

## **Helmsley Walled Garden leaflet - 2017**

Discover this hidden garden  
Celebrating its 23rd year

### **Welcome to Helmsley Walled Garden**

Built in 1759, Helmsley Walled Garden's five acres sit beneath the imposing ruins of Helmsley Castle. The Garden provided the vegetables, fruit and flowers for the table of Duncombe Park until just after World War 1 when it was leased out as a market garden. Abandoned after it closed its doors for the final time in 1984, it fell into dereliction. Restoration started in 1994 and since then the Garden has gone from strength-to-strength through the dedicated care of staff and volunteers.

Now, restored glasshouses are full of colour and the Hot Border, a 120 metre double herbaceous border running the length of the Garden is planted in vibrant reds, yellows and oranges. Sit and enjoy the tranquillity of spaces such as the Garden of Contemplation or the White Garden. Or admire the wild flower meadows, walk in the Orchard, and see the range of apple varieties in the Yorkshire collection.

### **Plant Centre**

A wide range of perennials, shrubs and climbers are sold in the Plant Centre. Staff and supported volunteers grow stock for sale as part of our horticultural therapy programme. Garden staff in the Plant Centre will help visitors with any questions they may have about plants for their garden.

The Garden Shop can supply you with everything for the garden fertilisers and compost to labels and string. You'll also find a range of modern and heritage tools. If you are looking for gifts, you can

browse through our range of greetings cards, notelets, biscuits and sweets along with locally produced jams, chutneys and honey. Hand creams and soaps made from lavender and other natural ingredients are also available.

### **The Vine House Café**

Visitors to The Vine House Café sit beneath a collection of heritage vine cultivars in a beautifully restored Victorian Vinery to enjoy lunch or a light snack as well as delicious cakes and desserts. Produce from the Kitchen Garden goes to the café which also sources ingredients from local suppliers in and around North Yorkshire.

### **Horticultural Therapy**

This is a beautiful garden to visit, but it is also a social enterprise. Profits from the garden fund our horticultural therapy service. Supported volunteers learn horticultural skills and are encouraged to develop their potential, gaining skills and confidence in taking steps towards greater independence.

### **Courses**

**Botanical illustration** – learn how to look closely at flowers in order to turn them into beautiful illustrations: taught by award winning illustrator Bridget Gillespie.

**Willow weaving** – join Anthea Firth in creating structures of art for your garden. Each course has a different theme, from creating an owl to making plant supports.

**Creativity and Mindfulness Retreat** – explore our relationship with nature through words and images. Discover a new way of creating,

whether this is drawing or poetry, by using mindfulness as your foundation. Course tutors are Clare Belbin and Lauri Bower.

**For dates and further details on our courses and to keep up-to-date with all our events and courses, go to our website**

**[www.helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk](http://www.helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk)**

## **Becoming a Friend of the Garden**

Become a Friend of Helmsley Walled Garden and join a group who really care about preserving this historic working garden. Friends help us in:

- Developing the garden and continuing the restoration process
- Supporting disabled and vulnerable people learning new skills in gardening
- Maintaining our historic glasshouses
- Running gardening courses for local people

As a Friend you receive:

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

For more information and a membership form go to

**[www.helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk](http://www.helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk)**

## **Opening times**

The Garden is open every day from 1<sup>st</sup> April till 31<sup>st</sup> October, 10am till 5pm, last entry 4.30pm

## **Admission prices**

Adults: £7.50    Children under 16: Free

Entrance to Plant Sales, Café and Gift Shop: free

**Location:** Helmsley is on the A170, 25 miles north of York, 14 miles from Thirsk and 16 miles from Malton. The garden is a short walk from the centre of Helmsley. Follow signposts and the footpath from Cleveland Way Car Park.

### **Groups**

Pre-booked groups and coaches welcome. For more information about visiting the garden with a group go to the Visiting the garden pages at [www.helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk](http://www.helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk) or email [info@helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk](mailto:info@helmsleywalledgarden.org.uk).

### **Parking**

Helmsley Pay and Display Car Park is two minutes' walk away in Cleveland Way, disabled parking available at Garden entrance.

### **Access**

Full wheelchair access throughout garden, café and shop; two wheelchairs are available for use free of charge, pre-book to ensure availability: disabled toilet facilities available.

### **Dogs**

Dogs on leads welcome; drinking water available

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