



**Fifteen glorious gardens
around Goostrey**

**Sunday 11th June 2023
11am-5pm**

Garden details and map



**East Cheshire
Hospice**



Welcome

This is our second Goostrey Open Gardens event: thank you for supporting us. All proceeds (unless specified) from this event will raise vital funds for East Cheshire Hospice. Thank you also to Goostrey Parish Council, who have also been great supporters of this event.

There are 15 beautiful gardens for you to visit around the village.

This brochure is your guide to the day; we have included a map with each garden location, any hazards, and a brief description of the garden. These gardens are privately owned and we can't thank the owners enough for offering to share them with us. Many gardeners are hosting their own mini events, demonstrations and refreshments for charity, so please support them if you can. We ask that you bring along some cash as there will be no card payments available at most stalls.

Younger visitors are welcome and there is something for them to spot in every garden.

If you live in Goostrey and would like to open your garden in 2024, please contact Clare on 07966 160079 or Felicity on 07545 922766.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Clare Downing and Felicity Capey - Event Organisers

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Gardens

Garden 1

Address: Whitegates, Brick Bank Lane, Allostock, WA16 9LZ

Parking: Parking in meadow through main entrance.

Wheelchair Friendly: Yes

Hazards: Water feature

Converted seven years ago into an Eco home, with two small walled gardens which are relatively new additions. The small garden bordering the lane is a white garden with raised beds. The second private garden has a circular lawn, various climbers and a small herbaceous bed. Access to both is via the gate on the lane. Entering via the main gates is a raised lawn with dry stone walling. At the front of the house is a rill with modern planting. The summerhouse overlooks a meadow, with a small vegetable patch and raised beds.

Mini Event: Sale of cards and plants.

Children's Challenge: Can you spot the ladybird stones hidden around the garden?

Garden 2

Address: Victoria Cottage, Brick Bank Lane, Allostock, WA16 9LZ

Parking: In the meadow at Whitegates (garden No 1) to view both garden.

Wheelchair Friendly: Yes

Hazards: None

Over the last 3 years this florist's garden, which surrounds the property to all sides, has been transformed into individual garden rooms. The rear garden has a circular flower bed with an obelisk and perennials. An arch leads into the side cottage garden border, where perennials are protected by a large Cheshire brick wall. The latest development and front garden theme is more mediterranean, mostly white and green and filled with limelight hydrangea, pampas grass, lavender and olive trees. Along the drive are buxus balls interspersed with maypoles of sweet peas.

Mini Event: Prosecco, soft drinks, cake, sweet pea seeds.

Children's Challenge: Can you spot the Gold Star?

Garden 3

Address: The Woodlands, 13 Wood Lane, Goostrey, CW4 8NE

Parking: Wood Lane/ Forest Ave

Wheelchair Friendly: Yes

Hazards: Small pond

A relatively new garden started five years ago when it was mainly laid to lawn. The front garden is quite formal, a classic geometrical design with low box hedging surrounding seasonal flower beds. The back garden is more informal, containing flower borders, a pergola with seating, a small pond, a greenhouse plus a small raised bed for vegetables. At the side of the house is a gravel garden with approximately 14 different varieties of lavender. This garden is mainly organic to encourage birds, bees, bugs and butterflies.

Children's Challenge: Can you spot the fish out of water?

Garden 4

Address: 38 Forest Avenue, Goostrey, CW4 8LU

Parking: Wood Lane and Forest Avenue

Wheelchair Friendly: Yes

Hazards: Water feature

This gardener purchased a dilapidated bungalow under two years ago. Empty for three years, its garden was overgrown and ivy covered. Liking the shape that had been originally created, they set to and stripped out as much as possible, buying a tiller, turning the soil and starting again. The owner is a self-taught gardener, pottering about and adopting a trial and error policy. A lover of a bargain-for-free or dying plants, gaining tremendous satisfaction from rescuing, propagating and splitting plants, taking cuttings and sowing seeds.

Mini Event: Sale of handmade goods and small plant sale.

Children's Challenge: Can you find the Robin?

Garden 5

Address: 5 Sandy Lane, Goostrey, CW4 8NT

Parking: On Boothbed Lane and on RHS of Sandy Lane- Ambulance access required at all times

Wheelchair Friendly: Yes - limited to path only

Hazards: Water feature, uneven ground and steps from the house

This garden is a small, quirky and eclectic space featuring not only many different plants but also ornaments, paintings and a mini Gaudiesque wall surrounding the pond. The general idea of this small oasis is the co - existence of cultivated plants and weeds, thus providing diversity for the insect world. You will find a small mason bee village and a small fairy house...just in case.

Mini Event: Quirkydevine.com jewellery sale with profits on behalf of The Encephalitis Society.

Children's Challenge: Can you spot Edward the sleeping giant's head?

Garden 6

Address: 9 Shearbrook Lane off Mill Lane, Goostrey, CW4 8PR

Parking: Shearbrook Lane, Willow Lane and Mill Lane

Wheelchair Friendly: Yes

Hazards: Small Steps

A garden developed only 3 years ago but surrounded by old trees, giving privacy, shelter and interest. Two brick raised vegetable beds provide the house with plenty of produce, as does the beautiful, large, wooden, Victorian-style greenhouse. A brick raised flower bed is a relatively new addition, and is a work in progress, as the owners discover what plants are happy in this shady spot.

Mini Event: Coffee, tea, juice and cakes.

Children's Challenge: Bee a Garden Explorer! Collect 5 different insect cards hiding in the garden.

Garden 7

Address: 24 Mill Lane, Goostrey, CW4 8PN

Parking: Mill Lane

Wheelchair Friendly: Yes

Hazards: Steps

Traditional front garden including hedges, lawn and beds of perennials and shrubs. The enclosed back garden is a haven of productivity with raised beds, two fruit cages and greenhouse, several different acers and a hellebore bed. Much enjoyment is had from the challenge of harvesting seedlings and growing from cuttings.

Mini Event: Return of the very popular plant sale: predominantly featuring a range of perennials including some late summer flowering plants. Tea and cakes.

Children's Challenge: Where is the insect box?





Garden 8

Address: 3 Fieldside Close, Goostrey, CW4 8GD

Parking: In village, not on Fieldside Close

Wheelchair Friendly: No

Hazards: Large rose bushes around the garden and at entrance.

When the owners moved in twenty years ago the garden was a small lawned L shape with no borders or plants, just lots of stones left by the builders. The challenge was to make the most of a small garden. It is now divided into three areas or garden rooms to give an impression of greater size. The shrubs and trees have matured and now provide a secluded garden enhanced by a rose arch, box hedging and a climbing hydrangea.

Children's Challenge: Can you spot the cat?

Garden 9

Address: 6 Fieldside Close, Goostrey, CW4 8GD

Parking: In village, not on Fieldside close

Wheelchair Friendly: Yes

Hazards: No

A love of horticulture was initially inspired by this gardener's father, whose garden always looked beautiful. When the gardener moved to Goostrey 12 years ago, there were plenty of shrubs, but no summer colour to be seen. Since retiring, a herbaceous border has been created in the front garden which includes poppies, delphiniums and dahlias. The small back garden has a new shed and gazebo and colour is enhanced by the use of containers and bedding plants.

Mini Event: Sale of tea and cakes.

Children's Challenge: Can you spot the stone hedgehog hiding in the garden?

Garden 10

Address: The Orchards Farm, Twemlow, CW4 8DS (Bidlea Dairy)

Parking: At Bidlea Dairy. Toilets available. Disabled parking in Orchards Farm Yard

Wheelchair Friendly: Yes

Hazards: Uneven paths and large ornamental pond. Beware crossing road to and from dairy.

Orchards Farm was originally a fruit farm, hence its name. Owned by the very busy family who run a 300 strong herd of dairy cows and have recently started their own pasteurising & processing unit, which has evolved into a coffee shop selling their own award-winning ice cream. Now very much a large lawned family garden, it is very natural and has some lovely trees, offering peace and tranquillity away from the rest of the farm.

Mini Event: Flower arrangements in the garden by Goostrey Floral Club. Ice cream and cake.

Children's Challenge: Can you spot the island?

Garden 11

Address: 6 Spinney Avenue, Goostrey, CW4 8JE

Parking: Spinney Avenue

Wheelchair Friendly: Yes

Hazards: Small water features and uneven paving stones

Welcome to Little Orchard- an ever-evolving home to lots of wildlife. An organic fusion of herbs, shrubs, roses, and plants; most descendants from the same handful of plants bringing cohesion to the garden. Small but inspirational, a home to a variety fruit of trees and cosy corners to curl up in. Splashes of colour bring the garden to life with added moments of calm found by the water feature. Our medley of flowers and plants welcomes bumble bees and closer to the ground you may be able to spot some four legged friends.

Mini Event: Planting seeds with children

Children's Challenge: Can you spot the different cats?

Garden 12

Address: 2 Spinney Avenue, Goostrey, CW4 8JE

Parking: Spinney Avenue

Wheelchair Friendly: Yes

Hazards: Pond and steps

This garden is a mixture of perennials, annuals, and trees. There are also raised beds which produce a variety of vegetables and fruit. A trellis with many varieties of climbing roses and other climbers adjoins the seating areas. The garden attracts wildlife and birds, and is visited regularly by goldfinches, greenfinches, blue tits, coal tits, nuthatches, the occasional pheasant, and lots of squirrels.

Mini Event: Small plant sale.

Children's Challenge: Can you spot the Squirrel, Owl, and Hare?

Garden 13

Address: 21 Brooklands Drive, Goostrey, CW4 8JB

Parking: Brooklands Drive, Manor Avenue

Wheelchair Friendly: Yes

Hazards: No

Three years ago, this plot was more meadow than garden, with thigh-high grass and very few plants. Since then, it has been transformed into a family-friendly space planted with shrubs, acers and perennials. It has a patio area with pots, a lawn, a fragrant rose bed, a small vegetable garden and a child's play area nestling under a large willow tree.

Mini Event: Cold drinks and cakes baked by children.

Children's Challenge: Can you spot the dog?

Garden 14

Address: Blackden Hall, Blackden, CW4 8BY

Parking: Limited parking at Hall for disabled drivers and those with limited mobility. One way system on restricted bridleway from Station Road to Blackden Firs, then Bridge Lane for cars only. Beware potholes- drive at own risk. Please take extra care of pedestrians and cyclists. Speed limit 15 mph.

Wheelchair Friendly: Yes - limited to garden

Hazards: Uneven paths and pond in main garden. In woodland area steps, steep paths and damp stream side.

Upon moving to this home, the owners were the beneficiaries of this lovely garden, which was originally planned and planted in the 1970s. To the left of the main lawn are a number of distinct garden 'pockets', including a pond, a shaded tree-swing, fruit trees and a hidden pathway beside the rhododendrons. To the right is a vegetable patch with raised beds. Beyond this a wild-grass meadow with a gate leading to a grazing field. Across the field, another gate takes you into the woods, with steps down to the stream.

Mini Event: Tea and cakes.

Children's Challenge: Can you spot the owl box?



Garden 15

Address: Old Medicine House, Blackden Firs, Blackden, CW4 8BY

Parking: Limited parking at property and Blackden Hall for disabled drivers and those with limited mobility. One way system on restricted bridleway from Station Road to Blackden Firs for cars. Beware potholes- drive at own risk. Please take extra care of pedestrians and cyclists. Speed limit 15 mph.

Wheelchair Friendly: No

Hazards: Uneven ground throughout and poisonous plants

The Old Medicine House, home of The Blackden Trust, sits in a unique garden. It is a place of stories. The herbs tell stories; the names of the gooseberries contain stories; and the two ancient houses on the site hold their secret stories. Treacle Walker by Alan Garner, which was short-listed for the Booker Prize 2022, is set here. All are part of the long story of the human occupation of the garden since Mesolithic hunters arrived ten thousand years ago. The herb beds and gooseberry pens are pockets of order in a wilding garden where native plants emerge amongst the long grass.

Mini Event: Retired pharmacist and herb expert Barbara Depledge will be on hand to inform visitors about the ancient herb garden.

Children's Challenge: Look out for the archaeological objects in the garden.

Important Notes

- You will need to show your ticket as you enter each garden.
- No dogs except for guide dogs in gardens please.
- Park sensibly (see each garden description for advice) and try to walk or cycle between gardens wherever possible.
- We advise visitors to gardens 14 and 15 to walk or cycle along the signed footpath leading from Station Road. Please do not attempt to walk up Blackden Lane as it is extremely narrow with fast traffic.
- You will not be able to use the toilets in any of the host gardeners' homes. There are toilets available at Bidlea Dairy, Pastimes Cafe (Patrons only) on Main Road, at the Crown pub and at The Space Invader pub.
- All children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Please be aware that some plants and flowers may be poisonous to humans or animals.
- Mini events will be cash only.

Thank you again for supporting this event. In 2022 we raised over £10,000 for East Cheshire Hospice and other charities.



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