARDEN DESCRIPTIONS**

**1) St. Mary's Churchyard, Pulborough**

This churchyard has been entered in the 2024 "Best Kept Churchyard" competition. It is kept neat and tidy for families to visit their loved one's grave but areas on the perimeter are maintained to encourage wildlife to thrive. A maternity roost of 300+ pipistrelle bats live in the Summer in the eaves on the south side of the church and a barn owl sits on the ledge of the church tower. In Spring, green alkanet, bluebells and cow parsley flower in abundance attracting many pollinating insects. Fungi, including waxcaps, domecaps and webcaps, thrive on the short grass in the Autumn. A pair of swifts and two pairs of jackdaw share the same eaves to nest on the south side of the chancel area. At least seven different species of bird nest in the trees, bushes or indeed on the ground. Colourful butterflies and moths are regularly seen. Lichen adorn the grave stones. Cream teas served. Toilet facilities. Wheelchair friendly.

**2) Church House, Church Place, Pulborough RH20 1AE  
(Annie Williams) Open Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June only**

Church House is Georgian and its walled garden of about 1acre dates from roughly 1750. Laid mainly to lawn, it features some fine trees, including a weeping copper beech. An old Reading Room stands in one corner, again dating from the Georgian period.

**3) The Old Rectory, Old Rectory Lane, Pulborough RH20 2AF  
(Claire and Ashley Roscoe)**

Garden of approximately 3 acres split into one acre at the front of the house and 2 acres at the back. There is a sunken garden to admire in the front. At the back there are pretty borders, a wild flower garden encircling a pickleball court and a natural swimming pond with Summer House behind. Afternoon teas will be available. Not suitable for wheelchairs. NO PARKING

**4) Alderbury, Church Hill, Pulborough, RH20 1AB (John  
Dixon and Dame Marian Griffiths)**

This is a large garden of about one and a half acres. It is divided into different spaces including a duck pond, a small orchard, a large vegetable plot, a long south facing wall with espaliered fruit trees, two green houses (one being a large three quarter span house) a lawn with inset flower beds and a paved walk at the back of the house. There are plenty of places to sit to enjoy looking at the garden.

**Entry is signposted from the footpath off East Glebe field. Follow the path through the grassy area, through a gap in the hedge and then turn in a south westerly direction towards a garden gate at the end of a mowed path in the extreme south west corner.**

Not suitable for wheelchair access.

**5) The Cottage, Potts Lane, Pulborough RH20 2BT (Claire and John Denman)**

Our gardens are an eclectic mix of traditional cottage garden perennials, shrubs and a few horticultural surprises split over several different levels with numerous seating areas, a separate vegetable garden complete with chickens and a little roof terrace with views over the Downs. Not suitable for wheelchairs.

**6) Little Croft, Rectory Lane, Pulborough RH20 2AD (Barbara and Alan Caldecourt)**

An Edwardian house with a stunning view of the Wild Brooks and across to Hardham. A garden transformed by the present owners which makes the most of a sloping site (be careful on the steps) with shrubs, mixed borders, summer house, greenhouse, vegetable plot and pond with carp. Some tempting sitting-out areas to take in the views.

**7) 6 Southside, Pulborough RH20 2DH (Michael and Stephanie Pioli)**

A small triangular garden in two sections consisting of herbaceous borders providing year long colour next to a lawned area. A small vegetable garden is surrounded by herbaceous planting and grasses. Access to the garden is through a Utility Room and then down 7 steps. Narrow pathways around the garden. Not suitable for anyone with mobility issues.