

## Contact details

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Unless otherwise specified, meetings start at 8 pm and are held at the Westminster Park Community Centre, Five Ashes Road, Chester, CH4 7QS.

***Westminster Park Gardening Club is affiliated to Westminster Park Residents' Association and those attending Gardening Club meetings must be paid up members of the Residents Association.***

#### \* Garden Visits

All of the Garden Visits are self-drive and participants are to arrange payment for entry individually.  
If you plan to attend any of the Garden Visits, please contact Mary Pole: [pole.mary@gmail.com](mailto:pole.mary@gmail.com)  
We like to car-share where possible.

## Gardening Club

Formed in 2009, the Westminster Park Gardening Club is well established in the community. The aim of this Club is to stimulate a knowledge and love of gardening. All members of the Westminster Park Residents Association are welcome to attend – after all, most residents have gardens and enjoy making their plot look attractive.

Our meetings are publicised via the WPRA Newsletter, the WPRA website and posters on the community notice boards. Unless stated otherwise, meetings are held at the Community Centre.

We have been lucky to have knowledgeable speakers who have covered a wide variety of topics. This year our spring speaker will be talking about the National Garden Scheme and then the autumn talk will be about looking after our fruit trees. An additional treat this year takes place in December when Christine Robinson will show us how to create a Christmas wreath.

Garden visits include Chirk Castle, Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden and Arley Hall.

We have regular plant swaps and you can usually go home with something new and interesting from a neighbour's garden.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Westminster Park Gardening Club**

## Westminster Park Residents' Association

# Gardening Club

## Programme of events

### 2024



Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden

## Winter and spring

### **Garden Visit\***

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 11 am**

### **Chirk Castle Snowdrops**

Meet in the ticket office by the main car park at 11 am. Walk around the grounds to see the wonderful snowdrop display, followed by coffee/lunch in the café.

Free for National Trust members.

### **Spring Talk**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 8 pm**

### **The National Garden Scheme**

The National Garden Scheme (NGS) gives visitors unique access to over 3,500 exceptional private gardens in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands, and raises impressive amounts of money for nursing and health charities through admissions, teas and cake.

Jane Moore is our speaker this evening. She is the NGS organiser for North East Wales and will be talking about her role.

Community Centre. £4 at the door. Bar, light refreshments, plant and seed swap. All WP residents welcome.

### **Garden Visit\***

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 2 pm**

### **Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden**

Wetherwin Avenue, Grappenhall Heys, Warrington, WA4 3DS

Meet at 2pm for tour given by Graham Richardson, Head Gardener.

The 4-acre walled garden consists of two main areas, the fully working kitchen garden and the ornamental pleasure garden. The garden is very unusual in that both the kitchen garden and pleasure garden are enclosed within a single, continuous sandstone wall. The site also

includes a run of 8 fully refurbished Victorian glasshouses, several outbuildings, 3 ponds and a café in the central glasshouse space. £2 for the garden tour.



## Summer

### **Garden Visit\***

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 11 am**

### **Arley Hall**

Northwich, CW9 6NA

The famous double herbaceous border should be at its best plus many other delights in this very special garden.

Meet at 11 am to tour the gardens and then lunch in the Gardener's Kitchen Café.

£12 for garden entry and £3 parking.



## Autumn

### **Autumn Talk**

**Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 8 pm**

### **Pruning, grafting and orchard management**

How to look after your fruit trees with Katie Lowe from Heathfield Orchards.

Katie grows her own apple trees, mainly Cheshire varieties and other heritage apples, at her local nursery in Littleton.



Community Centre. Tickets: £4 at the door. Bar, light refreshments, plant and seed swap. All WP residents welcome.

### **Christmas Craft Evening**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 8 pm**

### **Christmas Wreath Making**

Christine Robinson will guide us through the intricacies of making a Christmas wreath. All materials supplied. Tickets will be limited so look out for your invitation to attend nearer the time.

Community Centre. £10 per person – tickets in advance.

