



The Plant Review Handbook 2026

Celebrating plant societies and their work

From the Editor



Over the years I've used this editorial slot to try to set out the case for plant societies. Sometimes I've taken a plant-based approach: plant societies are extraordinary funds of knowledge about garden plants, I've pointed out, and they help to disseminate rare and unusual plants, foster

interest in them and even play their part in introducing new ones. Sometimes I've taken a people-based approach: the internet does many things surpassingly well, I've argued, but people need people, not screens, and in this technological age we should cherish more than ever organisations that bring people together.

Stirring stuff, you'll agree. But I've been cognisant in making these pleas that I'm somewhat preaching to the choir. The people who read the editorials are exactly those who are most predisposed to be persuaded by the arguments they present. Such echo-chamberism, though it can raise the spirits, actually does little towards achieving objectives.

The other thought that occurs is the troubling one that if it is necessary to make the case for something, then there must also exist a corresponding negative view of that thing that is being countered. After all, no one feels the need to make a case for something that is thriving, well-supported and under no threat. And it is hard not to conclude that plant societies are very much under threat at present. Not all, perhaps, but certainly many. Memberships are tumbling and discord and dissatisfaction are rife. It feels like a crisis point is nearing and the time for

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bold action may have arrived.

What that action might be is not an easy question to answer. However, it's worth pointing out that, though the specific interests of the societies listed in this handbook are diverse, the general interests are the same: a love of plants, of sharing knowledge, of cooperation and of human contact. I hope this common ground might be used as a basis to find joint solutions to the problems that face plant societies as a community. Before it's too late.

James Armitage
Editor, *The Plant Review*

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Explore the world of plant societies

If you've ever fallen in love with a must-have plant, only to discover it's not something you can easily get hold of, if at all, or spent hours trying to find a supplier for unusual seeds, or wondered how on earth you can get to see behind the scenes at a special garden ... then perhaps you need to join a plant society! You can look online to find out how to grow just about anything these days, but where can you talk to somebody who really knows the quirks of a specific plant, exactly how to succeed with it, and may even be generous enough to share a cutting with you?

There's a plant society for almost every plant you can think of, full of friendly enthusiasts happy to share experience, advice and enjoyment of their favourite plants. They often meet at social events and offer an exclusive range of benefits and activities which may include:

- Visits to collections and gardens not usually open to the public
- A community of friendly enthusiasts willing to share their knowledge and plants
- Opportunities to grow new and unusual plants through seed and plant-sharing schemes
- Visit or take part in shows, competitions and plant sales at RHS Gardens and other locations

- Regular publications and yearbooks
- Access to information and advice
- Online meetings, activities and competitions, making it even easier to get involved
- Talks and demonstrations
- A website that provides a wealth of information, advice, guide to events and inspirational photography.

Members and their plants are at the heart of these societies. Whatever your level of experience, you can connect with like-minded individuals, learning from each other through workshops, events and group activities, tapping into the collective knowledge and probably increasing your plant collection!

Many lifelong friendships are formed within these societies and membership also gives a sense of purpose, whether it's taking part in a competition, succeeding with a longed-for plant or sharing your knowledge with others at shows and events.

This handbook gives you all the information you need to find out more about joining a society that represents your favourite plant, and perhaps inspire you to grow something new.

Vanessa Penn
RHS Partnership Coordinator



HERBACEOUS BORDER AT RHS GARDEN HYDE HALL NEIL HEWORTH/RHS

*Gentiana sino-ornata* 'Starlight'

Alpine Garden Society

Founded in 1929, the AGS is now one of the largest specialist garden societies in the world. It is a charitable organisation primarily concerned with the cultivation of alpine and mountain plants.

The AGS is passionate about the conservation of alpine plants in the wild and it funds various projects across the UK and abroad. It also supports the development of knowledge and skills in the alpine field through conferences, study days and its AGS Trainee Scheme.

Members enjoy many benefits, from webinars, plant fairs and informative publications, to expert-led tours and one of the biggest seed exchanges in the world. The Society's quarterly journal is packed with articles and advice for enthusiasts of all abilities and experiences. Anyone can visit the AGS Garden at Pershore for free.

2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£20–60

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly digital journal and newsletter, option to buy twice-yearly 200-page full-colour journal
- Free webinars
- Seed exchange
- Network of local groups
- Free entry to more than 20 shows and plant fairs

*Grevillea juniperina* f. *sulphurea*

Australasian Plant Society

Formed nearly 40 years ago, the Australasian Plant Society was born out of a shared love of growing plants from Australia and New Zealand and the islands that surround them. Its members include people growing Australasian plants in their back gardens, keen enthusiasts, public gardens, nursery owners and head gardeners.

The Society aims to encourage the conservation and cultivation of Australasian plants and promote their suitability for the garden. Experienced growers are happy to share their specialist knowledge of these unusual and unique plants in person and through the Society's journal *Pentachondra*.

2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£15 UK; £18 overseas

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Twice-yearly journal
- Access to seed from an extensive, regularly updated list
- Expert advice on growing from seed
- Website members' area
- Visits to private and public gardens





TIM SANDALL / RHS

Rebutia 'Stardust'

British Cactus and Succulent Society

The British Cactus and Succulent Society has a worldwide membership and 60 branches in the UK and Ireland. Joining is a great way to learn more about these fascinating plants and meet like-minded enthusiasts through regular meetings.

The Society helps enthusiasts grow and enjoy these plants and provides an insight into their origin in nature. Its charitable objectives are to support professionals in the field in their research and conservation activities.

New members receive a pack containing useful information and cultivation and propagation guides to get started, as well as seeds.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£20 (concessions available)

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- *CactusWorld* – a leading quarterly journal
- Extensive seed list
- Large network of branches
- Shows and plant sales
- Educational courses and conventions



2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.



BRITISH CLEMATIS SOCIETY

Clematis 'Prince Charles'

British Clematis Society

The British Clematis Society was founded in 1991 in response to the growing interest in clematis. Its aim is to advance horticulture and promote the cultivation and preservation of the genus, encouraging more gardeners to grow and enjoy clematis.

There are three newsletters and a full-colour digital journal each year, with the option of a printed copy of the journal, plus an annual national meeting. Members have their own private section within the British Clematis Society website and the Society also hosts a Facebook page.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£15 e-membership (worldwide); £25 e-membership plus (UK); £35 e-membership plus (non-UK)

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Annual full-colour journal
- Regular newsletters



2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.



Conifer garden of
Mr D Ward, Leeds

British Conifer Society

For nursery people, enthusiasts and organisations with an interest in conifers, the non-profit-making British Conifer Society produces two issues of its journal annually and organises visits in both the UK and abroad.

Overseas trips are operated jointly by the BCS and the Dutch Conifer Society, and in the past few years have included destinations such as France, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Estonia and two locations in the USA.

Follow them on Facebook under the British Conifer Society, where you can ask questions that will be answered by a committee member, and join their British Conifer Society Facebook group.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£20

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Annual journal and regular newsletters
- Visits to the UK and abroad
- Contact with other conifer enthusiasts



2026 EVENTS

Please see website and Facebook page for full details of shows and events.



Fuchsia 'Lillian Annetts'

British Fuchsia Society

Since 1939 the British Fuchsia Society has been promoting, growing and enjoying fuchsias.

Its members enjoy a range of benefits including shows and displays, three publications and advice on all aspects of growing fuchsias. As a registered charity, the Society's aim is to advance the education of the public and further knowledge of fuchsias by encouraging, improving and extending cultivation of the genus in all possible ways.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£16–20

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Three publications
- Eight regional shows
- Three free fuchsias



2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.



British Hosta and Hemerocallis Society

The Society is a registered charity that was founded in 1981 and its current patron is HM King Charles III. Its primary objective is to encourage the use of hostas and daylilies in gardens and enhance our knowledge and understanding of their cultivation. In addition, it is one of the few societies engaged in research and surveys of the native habitats of the two genera and how they are impacted by climate change.

Members enjoy journals, seasonal social activities, and online access to past issues of publications, and are encouraged to contribute articles. They can also benefit from discounts at participating nurseries, exchange plants, and exhibit their collections at shows. The website shows events, gardens open to visitors, and specialist hosta and daylily nurseries. The handbooks provide valuable guidance on cultivation and propagation.

Since its inception, the Society has been prominently represented at major gardening shows and its members have gained numerous awards.

2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

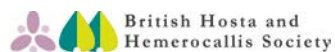
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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

See website for prices

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Two full-colour journals
- Summer weekend events
- Access to library
- Visits to members' open gardens
- Advice and answers to questions
- Discounts at listed nurseries



British Iris Society

Membership of the British Iris Society is for anyone who admires irises and wishes to further their knowledge of the genus. Founded in 1922, the Society's interests include all the *Iridaceae* from *Anomatheca* to *Watsonia* including *Crocus* and *Gladiolus*, but predominantly *Iris*.

The Society has two subgroups: Historic Irises Group and Beardless Irises Group; and three affiliated groups: Species Group, Southern Iris Group and West & Midlands Iris Group. All groups have their own annual publications and hold events including lectures and garden visits. The Society's own shows are a chance to exhibit but also to meet fellow enthusiasts and breeders and gain from their knowledge. The annual lecture day and AGM venue varies each year, but the meeting is always a friendly affair, so do think about joining if you have an interest in the *Iridaceae*.

Follow the Society on Facebook and Instagram.

2026 EVENTS

14 Feb Early Spring Show, RHS Garden Wisley

25 Apr Late Spring Show, RHS Garden Bridgewater

30 May Summer Show, RHS Garden Wisley

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£15

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Yearbook and twice-yearly newsletters
- Seed scheme
- Help growing, breeding and showing irises
- Shows, lectures, garden visits and webinars
- Access to libraries and digital images



*Athyrium niponicum*

British Pteridological Society

This Society for fern enthusiasts was founded in 1891 and is a focal point for those interested in ferns. It provides a wide range of information about ferns through its website, journals, leaflets and books. The Society also organises talks, excursions, field and garden meetings, and online talks through its regional and special interest groups.

The aims of the Society, which is run on a voluntary basis, are to promote all aspects of pteridology by encouraging the appreciation, conservation, cultivation and scientific study of ferns, horsetails, clubmosses and quillworts through publications, meetings and the provision of grants.

Its international membership includes those interested in gardening, natural history and botany, both amateur and professional. The Society is affiliated to the RHS and Plant Heritage and supports recording and conservation activities with other organisations.

2026 EVENTS

25–26 Jul Fern & Carnivorous Plant Show, RHS Garden Wisley

20–23 Aug Display at Southport Flower Show

Winter Monthly online international talks, Nov–Mar

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£21–25

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly publications
- Free spore distribution and plant exchange
- Garden visits
- Indoor meetings, lectures and workshops
- Horticultural advice

*Nepenthes x ventrata*

Carnivorous Plant Society

Membership of the Carnivorous Plant Society is for everyone interested in growing and learning more about these fascinating plants and their amazing adaptations. It is devoted to education and conservation, because only through awareness can these special plants and their habitats be protected.

Joining the Society brings introduction to like-minded enthusiasts, a wealth of growing advice, tips and social events. Your membership helps to fund conservation projects.

The Society is present at most RHS shows and holds carnivorous plant weekends at some RHS gardens and botanical gardens. In addition, the Society holds its AGM in the spring and its end-of-season meeting in the autumn. Talks are given to garden clubs and Society members hold around 20 open days across the country.

2026 EVENTS

25–26 Jul Fern & Carnivorous Plant Show, RHS Garden Wisley

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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W thecps.org.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£20–30

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Twice-yearly journal *Planta Carnivora*
- Regular newsletters
- Seed bank access
- Events, open days and meetings
- Online resources





The Cottage Garden, RHS Garden Rosemoor

Cottage Garden Society

With a more natural approach to gardening, the Cottage Garden Society, founded in 1982, encourages members to grow flowers, vegetables, fruit and herbs together, combining beautiful scents and colours with practical production. The resulting spaces provide a haven for birds, butterflies and other wildlife. By working with nature and companion planting, the Society aims to conserve older and rarer species of plants and protect them for the future. Members can take part in a very popular annual seed exchange, which introduces many to plants they have not grown before. This exchange also helps conserve older and rarer species of plants, protecting them for the future.

The Society has 30 local and specialist groups across the UK, and with members all over the world there is always someone new to meet. Follow the Society on Facebook.

2026 EVENTS

18–21 Jun BBC Gardeners' World Live, NEC, Birmingham
Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£15–18

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly magazine
- Seed exchange
- Regional and specialist groups
- Photo competition
- Group garden visits
- Educational display stands at flower shows



Cyclamen cilicium

Cyclamen Society

This international society is for gardeners, horticulturists and those with a scientific interest in the genus *Cyclamen*. It was founded in 1977, is UK-based and has 1,250 members, of which 16% are in Japan and 24% are from the rest of the world. The Society aims to further the knowledge of *Cyclamen* in cultivation and in the wild. It has a research programme that studies the habitat, distribution and morphology of the genus and finances molecular (DNA) laboratory work. The Society consults with government on conservation.

Membership benefits include a journal (with articles on cultivation, botany, *Cyclamen* in the wild, and research results), an annual seed distribution and access to a panel of experts. The four competitive shows provide an opportunity to meet other members, buy plants and publications and get advice from experts.

2026 EVENTS

14 Feb Winter Show, RHS Garden Wisley
28 Mar Spring Show, Birmingham Botanical Gardens
19 Sep Early Autumn Show, RHS Garden Harlow Carr
17 Oct Late Autumn Show, RHS Garden Bridgewater
Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£15 UK; £20 overseas

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Twice-yearly journal
- Annual seed distribution
- Shows with plant sales
- Panel of experts
- Specialist library





Daffodil Society

Established in 1898, the Daffodil Society is the specialist society of Great Britain for all who are interested in the genus *Narcissus*. It aims to promote the whole of the genus *Narcissus*, the botanical name for daffodils and narcissus, but uses the more common name of daffodil.

The Daffodil Society is open to everyone. Its membership includes keen gardeners, horticultural and gardening societies, professional growers, botanists, enthusiastic flower show exhibitors and daffodil lovers in general. It is also on Facebook.

CONTACT

W thedaffodilsociety.com

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£15–21

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Annual journal
- Annual newsletter
- Annual national show



2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.



Delphinium Society

The Delphinium Society is a registered charity with members worldwide. It was established in 1928 to promote the growing of delphiniums by means of educational, instructional and advisory services to its members. In 2025 it celebrated its 97th anniversary.

In 2014 the Society set up a plant donation scheme to raise the profile of delphiniums, and has provided significant numbers of plants to gardens open to the public around the UK. A list of these sites can be found on its website. It is the Society's intention to continue this scheme while funds permit.

The Society has an active Facebook group, which, over the past year, has gone from having 10,000 members to 16,000 members.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£10 UK; £15, €15 or \$20 overseas

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Annual yearbook
- Autumn bulletin
- Seed availability



2026 EVENTS

19–23 May RHS Chelsea Flower Show
Nov AGM, RHS Garden Wisley

Please see website for full details of shows and events.



Topiary at Levens Hall, Cumbria

European Boxwood and Topiary Society UK

The European Boxwood and Topiary Society is a not-for-profit, pan-European organisation with active groups in the UK, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, as well as members around the world. Its aim is to encourage and enhance knowledge, cultivation and conservation of boxwood and topiary through visits, publications, promotions, exhibitions and scientific research.

The Society's varied membership includes garden designers, historians, writers, scientists, nursery owners, professionals and amateurs.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£12–48

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- UK & Europe garden visits
- Lectures on the practice, science and history of boxwood and topiary
- Clipping workshops
- Annual *Topiarius* magazine
- Free promotion of your horticultural business



2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of events.

*Brahea armata*

European Palm Society

Founded in 1991, the European Palm Society (EPS) champions and is dedicated to the growing of palms and other exotic plants across Europe and other temperate regions. The EPS is affiliated to the International Palm Society. It recognises that many areas of the world experience similar climates to those in Europe, and therefore welcomes the sharing of experiences and knowledge from growers worldwide. The main goal of the EPS is promoting the pushing of boundaries in growing palms and exotics outdoors. It also encourages the cultivation of tropical and subtropical species in homes, conservatories and glasshouses.

Members communicate and share experiences through its website, discussion forum, Facebook page and by garden visits. An online archive of its former journal, *Chamaerops*, and other documents relevant to growing palms and exotic plants are available. Members can also share pollen to raise pure seed of less common species and develop potentially ornamental gardenworthy *Trachycarpus* hybrids.

2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

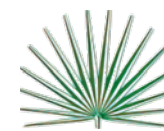
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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
Free, just register on website

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Website with large resource of information and members' cultivation experience
- Help, advice and plant identification from experts
- Behind-the-scenes garden and nursery visits
- Track down wanted plants and seeds
- Occasional seed offers of less-common palms





Platycerium bifurcatum

Exotic Fern Group

The Exotic Fern Group is a community for enthusiasts of tropical, subtropical and indoor ferns. It brings together individuals who share a passion for these unique plants, offering opportunities to connect, learn and grow together.

Members enjoy regular newsletters, social visits to private fern collections and online presentations. It also organises trips to larger public fern collections. Members also benefit from access to fern and spore swap schemes, to expand and develop their own collections.

The Exotic Fern Group is committed to supporting public botanical gardens that feature exotic ferns, advocating for both diversity and specialisation within their collections. It actively promotes the cultivation of ferns as houseplants. It also recognises the importance of preserving and documenting private and public fern collections across the UK and worldwide.

2026 EVENTS

25–26 Jul Fern & Carnivorous Plant Show, RHS Garden Wisley
Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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W exoticferngroup.org

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

Free; annual journal £10

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Regular newsletters
- Annual journal
- Plant & spore exchanges
- Social meet ups
- Collection visits
- Online presentations
- Horticultural advice



Fritillaria epirotica

Fritillaria Group

The *Fritillaria* genus comprises about 160 species around the northern hemisphere. They grow in a variety of habitats from coastal cliffs to high mountains, and from seasonally wet habitats to semi-deserts. The Group's members grow a wide range of species successfully, including those that thrive in the open garden and others that require more specific conditions and careful nurturing.

The Group was formed in 1997 to increase interest in the observation and culture of this fascinating genus. Today it comprises members from all over the world, including both amateur and professional gardeners, amateur and academic botanists, plant breeders, geneticists, ecologists and photographers who enjoy its diversity and beauty. The website includes an excellent guide to the genus.

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W fritillaria.org.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£8–12

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Twice-yearly journal
- Seed exchange
- Meetings with speakers, photographic displays and live plant exhibits
- Visits to collections around the UK
- Plant sales and rare plant auctions



2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.



Papaver orientale
'Patty's Plum'

Hardy Plant Society

This national charity encourages interest in growing hardy perennial plants. Members receive *The Hardy Plant Journal* and three newsletters a year. They are also invited to join local and special interest groups.

The HPS website provides information about all its activities, regular blogs, image library and horticultural advisory service. Booklets and membership can be purchased there. The conservation scheme seeks to preserve older and less well-known cultivars and the seed distribution scheme offers around 2,000 varieties of seed donated by members. The Kenneth Black Bursary Scheme supports students and horticulturists working to further their education.

2026 EVENTS

8 Feb Galanthus Group meeting, Suffolk
18 Apr Pulmonaria Group meeting, Worcestershire
16 May Shade and Woodland Group meeting, Lancaster
17 May Ranunculaceae Group meeting, tbc
13 Jun Geranium Group meeting, RHS Garden Wisley
Jun Variegated Plants Group meeting, tbc
 Peony Group meeting, tbc
 National AGM, online
Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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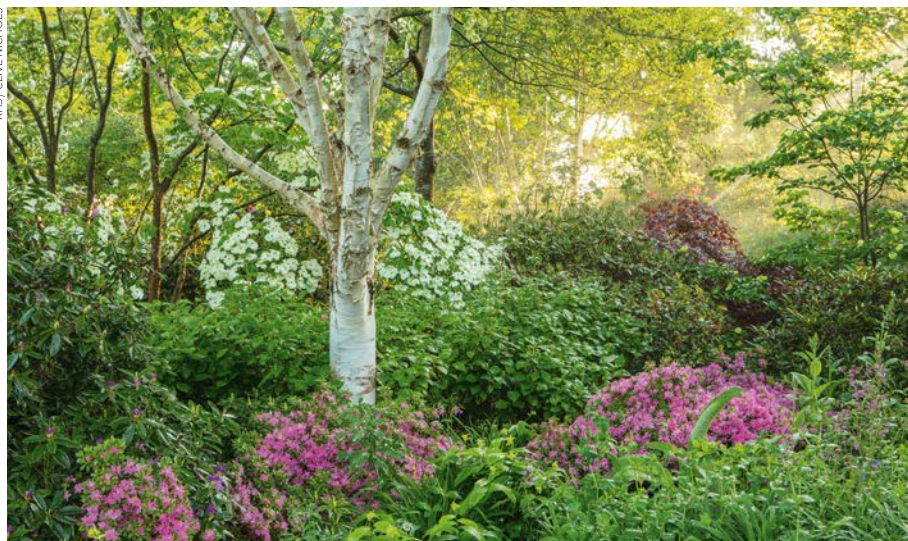
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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£27 single UK and overseas;
 £33 joint UK and overseas;
 £10 UK student

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Local and special interest groups
- Journals and newsletters
- Seed distribution scheme
- Conservation scheme



Hardy Plant Society – Special Interest Groups

Within the HPS are a number of Special Interest Groups, with members ranging from beginner to expert. For a small membership fee you can receive newsletters and attend an annual lecture day with a guest speaker and garden visit. The website for each group can be found at hardy-plant.org.uk/meet-us-at/specialist-groups



Galanthus Group

A must for snowdrop enthusiasts, Group members brave the cold and meet in February to admire the diversity of these gorgeous bulbs and for a chance to buy some of the more unusual cultivars.
galanthus@hardy-plant.org.uk

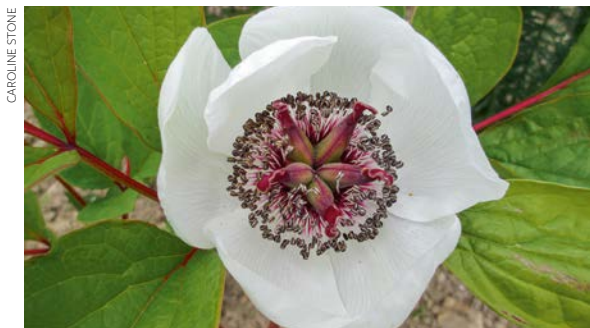


Hardy Geranium Group

There really is a geranium to suit every garden and hardy geraniums have been voted the HPS's favourite flower. Most are easy to grow and propagate providing flowers from spring to autumn.
hardygeranium@hardy-plant.org.uk

Peony Group

Whether your interest lies with species or garden cultivars, you can learn more about these beautiful plants from knowledgeable members who share a passion for these sumptuous summer flowers.
peony@hardy-plant.org.uk



CAROLINE STONE



JASON INGRAM / RHS

Ranunculaceae Group

This group of plants includes anemone, clematis, delphinium and thalictrum. It gets its name from 'rana', the Latin for frog, because many like damp conditions, but are adaptable and widely grown.
ranunculaceae@hardy-plant.org.uk



TIM SANDALL / RHS

Pulmonaria Group

With flowers that can be red or white as well as the typical blue and pink on the same stem, pulmonarias are the perfect foil to spring bulbs. The foliage is usually variegated and can look good into autumn.
pulmonaria@hardy-plant.org.uk



JASON INGRAM / RHS

Shade & Woodland Plants Group

Every garden has a shady spot, whether under trees or overshadowed by buildings. From hardy ferns to delicate trilliums, find out just how many beautiful plants can thrive in shady areas.
shade@hardy-plant.org.uk



TIM SANDALL / RHS

Variegated Plants Group

Variegated plants are often used as a focal point or to lighten a shady area. This Group encourages the use of unusual variegated forms and is responsible for introducing a number of firm favourites.
variegated@hardy-plant.org.uk



JOANNA KOSSAK / RHS

Veronica x andersonii

Hebe and New Zealand Plant Society

The Society was formed in 1985 to promote the cultivation and conservation of *Hebe* (shrubby *Veronica*) and New Zealand plants in the UK and abroad. In 2025 its name was changed from the Hebe Society to the Hebe and New Zealand Plant Society to better reflect its interest in all New Zealand plants. Most of its members are in the UK, though it also has branches in Europe, USA, Australia and New Zealand.

The Society has established National Plant Collections of *Hebe* in Sussex, Yorkshire and Kent and supports their ongoing conservation. Its website contains full descriptions of *Hebe* and a wide range of New Zealand plants. It is now the regional coordinator for the UK and Europe for new registrations of *Hebe* cultivars. In time, this will also include registration for all cultivars of New Zealand plants.

2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

From £12

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Three newsletters each year
- Free cuttings exchange
- Nursery and garden visits based around an annual autumn get-together





Symphytum officinale

Herb Society

With a strong tradition of promoting the use and enjoyment of herbs going back more than 95 years, the Herb Society works to bring together and represent those who have an interest in herbs either for health, through medicinal, culinary and practical use, or from an artistic, historical or folklore perspective.

The Society prides itself on helping to increase the understanding and use of herbs for health and well-being and providing a worldwide forum for the exchange of ideas and information. It welcomes members of all levels of knowledge from amateur to professional.

The Society supports a number of education and community projects around the country. Corporate packages are available upon request.

Follow them on Instagram: theherbsocietyuk

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W herbsociety.org.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
From £40

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Herbs magazine three times a year
- Regular e-newsletters
- Extensive herbal library online
- Product discounts
- Events and workshops
- Book club
- Student forum



2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.



Rosa 'Madame Alfred Carrière'

Historic Roses Group

The Historic Roses Group (HRG) is a plant society with a worldwide membership and its patron is HM The Queen. It aims to encourage interest in timeless and beautiful older roses – the ancestors of all modern cultivars – and enable everyone to grow and enjoy roses of the past today. The HRG celebrates the importance of unique older roses of historic value, rose species and their hybrids, plus rare or unusual garden roses no longer widely grown.

Members meet regularly for exclusive day visits to gardens with interesting roses, and every year a five-day tour is organised to gardens of note in the UK or abroad. Information on historic roses, suggestions on what to grow and where to buy them, HRG publications for sale, and HRG events are all on the website.

Members can request help on identifying old roses by contacting the HRG online or on Facebook or Instagram. Twice a year they receive its *Historic Rose Journal* with articles on the history and cultivation of older roses by specialists and researchers into rose history.

2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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W historicroses.org

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£20

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Twice-yearly *Historic Rose Journal*
- Workshops and study days
- Expert advice and guidance
- Online talks
- Guided visits to private gardens with old roses
- Annual five-day tours in UK and abroad





Daigo-ji Buddhist temple in Kyoto, Japan

Japanese Garden Society

The Society welcomes Japanese garden lovers and garden designers, both amateur and professional, who wish to share their interest with like-minded people. Founded in 1993, as a charity, it seeks to educate the public about Japanese gardens and support their construction, maintenance and restoration.

Get involved, learn new skills and make new friends by joining the maintenance workshops held in one of the Japanese gardens supported by the Society. Members can also learn about Japanese gardens through the members-only area of the website, online lecture programme and its quarterly printed journal. Illustrated articles offer advice about building Japanese-style gardens, suggest ways to introduce Japanese plants and features into gardens, and explore the culture and history of Japanese gardening traditions.

In addition to an annual national conference its five regional groups across the UK host a variety of events, including talks, skills workshops, garden visits and visits to specialist nurseries. From 2026 the Society is once again organising garden visits to Japan.

2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£40 single; £50 joint; £60 Europe; £65 rest of world. For free student and trainee membership or details of corporate packages, email honsecretary@jgs.org.uk

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly journal *Shakkei* and e-newsletters
- Online lectures
- Regional group membership
- Visits to gardens
- Workshops and skills development
- Garden tour in Japan



Mammillaria deherdtiana

Mammillaria Society

Based in the UK but welcoming members from all over the world, the Society focuses on the largest genus of the cactus family – *Mammillaria* – and its allied genera: *Acharagma*, *Cochemiea*, *Coryphantha*, *Escobaria* (now *Pelecophora*), *Kadenicarpus*, *Rapicactus*, *Thelocactus* and *Turbinicarpus*.

Originating from Mexico and the southern United States, *Mammillaria* are mostly small, spherical cacti that flower in a ring around the plant, and often grow into small clumps. Many species can successfully be grown on a windowsill with good light.

The Mammillaria Society seeks to support enthusiasts in growing these lovely plants, and in particular to help in their conservation. With a growing membership of around 300 enthusiasts around the world, it will be delighted to welcome you to the Society. Find the Mammillaria Society on Facebook and Instagram.

2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£15 UK; £24 EU
and rest of world

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly full-colour journal
- Annual seed distribution (UK only)
- Quarterly online meetings
- Plant shows and a biennial show in conjunction with British Cactus and Succulent Society, Oxford branch



Acer palmatum 'Elegans'

The Maple Society

The Maple Society is dedicated to furthering the knowledge, supporting the conservation and promoting the culture of all *Acer* species. It welcomes experts and amateurs from around the world and encourages discussion, promotes education and shares information. This is done through a quarterly journal, expert-led garden tours, online talks and a triennial symposium.

The Society supports the environmental protection, scientific study and conservation of maple species. Most recently, these efforts ensured a successful collaboration with Botanic Gardens Conservation International to produce *The Red List of Acer*, a definitive report on the conservation status of maples in the wild.

The British branch of The Maple Society – The Maple Society of Britain and Ireland (TMSBI) – is open to all, from those with a small courtyard garden growing a few trees in containers to arboretum owners; from Japanese maple collectors to bonsai practitioners; from members of the scientific community to anyone simply looking to learn more about these most remarkable trees.

2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£25 individual; £50 corporate

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly newsletter in full colour
- *Maple Matters* ebulletin
- Seed distribution scheme
- Spring and autumn garden tours
- Members' area on website



Echium candicans in the MGS garden at Sparoza

Mediterranean Garden Society

Founded in Greece in 1994, the Mediterranean Garden Society focuses on the conservation of water and the use of drought-resistant plants to create beautiful and sustainable gardens in summer-dry climates. It has a popular website, and Facebook and Instagram pages, all covering a wide range of information on Mediterranean plants. In addition, it holds monthly online webinars featuring prominent horticultural speakers.

The headquarters of the Mediterranean Garden Society is at Sparoza, a 1.2-hectare estate in Attica, Greece, the property of the Goulandris Natural History Museum. Here it maintains an important garden in which the principles of waterwise, climate-compatible gardening are put into practice and plants are constantly tested for their ability to withstand drought, providing a valuable model in these days of climate crisis.

2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

Outside Greece: €55
(printed); €45 (electronic);
€40 students

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly journal
- Seed list
- Local groups
- Annual excursions



The Mediterranean Garden Society



Serapias neglecta,
a Mediterranean orchid

Mediterranean Plants and Gardens

Mediterranean Plants and Gardens is a cooperative mutual support group for amateur and professional horticulturists. It has more than 450 members throughout the world, but mostly in the UK.

In 2026 it is organising visits with specialist guides to western Cyprus, Gargano in Italy, Thessaloniki and the Greek side of the Rhodope mountains, gardens in Gloucestershire, and northern Morocco. There are also online talks and presentations, and one-day garden visits in the UK. Events are open to members only.

Members may apply for bursaries to help them take part in an MPG event or to help fund research or activities relating to Mediterranean plants and gardens. More information is on the website.

2026 EVENTS

Feb / Mar The flora of western Cyprus

Apr Walking and wild flowers in Gargano, Italy

Apr / May North-eastern Greece

Jul Gardens in Gloucestershire

Oct Northern Morocco

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£10

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Email newsletter
- Mediterranean trips
- Garden visits
- Online lectures
- Bursaries and sponsorship



Primula auricula 'Prosperine'

National Auricula and Primula Society – Northern Section

Formed in 1872, the Northern Section has members all over the world and is always happy to welcome new people. Its more experienced members are on hand to encourage and advise on how to achieve the best in growing, and hopefully showing, auriculas and primulas.

The Society holds three shows each year and a full-day seminar AGM, all free to members. It has plant sales at these events with plants supplied by members that are mostly unavailable elsewhere. The website is accessible to members and contains pictures, contacts, help and more, and our archive and library hold books and other specialist literature.

2026 EVENTS

4 Apr Primula and Auricula Show

11 Apr Northeast Primula and Auricula Show

23–26 Apr Members' Plant Display, Harrogate Spring Show

3 May Auricula and Primula Show

Oct AGM

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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W auriculas.org.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£10 UK; £15 overseas

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Welcome pack
- Three shows per year
- Yearbook and spring newsletter
- Regular e-newsletter
- AGM with guest speaker
- Seed exchange
- Advice from expert growers
- Access to archive and library





Primula auricula 'Regency Wizard'

National Auricula and Primula Society – Southern Section

In 2026 the Society turns 150. It was founded in 1876 when a group of plant lovers came together to celebrate their shared obsession with auriculas, gold-laced polyanthuses and other primulas. Primulas have been grown in British gardens since the 16th century. Auriculas were especially popular in the 18th and 19th centuries and, in recent years, renewed media interest has brought these plants back into the spotlight.

Whether you're an experienced grower or just getting started, the Society is a great place to meet like-minded people, pick up tips, and share your love of primulas. It holds two shows a year where members exhibit their plants. There's also a plant sale at each show – perfect if you want to start or expand your own collection.

2026 EVENTS

4 Apr Primula Show, Great Bookham, Surrey
25 Apr Auricula Show, Great Bookham, Surrey
2 May 150th anniversary celebration, RHS Garden Wisley
10 Oct Autumn meeting and AGM, Great Bookham, Surrey
 Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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 primula.org

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
 £15 UK and overseas

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Two shows per year
- Yearbook and quarterly newsletter
- AGM with guest speaker
- Helpline and mentoring programme
- Plant sales at shows
- Welcome pack



Chrysanthemum 'Jolie Rose'

National Chrysanthemum Society

Founded in 1846, the National Chrysanthemum Society is a registered charity and its primary objective is to promote the cultivation of *Chrysanthemum*. The Society focuses on educating members and affiliated societies on the cultivation of all types of *Chrysanthemum* through its publications, exhibitions and lectures.

The Society hosts two national shows at the Staffordshire County Showground each year. There are also shows hosted by regional groups and local societies. Affiliated memberships are offered to local horticultural societies who wish to offer NCS medals and certificates of merit at their shows.

The Society offers a warm welcome for those new to growing and those who wish to improve their knowledge, as well as those who want to be introduced to other growers and receive advice from top exhibitors.

2026 EVENTS

21 Mar AGM, Tamworth, Staffordshire
5–6 Sep Early Show, Staffordshire County Showground
30–31 Oct Late Show, Staffordshire County Showground
 Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
 £24 UK

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Discounted entry to Harrogate Autumn Flower Show
- Two annual journals
- Online winter lectures
- Cultural video archive



*Dahlia 'Tahoma Lady Oh'*

National Dahlia Society

The world's largest dahlia society, the National Dahlia Society promotes dahlias through exhibitions, trials and conferences. Its main national exhibitions are at RHS Garden Wisley in Surrey and Newby Hall in North Yorkshire, with displays at other shows around the country.

The Society holds two annual conferences, where members can hear world-class speakers, buy plants and tubers of all the latest and best cultivars, and chat with other enthusiasts. The Society keeps its members informed on every aspect of dahlia news with two annual publications. New members receive a classified directory (containing lists of recommended cultivars, rules for showing dahlias and addresses of more than 200 local societies affiliated to the NDS) and the much-acclaimed publication *Dahlias For You*.

2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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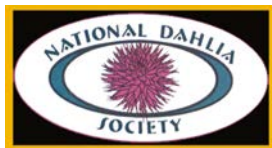
W dahlia-nds.co.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£20–£24 UK; £25 Europe;
£30 rest of world

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Discounted entry to NDS shows at Newby Hall and RHS Garden Wisley
- Two annual publications
- Members' welcome pack

*Lathyrus odoratus 'Noel Sutton'*

National Sweet Pea Society

Founded in 1900, the National Sweet Pea Society is a registered charity dedicated to these wonderful flowers. The Society aims to share its knowledge of sweet peas and other *Lathyrus* species, and to improve and extend their cultivation. This includes holding annual scientific trials, hosting national exhibitions twice each year, and creating displays at RHS and other flower shows. The Society also supports around 100 affiliated societies in the UK and Ireland by organising regional and local contacts and meetings.

At least four publications are produced each year, exclusive to members.

2026 EVENTS

17–18 Jun Early Show, RHS Garden Wisley

11–12 Jul Late Show, RHS Garden Bridgewater

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£20 (plus £5 joining fee)

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Free copies of all periodicals
- Growing guide
- Eligibility to show at national exhibitions





National Vegetable Society

A registered charity, the National Vegetable Society focuses on educating individual members and affiliated societies on the cultivation of all types of vegetable. It does this through its various publications, exhibitions, research and by staging competitions.

Members include some of the foremost vegetable growers in the UK, and their experience and expertise is freely available to other members. The Society is a great place to start for those new to growing vegetables, those who wish to improve their knowledge, or those who simply want to meet other growers to share tips and advice.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£5–22

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly magazine
- Seed discounts
- Regular local speakers
- Free exhibitor show entry



2026 EVENTS

12–13 Sep National Championships, St Fagans National Museum of History, Cardiff
Please see website for full details of shows and events.



Nerine and Amaryllid Society

The Nerine and Amaryllid Society is for all those with an interest in plants of the *Amaryllidaceae* family. Its main focus is on nerines, but the family includes many popular plants such as daffodils, snowdrops, agapanthus and alliums, and less well-known plants such as scadoxus.

Run entirely by volunteers, the Society organises visits, study days and talks, supports research, holds a bulb exchange twice a year, and publishes a newsletter three times a year.

The Society is keen to encourage beginners by offering advice and access to a wide range of plant material through its bulb exchange.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£10 single; £15 joint or overseas

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Newsletter (digital or printed) published three times a year
- Twice-yearly bulb exchange
- Visits and events of specialist interest
- Advice from expert growers



2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.



Pleione Tongariro

Orchid Society of Great Britain

Founded in 1951, the Orchid Society of Great Britain aims to promote the cultivation of orchid species and hybrids. It publishes a beautifully illustrated quarterly journal on the habitats, conservation, breeding, cultivation and history of these plants.

In-person and online meetings are held regularly with lectures, plant competitions, sales and judging. The Society also holds biannual shows and exhibits at a range of national and international shows and events, and has an annual plant auction. Information on all lectures, shows and events can be found on the Society's website.

2026 EVENTS

11 Apr Spring Show, Squire's Garden Centre, Shepperton

19–23 May RHS Chelsea Flower Show

18–21 Jun International Orchid Show at

BBC Gardeners' World Live, NEC, Birmingham

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£25 UK, £5 per extra family member at same address;
£20 juniors; £30 rest of world

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Quarterly journal and monthly e-newsletter
- Regular meetings, talks, events and visits, in person and online
- Seasonal orchid shows



Pelargonium 'Cophorne'

Pelargonium and Geranium Society

The Pelargonium and Geranium Society was formed in 2009 and membership is open to amateurs and professionals and anyone with an interest in pelargoniums and geraniums.

A registered charity, its objectives are to advance the knowledge of growing plants in the family *Geraniaceae* by promoting good practices at annual shows, competitions, meetings and lectures.

Its annual show is taken to a different area of the country each year and is usually set within one of the RHS gardens.

2026 EVENTS

Annual Show, date and venue to be confirmed

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£19 single; £21 joint;
£23 affiliated society

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Digital magazines, printed year book and regular e-newsletters
- Leaflets on cultivation
- Annual show
- Specialist books for sale





Abutilon 'Leila Jackson'

Plant Heritage

Plant Heritage is the UK's leading charity for the conservation of cultivated plants and the home of the National Plant Collections and the Plant Guardian scheme. With its thousands of members and volunteers, the charity is safeguarding nearly 100,000 different plants in a living library, along with records about them. These plants are part of our shared history and could be vital for the future as we face up to climate change and the biodiversity crisis.

Anyone can become a member and get access to exclusive publications plus rare and unusual plants through plant fairs and the plant exchange. A network of local groups also offers regular talks, workshops and visits. Members are welcome to get hands on with conservation, but it is not compulsory. All membership subscriptions help to fund the charity's important work.

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W plantheritage.org.uk

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£42 single; £62 joint (£10 discount first year);
 under-35 and students £12

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Directory, journals and e-newsletters
- Support vital conservation work
- Local group network
- Talks, events, visits and plant sales
- Hard-to-find plants from annual plant exchange
- Become a Plant Guardian



2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.



Apple 'Alkmene'

RHS Fruit Group

The RHS Fruit Group is a special interest group consisting of a friendly bunch of gardeners with a particular interest in growing fruit. Joining the Group is open to all members of the RHS, on payment of an annual subscription.

For over 80 years, the Group's members have made a great contribution to the range and quality of fruit grown in British gardens. In the face of a changing climate, it aims to continue support, advise and guide anyone with a particular interest in growing fruit, both now and into the future.

Come along to one of its regular meetings at RHS Garden Wisley to exchange ideas and take part in talks and demonstrations from experts and professionals in the fruit-growing world. The Group also arranges visits for members to gardens, orchards, fruit farms, nurseries and sites of fruit-growing excellence.

Follow them on X @TheFruitGroup.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
 £7 for RHS members

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Lively meetings
- Talks by experts
- Visits to gardens and orchards
- Access to other growers
- Informative newsletter



2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.



Lilium speciosum var. *clivorum*

RHS Lily Group

Created in 1931, the Group encourages the cultivation of lilies, nomocharis, erythroniums and fritillaries. Its seed list contains the widest range of *Lilium* species available anywhere in the world (rhslilygroup.org/seed-list-archives). The Group holds an annual bulb auction (UK members only) where members can bid for rare bulbs, many not commercially available. Its highly respected journal, *Lilies & Related Plants*, is a source of jargon-free information and expertise for both the keen amateur gardener and the botanist alike.

Amateur or professional, you are welcome to join the Group to learn more about how to grow lilies from seed to flowering bulbs. Members can participate in online presentations and events where knowledge and experience are shared. These cover subjects such as lilies in the wild and cultivating rare species and gardenworthy hybrids. See their YouTube channel at: www.youtube.com/@RhsLilyGroup.

2026 EVENTS

18 Jan–28 Feb Seed list open for orders

25 Jun–2 Jul Trip to Bulgaria

1–8 Nov (tbc) Bulb auction for UK members

Please see website for full details of group events.

CONTACT

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£15

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Seed list and bulb auction
- Two newsletters a year
- *Lilies and Related Plants* journal
- Online presentations
- Garden visits and international tours
- Website photo library



Rhododendron 'Praxitèle'

RHS Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group

With its origins in 1915 as the Rhododendron Society, the Group can claim to be one of the world's oldest plant societies. It linked with camellia and magnolia enthusiasts more than 40 years ago, and now has a worldwide membership dedicated to the study and enjoyment of these three woodland genera.

Its regional branches and national events, together with its publications, lively social media, online lectures and informal talks, the Group offers something for every rhododendron, camellia and magnolia lover, whether interested amateur or dedicated professional.

2026 EVENTS

14–15 Mar Early Camellia Competition, RHS Garden Rosemoor

11–12 Apr Main Camellia Competition, Early Rhododendron Competition, SE Branch Show, RHS Garden Wisley

18 Apr NW Branch Show, Ness Botanic Gardens

25–26 Apr Main Rhododendron Competition, RHS Garden Rosemoor

9 May Wessex Branch Show, Leonardslee Gardens

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE
£25–40

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Yearbook and bulletins
- Events and shows
- Tours
- Branch meetings
- Online talks
- Website with extensive plant directory





Rosa It's a Wonderful Life ('Dictwix')

Rose Society UK

The Society was formed to support the growing, showing and enjoyment of all roses. Members enjoy many benefits. The Rose Society UK offers affiliate membership to local horticultural societies and provincial flower shows in order to award its Bronze Medal for excellence in rose cultivation.

The Society has information stands at many of the country's major flower shows and offers free advice to the UK's rose lovers. Members can also take part in annual weekend social events and pruning workshops.

The Rose Society UK is committed to helping everyone to successfully grow and enjoy the nation's favourite flower.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£10 internet (single or double); £25 postal (receive printed newsletters)

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Four national shows
- Expert rose advice
- Quarterly e-newsletter *The Rose Times*
- Social events, visits, online talks, workshops
- Access to a network of experienced rosarians
- Discounts at select rose nurseries



2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.



Rhododendron degranianum

Scottish Rhododendron Society

The Society, a chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, welcomes all those interested in rhododendrons and their cultivation. Its annual rhododendron show, competition and exhibition, held in the last weekend of April, is open to everyone, and both species and cultivars can be exhibited and are judged by experts.

Tours of approximately one week have included the Lake District, Argyll, Tayside and Germany, as well as day visits to nearer gardens. A tour of gardens in the Derbyshire area is planned for 2026.

The Society also organises lectures, study weekends and practical workshops at various venues. Individuals are invited to apply for grants for plant exploration expeditions.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£18 single; £20 family;
£41 incl. ARS single; £44 incl. ARS family; free for students in hort ed'n or working in a woodland garden (full time)

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Yearbook and reviews
- Visits to private gardens
- Garden tours
- Plant and seed sales
- Website members' area



2026 EVENTS

25 Apr Annual Show and Exhibition, Gibson Hall,
Garelochhead, Argyll

Please see website for full details of shows and events.



Erythronium californicum
'White Beauty'

Scottish Rock Garden Club

Scotland's biggest garden club has an enthusiastic international membership of people interested in all kinds of smaller hardy plants and bulbs, often in traditional rock gardens, raised beds and troughs. Membership offers contact with other enthusiasts through online and social media presence, shows, conferences, local groups and a journal, *The Rock Garden*, with excellent articles and illustrations.

Members can share seeds of thousands of plants via a seed exchange and interact through the Club website with its friendly forum and wealth of resources, including Ian Young's Bulb Log and the monthly e-magazine *International Rock Gardener*.

Grants for students and relevant projects are offered.

2026 EVENTS

Please see website for full details of shows and events.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

£25 single; £30 family
(two adults at one address);
£5 junior; £15 electronic
subscription (journals online,
no printed copies)

KEY MEMBER BENEFITS

- Twice-yearly journal
- Seed exchange
- Flower shows
- Local groups
- Website resources



Why the RHS matters as a charity

Since its formation in 1804, the RHS has grown to become the UK's leading gardening charity. Perhaps the secret to our longevity is that we've never stood still. In the past decade we completed our largest hands-on project by opening RHS Garden Bridgewater in Salford. We've also invested in the science that underpins our work by building RHS Hilltop – The Home of Gardening Science.

We're committed to being net positive for nature and people by 2030, which extends into every aspect of our daily operations.

Across our five RHS gardens we

welcome three million visitors each year. Events such as the world-famous RHS Chelsea Flower Show, our schools and community work and our partnerships all spread the joy of gardening to wide-reaching audiences.

We've held true to our charitable core – to improve the science, art and practice of horticulture. We've been guided by the expertise of our colleagues and external advisers, and supported by our members, volunteers, partners and friends, to share the love of gardening and its benefits. Now, more than ever, it's time to put the RHS to work for people and the planet.



Scientific research is helping to protect plants for the future

Around the world with RHS Gardens and Partner Gardens

The RHS owns five gardens that members can visit free: RHS Garden Wisley in Surrey, RHS Garden Hyde Hall in Essex, RHS Garden Harlow Carr in North Yorkshire, RHS Garden Rosemoor in Devon and RHS Garden Bridgewater in Greater Manchester.

In addition, RHS members also have free access, at selected times, to more than 240 Partner Gardens across the UK and overseas. A full list of RHS Partner Gardens is given below. Those that are new this year are styled in **bold**.

For joint members, only the main member (with an asterisk on their RHS membership card) is entitled to free access to RHS Partner Gardens. Free entry does not apply to guests.

SCOTLAND

Abbotsford
Attadale Gardens
Backhouse Rossie Estate
Blair Castle Hercules Garden

Branklyn Garden NTS
Cambo Gardens
Castle Kennedy Gardens
Cawdor Castle & Gardens
Crathes Castle Garden NTS

Douneside House Gardens
Drummond Castle Gardens
Dumfries House Estate
Dunrobin Castle Gardens
Dunvegan Castle & Gardens

Explorers Garden
Floors Castle
Geilston Garden NTS
Glamis Castle & Gardens
Glenwhan Gardens
Gordon Castle Walled Garden

Dumfries House Estate was the overall winner of RHS Partner Garden of the Year in 2025

Inverewe Garden NTS
Japanese Garden at Cowden
Kellie Castle Garden NTS
Leith Hall & Garden NTS
Monteviot House Gardens
Mount Stuart Gardens
Paxton House Gardens
Pitmedden Garden NTS
Scone Palace Gardens
St Andrews Botanic Garden
Teasses Gardens
Threave Garden & Nature Reserve NTS

NORTH WEST

Abbeywood Gardens
Bluebell Cottage Gardens
Brantwood
Bridgemere Show Gardens
Cholmondeley Castle Gardens
Dalemain Mansion & Historic Gardens
Holehird Gardens
Holker Hall & Gardens
Hutton-in-the-Forest
Larch Cottage Nurseries
Lovell Quinta Arboretum
Milntown Estate & Gardens
Ness Botanic Gardens
Rode Hall & Gardens
Sefton Park Palm House
Stonyford Cottage Gardens
Tatton Park

NORTH EAST

Beningbrough NT

Bide-a-Wee Cottage Garden
Birkheads Secret Gardens
Burnby Hall Gardens & Museum
Crook Hall Gardens NT

Cusworth Hall Walled Gardens

Duncombe Park Terraces
Durham University Botanic Garden

Goddards NT

Helmsley Walled Garden
Himalayan Garden
Normanby Hall Country Park
Nunnington Hall NT

Raby Castle, Park & Gardens

Scampston Walled Garden
Wentworth Garden Centre & Historic Gardens
Wentworth Woodhouse

York Gate Garden

The Yorkshire Arboretum

EAST

Anglesey Abbey Gardens & Lode Mill NT
Ashridge House Gardens
Beth Chatto's Plants & Gardens
The Bressingham Gardens
Chippenham Park Gardens
East Ruston Old Vicarage
Elton Hall
Fullers Mill Garden
Green Island Gardens



Sandringham

Holkham Walled Garden
Houghton Hall & Gardens
Knebworth House Gardens
Luton Hoo Estate Walled Garden
Mannington Hall & Gardens
Markshall
Natural Surroundings
Raveningham Gardens
Sandringham
Shuttleworth Swiss Garden
Somerleyton Hall Gardens
Springfields Festival Gardens
Wyken Hall

SOUTH EAST

Bates Green Garden
Blenheim Palace, Park & Gardens
Borde Hill Garden
Chawton House
Denmans Garden
Doddington Place Gardens
Englefield Gardens
Exbury Gardens
Farringford Estate

Furzey Gardens
Gilbert White's House & Garden
Godshill Model Village
Goodnestone Park Gardens
Great Comp Garden
Ham House & Garden NT
Hever Castle & Gardens
Houghton Lodge Gardens
Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens
Loseley Park
Lullingstone Castle & The World Garden

Merriments Garden

Nymans NT
The One Garden
Osterley Park NT
Parham House & Gardens
Penshurst Place & Gardens
Riverhill Himalayan Gardens
The Savill Garden
Sheffield Park & Garden NT
Sir Harold Hillier Gardens

PHOTOGRAPHY: DUMFRIES HOUSE ESTATE (LEFT); ANTHONY WAG (ABOVE RIGHT)



Lullingstone Castle & The World Garden



Holehird Gardens



The Eden Project



Larch Cottage Nurseries

Sissinghurst Castle Garden NT
Staunton Country Park
Stowe Gardens NT
Syon Park
Tynney Hall Hotel & Gardens
Waddesdon Manor NT
Walmer Castle & Gardens
Waterperry Gardens
West Dean Gardens
West Green House Gardens

MIDLANDS

Arley Arboretum & Gardens
Belvoir Castle Garden
Biddulph Grange Garden NT
Bluebell Arboretum
Cascades Gardens
Castle Bromwich Historic Gardens
Cottesbrooke Hall & Gardens
Deene Park
Doddington Hall & Gardens

The Dorothy Clive Garden
Evenley Wood Garden
Felley Priory Garden
Goldstone Hall Hotel & Gardens
Grimsthorpe Castle, Park & Gardens
Hill Close Gardens
Kelmarsh Hall & Gardens
The Laskett Garden
Melbourne Hall Gardens
Middleton Hall & Gardens
Moors Meadow Gardens
The Picton Garden
Renishaw Hall & Gardens
Thornbridge Estate Gardens
Winterbourne House & Garden

SOUTH WEST

Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens
American Museum & Gardens
Athelhampton House & Gardens
Batsford Arboretum
The Bishop's Palace & Gardens
Bowood Woodland Garden

Burrow Farm Gardens
The Walled Gardens of Cannington
Canonteign Falls
Castle Hill Gardens
Clovelly Court Garden
Coleton Fishacre NT
Compton Acres
Dartington Hall Gardens
East Lambrook Manor Garden

Eden Project

Hotel Endsleigh
Forde Abbey & Gardens
The Garden House
Greencombe Gardens
Hestercombe Gardens
Hidcote NT
Holme for Gardens
Kilver Court & Gardens
Knoll Gardens & Nursery
The Lost Gardens of Heligan
Mapperton Gardens
Minterne Gardens
Mothecombe Gardens
The Newt Garden
Painswick Rococo Garden
Sherborne Castle & Gardens
Stone Lane Gardens
Trebah Garden
Wilton House

Yeo Valley Organic Garden

WALES

Aberglasney Gardens
Bodnant Garden NT
Cae Hir Gardens
Caerau Gardens
The Dingle Garden
Dyffryn Fernant Garden
Dyffryn Gardens NT
Llanerchaeron Garden NT
Picton Castle Gardens
Plas Brondanw Gardens
Plas Cadnant Hidden Garden
Powis Castle & Garden NT
Upton Castle Gardens

N. IRELAND

Ballyrobert Gardens
Glenarm Castle Garden
Hillsborough Castle & Gardens
Mount Stewart NT
Seaforde Gardens

CHANNEL ISLANDS

La Seigneurie Gardens
The Wild Subtropical Gardens

AUSTRALIA

Cloudehill

The Garden of St Erth
Heronswood House & Gardens

BARBADOS

Andromeda Botanic Gardens
BELGIUM
Arboretum Kalmthout

FRANCE

Château de la Bussière
Château de Valmer
Château de Villandry
Château du Rivau
Domaines de Poulaines
Eyrignac et ses Jardins
Jardin Botanique de Vauville
Jardins du Château d'Ainay-le-Vieil
Jardins du Château de la Bourdaisière
Les Jardins du Montperthuis
Le Jardin du Plessis Sasnières
Les Jardins du Prieuré d'Orsan
Parc Floral d'Apremont

ITALY

Hanbury Botanic Gardens
Isola Bella & Isola Madre
Giardini La Mortella
Giardini di Villa della Pergola
Radicepura

JAPAN

Barakura English Garden

PORTUGAL

Park of Monserrate

SOUTH AFRICA

Babylonstoren
Brahman Hills Gardens

SWITZERLAND

Kartause Ittingen
Château de Vullierens

USA

Andalusia Historic House, Gardens & Arboretum
Filoli



The Laskett Garden

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: RHS, CLIVE NICHOLS, LARCH COTTAGE, HERONSWOOD, MATTHEW BROWN



Heronswood House & Gardens

For more information on RHS Partner Gardens visit rhs.org.uk/partnergardens

RHS Plant Trials

The RHS trials a wide range of ornamental and edible plants to test their performance. The best are recommended for the prestigious RHS Award of Garden Merit (AGM). The award is the RHS seal of approval for plants that perform reliably in the garden, and the logo often appears on plant labels and in nursery catalogues.

The trials enable multiple selections of the same plant to be grown side by side under the same conditions so they can be compared. Trials are assessed by a panel of judges and the results are ratified by the relevant RHS Expert Group to decide which plants should receive an AGM, and if any current AGMs should be removed. An AGM can also be awarded by round-table assessment or rolling review.

Trials at RHS Garden Wisley are held in a purpose-built Trials Garden and Edible Trials area. This has been joined by a permanent trials area at RHS Garden Bridgewater. The RHS also holds



trials at gardens and nurseries across the UK, including the three other RHS gardens, and at RHS partner gardens. Sometimes trials are duplicated across more than one site to investigate the impact of climate differences.

Visitors are welcome to visit the trials at RHS gardens. In addition, many of the other locations are open to visitors or have public open days.

Above: A recent trial of hardy *Salvia* assessed many modern cultivars.

Left: *Tulipa* being trialled in 2025.



CURRENT RHS PLANT TRIALS

Trials Garden, RHS Wisley

Baptisia: 2024–27

Celosia: 2026

Centaurea: 2024–28

Cyclamen: 2026–28

Geranium: 2025–27

Helianthemum: 2024–26

Ipheion: 2025–26

Nandina: 2024–27

Narcissus (division 6): 2025–26

Philadelphus: 2025–28

Rosa persica: 2025–28

Tulips (Single Late, Viridiflora & new Darwin Hybrid cultivars): 2026

Veronica: 2025–27

Other RHS gardens and trials partners

Antirrhinum: 2026

RHS Garden Hyde Hall

Aruncus: 2024–26

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Aubrieta, *Arabis* & *Aurinia*: 2024–26

RHS Garden Hyde Hall

Camassia: 2024–26

RHS Garden Bridgewater

Chaenomeles: 2022–26

Witch Hazel Nursery, Kent (open days only)

Disporum, *Disporopsis* & *Prosartes*: 2025–28

RHS Garden Harlow Carr

Grasses (Fleuroselect display): 2026
RHS Garden Hyde Hall

Hedychium: 2024–26

East Ruston Old Vicarage Garden, Norfolk, and Floors Castle, Scotland

Mahonia: 2021–26

Sir Harold Hillier Garden, Hampshire (not in public area)

Podophyllum: 2025–27

RHS Garden Rosemoor

Primula (sections *Proliferae* & *Sikkimenses*): 2025–27

Holehird Gardens, Cumbria

Vegetables, herbs & fruit

Cherry tomatoes, mint in containers, salad potatoes in containers
RHS Garden Bridgewater, 2026

Cherry tomatoes, chard
RHS Garden Rosemoor, 2026

Cherry tomatoes, chard, leeks (autumn & winter), salad potatoes in containers, currants (red, white, pink & black)
RHS Garden Wisley, 2026

Find out more about current plant trials, trial results, the Award of Garden Merit and other useful information about cultivation and garden inspiration at the RHS trials webpages: rhs.org.uk/plants/trials-awards

RHS Expert Groups

RHS Expert Groups provide a valuable source of horticultural expertise, with members from the amateur, professional and commercial sectors. They voluntarily commit their time to act as RHS ambassadors, helping us to:

- Advance the knowledge and understanding of horticultural and sustainable growing practices.
- Extend our regional, national and international networks.
- Share the best in gardening with RHS members and the wider gardening public.
- Help to open up gardening to beginners, young people and urban dwellers.

Some of the ways in which all our Expert Groups do this are:

- Deliver outreach activities to a wide audience, such as providing advice at RHS shows, visiting relevant gardens (including RHS gardens), nurseries and community groups.
- Input into activities at RHS shows,

gardens and events to promote horticulture and engage more people in gardening.

- Help build horticulture for the future by promoting and enabling opportunities for careers in horticulture through active engagement with students at all levels.
- Submit proposals for plant trials, make recommendations for trials and the structure of relevant assessment forums.
- Coordinate rolling reviews of the relevant Award of Garden Merit list for gardenworthy plants.
- Liaise with the Science and Collections Guidance and Oversight Group where appropriate, including assisting with support for trials output.
- Assess, recommend and ratify plants for award where appropriate, including RHS Chelsea Plant of the Year.
- Assist with website content, publications, trials reports and other areas.
- Recognise those who have made an outstanding contribution to the practice and promotion of horticulture through the RHS People Awards.

Alpine & Rock Garden Expert Group

Formed in 1936 as the Joint Rock Garden Plant Committee, the Group consists of experts in these specialised plants and their diverse growing conditions. As well as its own meetings, the Group attends Alpine Garden Society and Scottish Rock Garden Club events all over the UK, judging and assessing rock garden and alpine plants for RHS plant awards, including the Award of Garden Merit.



Expert Group members frequently give advice at RHS flower shows.



Expert Group members judging alpiners and rock garden plants.

Bulb Expert Group

The Group evolved in 2013 from the Daffodil & Tulip Committee, which was formed in 1884. Its wider remit now covers plants with bulbs and other subterranean storage organs, including corms, tubers and rhizomes. Its members also contribute to the production of the *Daffodil, Snowdrop & Tulip Yearbook* and help to organise and judge relevant plants at regional horticultural shows and competitions. The Group has strong links internationally, particularly in the Netherlands. The RHS is the International Cultivar Registration Authority for daffodils and lilies.

Fruit, Vegetable & Herb Expert Group

Formed in 1858, this is the oldest Expert Group. Its members assist with the judging of fruit, vegetable and herb classes at horticultural competitions and shows and participate in cultivar identification at various locations. They also visit allotment sites in the UK to share their knowledge and contribute expertise to RHS apps and campaigns.

Herbaceous Plant Expert Group

The Group, formed in 1859 as the Floral Committee and renamed in 2005, has a huge remit covering hardy herbaceous perennials including carnations and pinks, chrysanthemums, delphiniums and grasses. Its members regularly contribute to many RHS trials and rolling reviews of



Keeping up to date with developments in horticulture is an important activity for Expert Groups.

the Award of Garden Merit. They give demonstrations and talks at a variety of shows and events across the country. The RHS is the International Cultivar Registration Authority for *Dahlia*, *Delphinium* and *Dianthus*.

Orchid Expert Group

The Group was formed in 1889 and holds meetings around the country, working with local orchid societies and assessing more than 200 orchids for RHS plant awards every year. It has strong international links and its members represent the Group and the RHS at events all over the world. The Group assists in the planning and delivery of the annual RHS Orchid Show. The RHS is also the International Cultivar Registration Authority for orchid hybrids.



The Expert Groups regularly assess plants for awards.



Expert Group members visit significant collections to assess plants for garden use.

MEMBERSHIP OF EXPERT GROUPS

The RHS makes some changes to its Expert Group membership each year to ensure they remain relevant, vibrant and diverse. Enquiries about membership from those with expertise in any of the different plant

groups, and who are able to commit to attending a varied programme of meetings and events, are welcomed. For more information, contact: expertgroups@rhs.org.uk

Tender Ornamental Expert Group

Formed in 1963 and renamed in 2005, the Group comprises experts in growing tender plants from around the world, which, in temperate climates, are normally grown under protection or as houseplants. Its annual programme of events includes talks and demonstrations at a variety of flower shows, along with visiting nurseries and gardens where the members can share their expertise and learn about new technology.

Woody Expert Group

Formed in 1859 as part of the Floral Committee and renamed in 2005, the Group is the source of expertise for hardy trees and shrubs, including old hybrid roses, rose species and hardy climbing plants. It makes study visits to important collections and has links with the International Dendrology Society and other societies, and membership includes representatives from the RHS Rhododendron, Camellia & Magnolia Group. The RHS is the International Cultivar Registration Authority for *Clematis*, conifers and *Rhododendron*.

RHS Horticultural Bursaries – start your adventure

The RHS offers a range of bursaries for projects, expeditions and other activities related to horticulture. These might include a voluntary work placement in a leading botanic or historic garden, an expedition or study tour to see plants in their native habitat, or attending a horticultural conference or symposium. In fact, any project, visit or study tour with a clear relevance to horticulture could be eligible.

Apply for a bursary

Anyone, from knowledgeable amateur gardeners to botanical artists, soil scientists, arboriculturists and those working in plant nurseries can apply for a bursary, provided certain criteria are met.

Following completion of a bursary-supported project, each recipient is requested to write a brief report on their experience. These are accessible to the public through RHS Libraries, ensuring that the knowledge gained is then spread throughout the horticultural community.

More than £150,000 is awarded in bursaries by the RHS each year. This is thanks to charitable donations and bequests from benefactors wishing to further the interests of horticultural education.

For more information on how to fund your horticultural adventure with an RHS bursary, or to make a donation to the Society's bursary fund, visit rhs.org.uk/bursaries or email bursaries@rhs.org.uk

Genevieve Slater and Lucy Stephens on a plant observation trip to the Pontic Alps in Turkey funded by an RHS bursary.

RHS Affiliated Societies – get involved

The RHS supports around 2,500 Affiliated Societies across the UK and overseas. Alongside plant societies, members include gardening clubs, horticultural groups, flower arranging societies and urban growing collectives all united by a love of gardening.

Membership of RHS Affiliated Societies has a long heritage, with the first regional gardening groups connecting with the Horticultural Society of London (now the RHS) more than 150 years ago.

Any club or society that promotes gardening and horticulture in their community today is eligible to join the network. It can then access a range of benefits and resources, including a free group visit to one of our five RHS gardens.



RHS AFFILIATED SOCIETY BENEFITS

- An annual free group visit to one of our five RHS gardens (for up to 55 members, excluding RHS Glow and RHS flower shows).
- 50% discount card for entry to RHS gardens for use by up to two members at a time.
- RHS Recognition Award for a group member who deserves special appreciation.
- Group rate tickets for selected RHS flower shows.
- Monthly copy of *The Garden* magazine.
- RHS Banksian Medal to award at your annual show.
- Free gardening advice from RHS plant specialists.
- Access to our closed-group Facebook page, information pack, judges and speakers list, and online talks and forums.
- Access to competitively priced public liability insurance (at separate cost).

USEFUL LINKS

Email: affiliated@rhs.org.uk

Website: rhs.org.uk/affiliatedsocieties

Find your local group:

rhs.org.uk/get-involved/community-gardening

The year ahead: horticultural events at RHS Gardens in 2026

The RHS has an exciting programme of horticultural events, courses and workshops that run throughout the year. These take place at all five of the RHS Gardens, many involving plant societies and specialist nurseries. The list below highlights a few key plant society shows for 2026, and full details of all shows are available on the RHS website.



RHS Garden Bridgewater

3–4 Apr Manchester Bonsai Society Show

25 Apr Show featuring Alpine Garden Society, British Iris Society & Hardy Plant Society

11–12 Jul National Sweet Pea Society Show

22–23 Aug British Cactus and Succulent Society Show

13 Sep North West Counties Early-flowering Chrysanthemum Show

17 Oct Cyclamen Society Show

8 Nov North West Counties Late-flowering Chrysanthemum Show

RHS Garden Harlow Carr

2–3 May RHS Spring Competition

1–2 Aug Orchid Weekend

8 Aug Cactus Show

19 Sep Cyclamen Society Show

10 Oct National Alpine Show

17–18 Oct RHS Late Fruit & Vegetable Competition

RHS Garden Hyde Hall

24–25 Mar Early Daffodil Show

2–4 Oct RHS Autumn Fruit & Vegetable Competition

RHS Garden Rosemoor

14–15 Mar RHS Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group Spring Flower Showcase

25–26 Apr RHS Rhododendron, Camellia and Magnolia Group Rhododendron Show

RHS Garden Wisley

31 Jan The Great Seed Swap

14 Feb Early Spring Show featuring British Iris Society & Cyclamen Society

13–15 Mar RHS Orchid Show

25 Apr Cactus & Succulent Show

30 May Summer Show with British Iris Society & Hosta and Hemerocallis Society

17–18 Jun Sweet Pea Show

25–26 Jul Fern & Carnivorous Plant Show

1–6 Sep Wisley Flower Show

2–6 Sep National Dahlia Society Show

19–20 Sep Bonsai Show



For full details of plant society and horticultural events at RHS gardens please visit these listings:

rhs.org.uk/gardens/bridgewater/whats-on

rhs.org.uk/gardens/harlow-carr/whats-on

rhs.org.uk/gardens/hyde-hall/whats-on

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