

## **Buriton Open Gardens and Renaturing Trail Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Gardens Open 2 – 5pm    Church Cream Teas 2pm - 5pm

Public Open Spaces – always open!

An opportunity to visit four inspiring gardens and some public open spaces around the village to see how they are catering for wildlife.

Enjoy a gentle stroll through our lovely village and see how the community are helping nature to heal our planet with some very simple renaturing initiatives. We hope to inspire you to join the campaign to support nature. There is a map overleaf to help you find these special spaces.

Make sure you visit the open gardens (venues 1, 3, 4 and 7) and the Church between 2 and 5pm. The other public open spaces are available for all to look at all the time.

### **Venue 1 – OPEN GARDEN Tithe House Garden**

Two acres of mixed planting and meadow grass. We have an orchard, wildlife pond (in desperate need of rain to fill it up!), Hornbeam hedging, nut trees, vegetable plot plus a numerical maze for some extra entertainment. Our aim has always been to be as natural as possible. We have a wildflower hay meadow which will have been harvested. Well behaved dogs on leads, with owners on poop patrol welcome.

### **Venue 2 – Heatherfield Green**

One of our lovely village greens is trying to push up some wild flowers and we have new residents in the form of wildlife friendly trees. We will have some advice on hand at Heatherfield Green on how to help hedgehogs in residential areas and some nature inspired art for sale at No 7 Heatherfield. Now take the cut way through to Bones Lane and enjoy some wild flowers along the way and you will find yourself in Bones Lane.

### **Venue 3 – OPEN GARDEN 52 Bones Lane**

Bones Lane is a particularly beautiful lane with banks full of wild flowers, some wonderful trees, a meadow and the entrance to the very special walk along the Links to Petersfield. Take a stroll up and down the lane and you are invited into the garden at number 52. Some bird and wildlife experts live here and they will be able to tell you a bit about their nature friendly garden and the birds we share our village life with. Well behaved dogs on leads, with owners on poop patrol welcome.

### **Venue 4 – OPEN GARDEN Stawell Bones Lane**

Then head further down the lane towards the Church and you are invited into the garden at Stawell. At Stawell we've experimented with the 'No Mow' concept and what works best for the bees, bugs, butterflies and garden birds. It's also easy to forage for nettle recipes when they are in your garden! We regularly have hedgehogs scurrying through and even nesting here. Blue tits have fledged from our nesting box for the last 2 years. We've had a variety of wild flowers, including orchids, springing up in the uncut lawns as well as frogs, toads and dozens of slow worms and swooping bats on summer evenings.

### **Venue 5 – Pond Green & Buriton Pond**

Now walk across Pond Green between some spectacular trees, soaking up some heavenly green vibes along the way, and cross the road to our beautiful pond. The surrounds are steeped in human history with our Church, Manor and Rectory. The Pond is a wildlife watering hole and part of the Buriton bee lines which enable our essential pollinators to travel from place to place doing their work to produce food for us and all other living things. It also has important plants and creatures of its own.

### **Venue 6 – St Mary's Church**

St Mary's is a treat to visit any day, but today they are providing you with delicious refreshments, so refuel here and help raise some funds for the Church. On the way back out, have a look at the recycling the Church is doing. Once outside you can also have a wander in the Church graveyard to see how our eco Church is doing good work for nature and looking beautiful too. We will have a Lichen expert on hand between 3.30pm and 5pm, to help you look at the wonderful world of Lichen.

### Venue 7 – OPEN GARDEN Toads Alley

Toads Alley - we try to make the garden as bird, bee and butterfly friendly as possible. Lots of beech hedging for the birds to nest and flowers through the seasons for the pollinators. In the field we keep parts of the grass long to encourage the insects and other wildlife to flourish. Please know we have 2 big dogs who may greet you with lots of barking (and then play fetch!) so sadly we have to request no other dogs.

### Venue 8 – Buriton Recreation Ground

Just by the wonderful rose garden at The White House, you will see a footpath sign and the turning to our Village Hall and Recreation Ground. Head to the far side of the hall and a beautifully maintained rec can be found. This is a place for human relaxation and sport, but we have made sure it is also ideal for other species. Walk around the rec and you will see our Bug Hotel in the new copse of Field Maples as well as the wild flower borders now teeming with yellow rattle and the other new trees and hedgerow planting. The edges are also full of burrows for small mammals – which they made all by themselves.

We hope you enjoy the stroll and if you can help with telling us about any interesting things you see along the way, or you can suggest an area that maybe improved for wildlife with some tree planting, please email [buritonbea@gmail.com](mailto:buritonbea@gmail.com) .

