

Why support Helmsley Walled Garden?

The charity maintains a five acre walled garden and plant centre. The surplus income we generate from these activities is used to maintain the historic garden and employ horticultural therapists who support individuals with learning disability and mental health issues.

Our charitable aims

- We provide horticultural therapy all year round: our supported volunteers tell us they love coming to the garden and how important it is to them. They gain self-confidence along with horticultural knowledge through working in small groups in our Plant Nursery.
- We work constantly to restore and maintain this historic site, developing it as a garden and maintaining the historic structures on site.
- We promote gardening to a wider public by answering questions from visitors, writing in gardening magazines and featuring in books, magazines, newspapers, radio and television.

We are a social enterprise, putting all profits back into the organisation. Your generosity helps us to do more.

Every time you visit the garden, buy a plant or a gift in our shop or have a cup of coffee at the Vine House Café, you are supporting our work.

Thank you for your support

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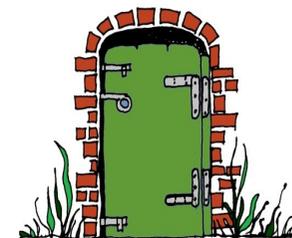
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How it all started

The story of the walled garden began when it was built in 1759. Charles Duncombe bought Helmsley Castle and the surrounding deer park in 1694 and the garden replaced the previous one, washed away in the Great Flood of 1754.

For the next 150 years up until World War One, it provided the vegetables, flowers and fruit for Lord Feversham at Duncombe Park. Its heyday was the Edwardian era when the garden could boast over twenty gardeners. The world changed forever with the end of the Great War when a generation who had left to fight for their King and country did not return. The house became a girls' school and the garden went through various incarnations.

After a period supporting the 'Dig for Victory' campaign, the site became a market garden, before finally closing in 1984. The garden slept for ten years before being discovered by Alison Ticehurst, a local woman who had a vision of using a garden as a place of healing. Armed with only self-belief, and a willing band of volunteers, Alison set about reclaiming the garden.

Tragically, Alison died in 1999 before she could see her dream realised. But the garden has continued to develop and evolve, guided by volunteers and staff who believe in the restorative value of gardening and the need to preserve the heritage of this site. Today, the garden still represents those values. We continue to support adults with a variety of disabilities and issues through horticultural therapy, whilst developing and restoring the garden to its full glory.

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Supporting the Garden

By becoming a Garden Friend of Helmsley Walled Garden, you join a group who really care about preserving this working garden in the historic market town of Helmsley, North Yorkshire.

Your contribution helps us:

- Develop the garden and continue the restoration process
- Provide help and support to vulnerable and disabled people through the provision of horticultural therapy
- Maintain our historic glasshouses
- Provide education in horticulture through courses and talks

As a Garden Friend you receive:

- Free entry to the garden throughout the season
- Regular news updates through the Garden Friend e-newsletter
- 20% off most purchases in the Plant Centre and Gift Shop
- Invites to special Garden Friends' events

To become a Garden Friend simply complete the attached form or go to our website at www.helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk to download a copy. You can email your completed forms to us at supporters@helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk or post it to:

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Your support is invaluable to us. Thank you