

*Goostrey Open Gardens*



*on behalf of East Cheshire Hospice*

**Fifteen glorious gardens  
around Goostrey**

Sunday 9th June 2024  
11am-5pm

Garden details and map



**East Cheshire  
Hospice**



# Welcome

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This is our third 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, and the William Dean Trust who have also been great supporters of this event.

There are 15 beautiful gardens for you to visit around the village. New this year is a charity plant sale and Ice Cream stall courtesy of Bidlea Dairy on The Bogbean (see details on the back cover).

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.

Enjoy your day for these wonderful causes.

## Clare Downing and Felicity Capey - Event Organisers

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# Gardens

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## Garden 1

**Address:** Woodside, Wood Lane, Goostrey, CW4 8NE

**Parking:** Forest Avenue or Eaton Lane

**Wheelchair Friendly:** No

**Hazards:** Steps

This large garden consists of several formal borders to the front and rear of the house with a mix of shrubs, herbaceous and seasonal bedding plants. Trees in the garden include pear, silver birch, poplar, pine, copper beech, oak, cracked willow, cherry blossom and cypress. There is a vegetable plot to the rear. Lawns cover a large area and are kept pristine in front of house, a little less so at the rear which includes a re-wilded meadow. All are cared for by Ken the amazing gardener.

Ivy, Virginia creeper and winter flowering jasmine cover the house. Many songbirds occupy these and the thick hedges that surround the garden.

**Mini Event:** Sale of tea or coffee and cakes.

**Children's Challenge:** Can you find the bird bath?

## Garden 2

**Address:** 10 Meadow Avenue, Goostrey, CW4 8LS

**Parking:** Meadow Avenue

**Wheelchair Friendly:** Yes

**Hazards:** Steps

A mini vineyard in the heart of Goostrey! Following a visit to the RHS show at Tatton Park in 2016, this gardener decided to grow vines as a retirement project. This has now taken over the small garden with about 40 vines reaching maturity. The varieties chosen are developed to ripen the grapes in cooler climates. They make quite reasonable wine and keep this gardener busy from spring to autumn and for two days in January! Please visit to find out a lot more.

**Mini Event:** Raffle to win a bottle of Red or White wine produced by the Little Goostrey vineyard.

**Children's Challenge:** Can you spot the bird box?

**Additional Advice:** Speak to the owner about his vineyard

### Garden 3

**Address:** 9 Boothbed Road, Goostrey, CW4 8NA

**Parking:** Boothbed Road or Meadow Avenue

**Wheelchair Friendly:** Yes

**Hazards:** No

This garden is cleverly designed to include three distinct areas. The front includes a conifer rockery, mixed beds and planted containers. Pass through a gate to a lawned area with a raised bed of roses, perennials and annuals. There are mature shrubs and containers. The third area is fronted by a large summer house and consists of a cobbled and pebble area planted with mature shrubs. This leads to a paved area with seating, a raised bed and several containers.

**Mini Event:** Cakes and water will be served

**Children's Challenge:** Can you find the black metal cat?

### Garden 4

**Address:** Westwood, New Platt Lane, Goostrey, CW4 8NJ

**Parking:** New Platt Lane

**Wheelchair Friendly:** Yes but gravel drive and no access to woodland area

**Hazards:** Boardwalk and deep pond in woodland area

Westwood is a re-sized garden following the recent development of surrounding houses, when care was taken to preserve as many of the original trees as possible. The flower garden to the front of the house was once grass. To the rear of the house is a woodland area, which was totally overgrown and unusable. Time and toil have been invested into introducing a pond, clearing large areas and adding the construction of a boardwalk. There are raised beds for vegetables and fruits, a greenhouse housing tomatoes and borders that have flourished despite poor soil. The centrepiece in the rear garden is a large sequoia. Children and adults alike may enjoy feeling its soft and spongy bark.

**Mini Event:** Refreshments will be served in the garden

**Children's Challenge:** Can you count the hidden butterflies?

### Garden 5

**Address:** Hornbeam House, New Platt Lane, Goostrey, CW4 8NJ

**Parking:** New Platt Lane

**Wheelchair Friendly:** Yes (gravel drive)

**Hazards:** No

Five years ago this new build garden was just rubble, turf and paving stones but is now maturing well with two raised beds filled with colourful cut flowers, two outdoor entertaining areas, a lawn and a water feature which backs onto the shady woodland setting beyond. New this year is a small experimental wild flower patch in a shady area!

**Mini Event:** Pimms and Elderflower presse

**Children's Challenge:** Can you spot the metal bird feeder?

## Garden 6

**Address:** Holly Tree Cottage, Twemlow Lane, Cranage, CW4 8EX

**Parking:** Twemlow Lane

**Wheelchair Friendly:** Yes - restricted in places

**Hazards:** Pond and steps

This couple moved in with their dog Peppa 7 years ago with the lawn, most of the borders and trees already established. After a major extension along with the addition of 3 children in the past 5 years it is now a practical family garden. A work in progress which continues to see additions each year. These include a vegetable garden and Wendy house, solar panels and a 5000L rain water harvesting tank and a hen coop. In 2024 there will be a new potato patch, wild flower area and the latest project is an upgrade to the pond.

**Mini Event:** Sale of make your own bird feeder kits

**Children's Challenge:** Who are Hetty and Betty?



## Garden 7

**Address:** Hollins Farm, Twemlow Lane, Cranage, CW4 8GE

**Parking:** Plenty of parking for vehicles is available at the farm

**Wheelchair Friendly:** Yes

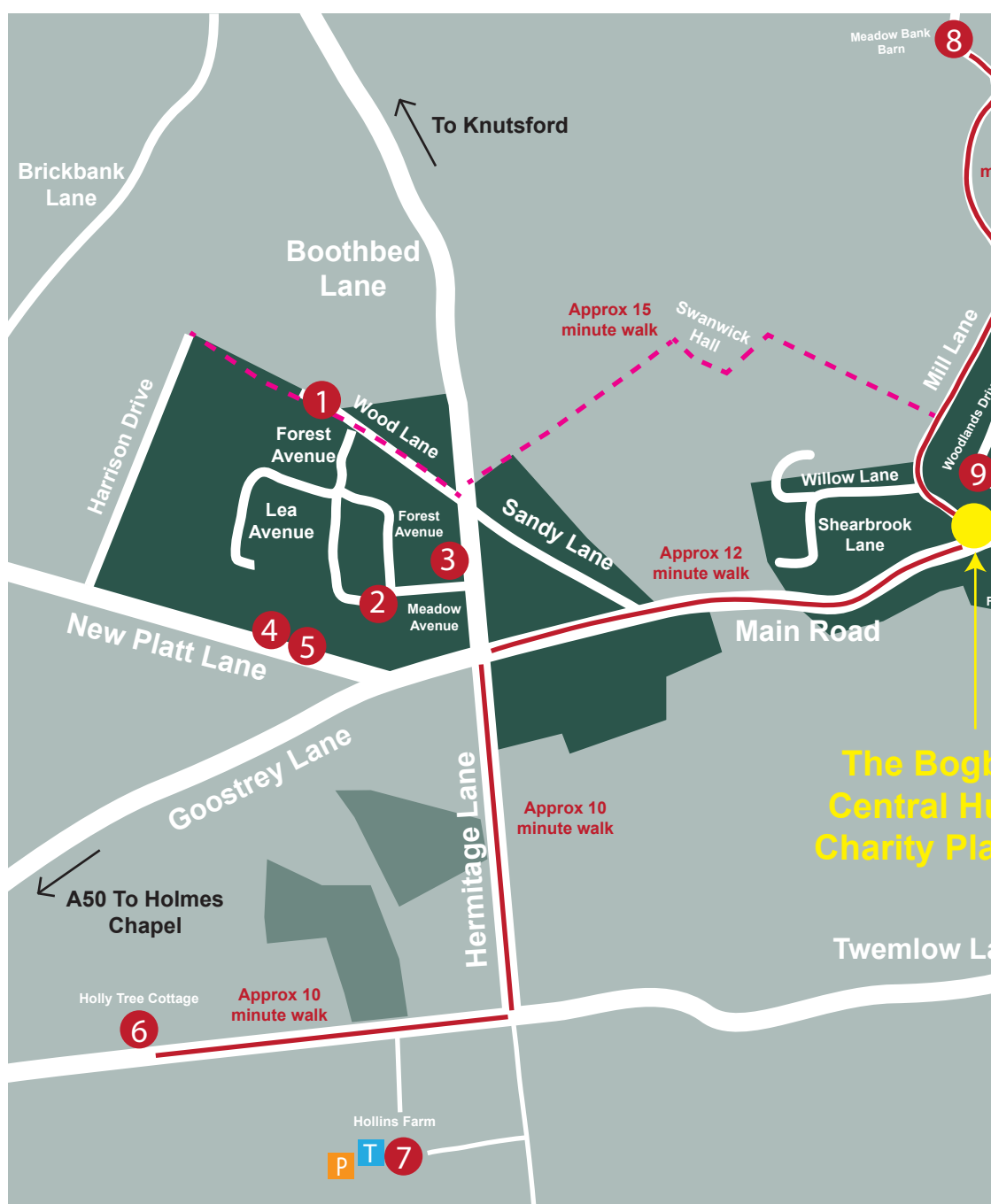
**Hazards:** This is a working dairy farm, please remain in garden areas only.

A variety of herbaceous borders and colour themed perennial plantings surround the house. In the Fire Garden an interchangeable system of pots (tulips, peonies and dahlias) nestle amongst the spring daffodils and cornus. Shady woodland beds in the Spring Garden contain countless bulbs, ferns, astilbes and a box wheel of white planting. Herbs are central to the Wellbeing Garden, a relaxing outdoor space for staff at the Granary Business Centre. An orchard and wildlife area give views to a small lake and the new woodland planted recently with approximately 500 trees and hedging.


**Mini Event:** Barbara Wilkinson DBTh MURHP Consultant Medical Herbalist and Naturopath will be available in the wellbeing garden to answer your questions on herbs and well being. Refreshments available in aid of The Storehouse Foodbank in Congleton

**Children's Challenge:** Can you spot 3 swallows in the Fire Garden and a hare in the Spring Garden?

**Additional Advice:** Speak to Barbara about herbs and wellbeing



**Key:**

 Toilets

 No's 1-15 Open Garden Locations

 Footpaths

 White lines - Roads

 Goostrey Train Station

 Plant Sale



## Garden 8

**Address:** Meadow Bank Barn, Mill Lane, Goostrey, CW4 8PW

**Parking:** 2/3 spaces for disabled parking but would prefer visitors to walk or cycle

**Wheelchair Friendly:** Yes

**Hazards:** No

The owners are delighted to be opening their garden again. Subtle but significant changes have been made which have helped open up a fairly congested area and have brought benefits to the ground cover planting and other trees in the bed. Sitting behind a mature hedge on Mill Lane, the garden consists of a number of distinct garden areas, including a vegetable plot and flower garden which aims to ensure cut flowers are grown to adorn the house from March to October, along with fruit and vegetables for the kitchen.

**Mini Event:** Cake, soft drinks and Prosecco

**Children's Challenge:** Can you spot the Garden gnome to win a prize?

## Garden 9

**Address:** 9 Woodlands Drive, Goostrey, CW4 8JH

**Parking:** Woodlands Drive

**Wheelchair Friendly:** Yes

**Hazards:** Small pond

Since retiring, the owners of this formerly borderless, deeply shaded garden have created colourful borders, with little knowledge of what should go where and when. There are several small seating areas and a new arbour, with star jasmine slowly climbing up it. A garden seat is shaded by a newly established wisteria, next to a small water feature. The owners like nothing better than to entertain outside and enjoy the birds, insects and other animals that come to feed.

**Children's Challenge:** Can you spot the metal lizard?

## Garden 10

**Address:** 64 Brooklands Drive, Goostrey, CW4 8JD

**Parking:** Brooklands Drive

**Wheelchair Friendly:** Yes - restricted in places

**Hazards:** Steps

Fifty years ago this gardener was bought a little acer. It cost £1.50 and has travelled ever since to four different houses. It also started a passion, some say an obsession for acers. So come and visit this garden and enjoy this large, fascinating collection of acers, mainly in pots, allowing this gardener to rearrange and showcase different acers as their colours change.

**Children's Challenge:** Can you find the hare?

**Additional Advice:** Speak to the owner about Acer care



## Garden 11

**Address:** Acresfield, 48 Brooklands Drive, Goostrey, CW4 8JD

**Parking:** Brooklands Drive or Manor Avenue

**Wheelchair Friendly:** Yes with assistance

**Hazards:** Steps and stream

Truly a secret garden in the heart of Goostrey. A plot of nearly 1.5 acres, invisible from the road, and almost completely screened from all of its neighbours by foliage. The garden runs down to the Red Lion Brook. Lots of grass, trees, space, seclusion and tranquillity; hardly any flowers, but a nice striped lawn! Come and enjoy the view of the garden and the Bongs while taking tea on the terrace.

**Mini Event:** Sale of tea, coffee and cakes (from noon)

**Children's Challenge:** Can you find the stream?



## Garden 12

**Address:** High Field, Blackden, CW4 8DQ

**Parking:** In the field at the house. One way system in operation

**Wheelchair Friendly:** Yes

**Hazards:** Ponds. Access to this farm is via a narrow country road. Pedestrians are advised to use footpath provided on map.

Originally owned as a semi-detached house, the two houses and garden were amalgamated in 2019. The beautiful garden is now in its fourth year, and has evolved and matured to house a formal area to the front of the Orangery, a drift of wild flowers sweeping down the middle of the lawn, a Rose Arch and a Cornish stone water feature. The planting is in the main naturalistic and bird and insect friendly and there are two ponds planted up for wildlife which attract frogs, toads, dragonflies etc. The old well is used to support the produce in the greenhouse.

**Mini Event:** Coffee, tea and cakes for sale

**Children's Challenge:** Can you spot the date stone on the house marking the year it was built?

### Garden 13

**Address:** The Old Vicarage, Church Bank, Goostrey, CW4 8PG

**Parking:** Church Bank, Space Invader, Crown Pub

**Wheelchair Friendly:** Yes

**Hazards:** Steps and some steep drops in the upper garden

A multi-level walled garden tucked behind St Luke's Church. The garden has been designed to support nature. With a wild flower meadow, a pond and dry hedges it has encouraged a wide range of insects, birds and small animals to take up residence. The upper terraces closest to the house in the shadow of the church provide seating surrounded by more formal planting with wonderful views of the meadow and pond below.

**Mini Event:** Information and examples of wildlife spotting and gardening for nature will feature in this garden, in addition to re-purposing household items and packaging for use in the garden.

**Children's Challenge:** Can you spot the hedgehog house?

**Additional Advice:** Speak to the owners about wildlife spotting and gardening for nature.

### Garden 14

**Address:** The Grange, 21B Station Road, Goostrey, CW4 8PJ

**Parking:** Station Road, Goostrey Station, paid car park

**Wheelchair Friendly:** Yes

**Hazards:** Water Feature

Large herbaceous borders crammed with well-known favourites such as roses, peonies, lupins and poppies blend softly in a naturalistic painting style, alongside specialist finds collected over the years. Herbaceous beds give way to a sunny alpine area which takes you through to a hidden spot with shrub roses and grasses. You can meander through the fruit, vegetable and cut flower garden or take a seat and relax by the pond or in the shady and fern area. The soft hum of bees is never far away, and the wilderness areas provide a hiding place for garden friendly insects.

**Mini Event:** Paintings by Helen, Margaret and friends will be on display in the garden.

**Children's Challenge:** Can you find the secret path around the pond to the water feature?

### Garden 15

**Address:** 57 Station Road, Goostrey, CW4 8PJ

**Parking:** Station Road, Goostrey Station, paid car park

**Wheelchair Friendly:** No - Restricted width of entrance and steps are not passable in a wheelchair.

**Hazards:** Steps leading down to the garden

A small, wildlife friendly, cottage garden brimming with trees, shrubs and perennials, overlooking Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope. Home to award winning gooseberry trees, resident frog and a haven for pollinators. New for 2024 a remodelled border. A cornucopia of horticultural delight

**Children's Challenge:** Can you spot the stone hedgehog?

**Additional Advice:** Speak to the owners about the art of champion gooseberry growing.

# Important Notes

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- 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 garden number 12 to walk or cycle along the signed footpath leading from Station Road. Please do not attempt to walk up Church Bank or Blackden 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 Pastimes Cafe (Patrons only) on Main Road, at the Crown pub and at The Space Invader pub and gardens 7 and 12.
- 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.
- Please view map for appropriate walking times to outlying gardens.

Thank you again for supporting this event. In our third year, we have so far raised over £26,000 for East Cheshire Hospice and other charities.



# The Bogbean

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Located in the centre of the village, the ancient Bogbean plays host to a number of additional attractions.

- A charity plant sale of plants grown by our host gardeners
- A sale of handmade goods on behalf of East Cheshire Hospice
- The Space Invader pub's mobile bar, Clementine will be selling drinks.
- A ice cream stall courtesy of Bidlea Dairy in aid of East Cheshire Hospice and St Luke's Hospice



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