

9-17 MAY



THE GREAT  
GARDEN  
SHOW *at*  
THE NEWT IN  
SOMERSET


*Programme*

*Welcome to The Great Garden Show, a celebration of the  
story of gardening in all its springtime splendour!*

For more information on daily tours, talks and demos, or becoming an annual member,  
please visit our Information Desk or speak to a member of our team.



**The Newt**  
in Somerset



## Welcome to the Great Garden Show

We're kicking things off with a weekend of revelry, estate exploration and horticultural excellence. Come and see our 'Symphony of Colour' bulb display, hop on a tractor tour of the blossoming orchards, drop in to our flower crown making sessions and wander to The Roman Villa.

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY

9-10 MAY

#### TOURS

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE TO MEET
10.30 - 11.30am	Four Seasons Garden Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Four Seasons Garden
2 - 3pm	Blossom Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Fire Pit
12 - 12.45pm	Cyder Tour - <i>Pre-book, £10</i>	Threshing Barn
All day	Tractor Tours from The Hive - <i>20 mins, book on day</i>	Four Seasons Garden

#### FLORALIA AT THE ROMAN VILLA

11am	Military Roman Reenactment	Roman Villa Courtyard
12 - 3pm	Horse & Carriage Rides	Roman Villa
2pm	Gladiatorial Roman Reenactment	Roman Villa Courtyard
All day	Flower Crown Making	Roman Villa Courtyard
All day	Roman Food	Roman Villa Courtyard

#### FOOD & DRINK

BBQs, Garden Picnics, Ice Lollies, Gelato,  
Garden Bar & Coffee Pop up

### MONDAY

11 MAY

From extending invites to horticulturalists at the start of their career, to hosting schools with special Newtlings activities, Monday is dedicated to educating the next generation of gardeners.

#### TOURS

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE TO MEET
10.30 - 11.30am	Four Seasons Garden Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Four Seasons Garden
12 - 12.45pm	Cyder Tour - <i>Pre-book, £10</i>	Threshing Barn
2 - 3pm	Blossom Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Fire Pit
2.30 - 3.15pm	Summer Bee Safari - <i>Pre-book, £10</i>	Threshing Barn

#### WORKSHOPS & DEMOS

9am - 4pm	Willow Weaving & Hurdle Making Demos	Deer Park
9.30am - 3pm	Botany Watercolours - <i>Pre-book, £150</i>	Winter Garden
10.30 - 11.30am	Planted Succulent Bowls with Forest London - <i>Pre-book, £55</i>	Picnic Area
11am - 4.30pm	Tree Work Demos	Deer Park
11am - 4.30pm	Meet the Woodland Team	Deer Park
11am - 4.30pm	Woodland Machinery Demos	Deer Park
All day	Arrow Making	Roman Villa Courtyard

#### FOOD & DRINK

BBQ, Garden Picnics, Gelato, Garden Bar & Coffee Pop up,  
Ice Lollies, Roman Food





## TUESDAY 12 MAY

### TOURS

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE TO MEET
10.30am & 1.30pm	The Art of Espalier - <i>45 mins, book on day</i>	Fire Pit
10.30 - 11.30am	Four Seasons Garden Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Four Seasons Garden
11.30am - 12.30pm	Ancient Tree Walk & Talk with Jill Butler - <i>Pre-book, £10</i>	Threshing Barn
11am & 4pm	Learn to ID Trees - <i>1 hour, book on day</i>	Threshing Barn
12 - 12.45pm	Cyder Tour - <i>Pre-book, £10</i>	Threshing Barn
12 - 3pm	Horse & Carriage Rides	Roman Villa
2 - 3pm	Blossom Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Fire Pit
2.30pm	Summer Bee Safari - <i>Pre-book, £10</i>	Threshing Barn

### WORKSHOPS & DEMOS

9am - 4pm	Charcoal Making & Spoon Carving Demos	Deer Park
9am - 4pm	Furniture & Gate Making Demos	Deer Park
9am - 4pm	Pole Lathe & Bowl Making Demos	Deer Park
9.30am & 4.30pm	Practical Care for your Trees - <i>1 hour, book on day</i>	Threshing Barn
9am - 4.30pm	Woodland Machinery Demos	Deer Park
9am - 4.30pm	Tree Work Demos	Deer Park
9am - 4.30pm	Meet the Woodland Team	Deer Park
All day	Pottery Demos	Roman Villa Courtyard

### TALKS AT THE STORY OF GARDENING

10 - 10.45am	The Genius of Trees with Harriet Rix
11 - 11.45am	Our Oaken Bones with Merlin Hanbury-Tenison
11.45am - 12pm	Top Trees for your Garden with Harry Baldwin
12.30 - 2pm	Ash Dieback talk and guided walk with Robert Taylor
2.30 - 3pm	Ancient Trees with Jill Butler
3 - 3.30pm	Tree Selection & Planting - The Art and Know How with Eliot Barden, Majestic Trees

### FOOD & DRINK

BBQ, Garden Picnics, Gelato, Garden Bar & Coffee Pop up, Ice Lollies, Roman Food



## WEDNESDAY 13 MAY

### TOURS

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE TO MEET
9.30am & 1.30pm	Bulbs & Bedding - <i>30 mins, book on day</i>	Winter Garden
10 - 11am	The Wonderful World of Roses with Michael Marriott - <i>Pre-book, £10</i>	Threshing Barn
10.30 - 11am	Annuals to Extend the Season - <i>Book on day</i>	Fire Pit
10.30am & 1.30pm	Roman Villa Garden Tour - <i>30 mins, book on day</i>	Roman Villa Gardens
10.30 - 11.30am	Four Seasons Garden Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Four Seasons Garden
11am & 2pm	The Art of Espalier - <i>45 mins, book on day</i>	Fire Pit
12 - 12.45pm	Cyder Tour - <i>Pre-book, £10</i>	Threshing Barn
12.30pm & 3pm	Wisteria & Laburnum Care - <i>30 mins, book on day</i>	Four Seasons Garden
2 - 3pm	Blossom Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Fire Pit
2 - 2.45pm	Summer Bee Safari - <i>Pre-book, £10</i>	Threshing Barn
2.30pm & 4.45pm	The Benefits of Mulching - <i>45 mins, book on day</i>	Winter Garden

### WORKSHOPS & DEMOS

9.30am & 10.45am	Eco Plant Imprints workshop - <i>Pre-book, £10, 1hour</i>	Picnic Area
9.30am - 3pm	Botany Watercolours - <i>Pre-book, £150</i>	College Room
12 - 1pm	Annuals Practical Planting Session - <i>Book on day</i>	Fire Pit
12pm & 1.45pm	Flower Hammering - <i>Pre-book, £20, 1hour</i>	Picnic Area
1 - 2pm	Propagating Perennials Demo - <i>Book on day</i>	Winter Garden
2 - 3pm	Natural Plant Support for Tall Perennials - <i>Book on day</i>	Winter Garden
3.30 - 5pm	Maintaining a Wildflower Meadow - <i>Book on day</i>	Fire Pit
3.30pm & 4.45pm	Printing with Flowers - <i>Pre-book, £10, 1hour</i>	Picnic Area
4 - 5pm	Creative Lawn Care - <i>Book on day</i>	Winter Garden
All day	Spinning & Weaving Demos	Roman Villa Courtyard
All day	Bowl Turning & Pottery Demos	Roman Villa Courtyard

### TALKS AT THE STORY OF GARDENING

12 - 12.40pm	For the Love of Soil with The Land Gardeners
2.30pm - 3.30pm	The Allotment, the Emperor and Me with Lally Snow

### FOOD & DRINK

BBQ, Garden Picnics, Gelato, Garden Bar & Coffee Pop up, Ice Lollies

## THURSDAY

14 MAY

### TOURS

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE TO MEET
10am & 12pm	The Kitchen Garden in May - 30 mins, <i>book on day</i>	Kitchen Garden
10.30 - 11.15am	Greenhouse Tour with Sally Morgan - <i>Book on day</i>	Fire Pit
10.30 - 11.30am	Four Seasons Garden Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Four Seasons Garden
12 & 3pm	Roman Vegetable Garden - 30 mins, <i>book on day</i>	Roman Villa Garden
12 - 12.45pm	Cyder Tour - <i>Pre-book, £10</i>	Threshing Barn
1pm & 4pm	The Art of Espalier - 45 mins, <i>book on day</i>	Fire Pit
1.30, 2.45 & 4pm	Discover Pollinators - 45 mins, <i>book on day</i>	Threshing Barn
2 - 3pm	Living on One Acre or Less with Sally Morgan - <i>Book on day</i>	Kitchen Garden
2 - 3pm	Blossom Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Fire Pit
2.30 - 3.15pm	Summer Bee Safari - <i>Pre-book, £10</i>	Threshing Barn

### WORKSHOPS & DEMOS

10 - 11.15am	Hand-tied Posies with Forest London - <i>Pre-book, £55</i>	Picnic Area
11am - 12pm	Making Compost for your Garden - <i>Book on day</i>	Threshing Barn
1.45 - 2.45pm	Growing Vegetables from Seed Demo - <i>Book on day</i>	Winter Garden
2.30 - 3.30pm	Planted Succulent Bowls with Forest London - <i>Pre-book, £55</i>	Picnic Area
All day	Spinning & Weaving Demos	Roman Villa Courtyard
All day	Meet the Roman Gardener	Roman Villa Courtyard
All day	Meet the Kitchen Garden Team	Kitchen Garden
All day	Pottery Demos	Roman Villa Courtyard

### TALKS AT THE STORY OF GARDENING

11.30am - 12.15pm	The Story of Gardening with Robin Lane Fox
2.30 - 3.15pm	How Does your Garden Grow - Planning, Growing & Caring for a Garden with Milli Proust
3.30 - 4.15pm	The Fermenter's Garden with Sandor Katz

### FOOD & DRINK

BBQ, Garden Picnics, Gelato, Garden Bar & Coffee Pop up, Ice Lollies

## FRIDAY

15 MAY

### TOURS

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE TO MEET
10.30am & 1.30pm	Roman Villa Garden Tour - 30 min, <i>book on day</i>	Roman Villa Garden
10.30 - 11.30am	Four Seasons Garden Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Four Seasons Garden
11.30am - 12.30pm	Partner Gardens Walk and Talk with Tremenheere, Tresco, Chatsworth & The Newt - <i>Book on day</i>	Threshing Barn
12 - 12.45pm	Cyder Tour - <i>Pre-book, £10</i>	Threshing Barn
2 - 3pm	Blossom Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Fire Pit
2.30 - 3.15pm	Summer Bee Safari - <i>Pre-book, £10</i>	Threshing Barn
2.30 - 3.15pm	Kitchen Garden Walk and Talk with Story of Emily & The Newt - <i>Book on day</i>	Kitchen Garden

### WORKSHOPS & DEMOS

10am - 3pm	Sandor Katz Fermentation Workshop & Lunch - <i>Pre-book, £150</i>	Picnic Area
11am - 12pm	Making Compost for your Garden	Four Seasons Garden
All day	Willow Working	Threshing Barn
		Roman Villa Courtyard

### TALKS AT THE STORY OF GARDENING

9am - 12pm	Drop in for a morning with our Partner Gardens
10 - 10.30am	The Biomes with Andy Jasper from The Eden Project & Harry Baldwin from The Newt
10.45 - 11am	Tremenheere Sculpture Gardens: Space, Light and Place with Tremenheere's Head Gardener Alex Goodyear, and Owner Dr Neil Armstrong
11 - 11.15am	Chatsworth's Past, Present & Future with Chatsworth's Head of Gardens & Landscape Steve Porter
11.30am - 12pm	Introducing Tregothnan Tea with Jonathan Jones, Managing Director of Tregothnan
12 - 12.30pm	Wild by Design with Iain Parkinson, Head of Landscape and Horticulture at Wakehurst
12.30 - 12.45pm	From Viewing to Experiencing - A Different Kind of Garden with Simon Gudgeon, Owner of Sculpture by the Lake

### FOOD & DRINK

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## SATURDAY

16 MAY

Saturday is all about celebration. Colour, craft and country traditions enliven the gardens - get involved with our 'Maggie on the Green' communal art project or join in with Maypole and Morris dancing. For the green-fingered enthusiasts, our Plant Fair offers a chance to take away some beauties for your own garden, alongside The Soil Ecology Lab, where you're invited to bring a soil or compost sample from home and see what's really going on beneath the surface.

### NEW QUESTION TIME

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE TO MEET
11am - 12pm	Alan Titchmarsh, Marian Boswall, Charles Dowding, Tony Kirkham, Matthew Pottage & Harry Baldwin field your questions in the Story of Gardening.	Story of Gardening

### FAMILY & NEWTLINGS ACTIVITIES

9.15am, 10.15am, 11.15am, 3.15pm, & 4.15pm	Maypole Dancing Workshops - 30 to 45 mins, <i>book on day</i>	Event Field
12.15pm & 1.30pm	Morris Dancing Workshops with Boss Morris - 30 to 45 mins, <i>pre-book and book on day</i>	Event Field
9am - 2pm	Maggie in The Green Community Crafting with Lost Giant Makers	Winter Garden
2.30 - 3.30pm	Maggie in the Green 'Finale' Procession & Performance with Selwood Bounds	Starts at Courtyard

### TOURS

10.30 - 11.30am	Four Seasons Garden Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Four Seasons Garden
12 - 3pm	Horse & Carriage Rides	Roman Villa
12 - 12.45pm	Cyder Tour - <i>Pre-book, £10</i>	Threshing Barn
2 - 3pm	Blossom Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Fire Pit
All day	Tractor Tours from The Hive - 20 mins, <i>book on day</i>	Four Seasons Garden

### WORKSHOPS & DEMOS

All day	Have a Go Archery	Roman Villa Courtyard
All day	Willow Working	Roman Villa Courtyard

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### PLANT FAIR

Our Plant Fair will bring together over twenty stalls, each offering a carefully curated selection of plants and garden wares from local growers and independent specialist nurseries. It's the perfect opportunity to take a small slice of horticultural inspiration home after a day in the gardens.

Saturday, 9am - 4pm on the event field.

*Please scan below for our vendor list*



## Symphony of Colour

*In homage to the estate's horticultural history - in particular the legacy of Nori and Sandra Pope - this spring the gardens feature a brand new planting scheme.*

The 'Symphony of Colour', named after the Pope's explanation of the colour harmonies in their planting, brings bold swathes of colour to the Victorian Beds, Scented Gardens and Colour Gardens. During the show things will be in full, spectacular bloom, but the display will continue to flourish all the way through to October.

*Please scan below for full planting list*



# SUNDAY

17 MAY

## *The Newt BioBlitz*

Become a naturalist for the day and help us conduct an estate-wide BioBlitz. Pick up a recording sheet from the Information Desk and record what you see as you wander, or book a slot to join the experts and contribute to our official citizen science project.

### OFFICIAL BIOBLITZ ACTIVITIES

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
9.30 - 11am	Moth Monitoring - <i>Pre-book</i>	Kitchen Garden
10 - 11am	Bird Walk - <i>Pre-book</i>	Fire Pit
10am & 3pm	Red Squirrel & Hedgehog Enclosure Visit - <i>1 hour, pre-book</i>	Threshing Barn
11am & 1.30pm	Dragonfly Searches & ID - <i>1 hour, pre-book</i>	Fire Pit
11.30am, 1.30pm & 3.30pm	Newt Spotting - <i>30 mins, pre-book</i>	Kitchen Garden
12.30pm & 2.30pm	Butterfly Walk - <i>1 hour, pre-book</i>	Threshing Barn
3 - 4pm	Bumblebee Walk - <i>Pre-book</i>	Fire Pit
4 - 5pm	Botany Walk - <i>Pre-book</i>	Threshing Barn

### WORKSHOPS & DEMOS

10am - 4pm	Newtlings Biomimicry 'Art in the Garden' Costume Workshop	Event Field
All day	Have a Go Archery	Roman Villa Courtyard
All day	Willow Working	Roman Villa Courtyard

### TALKS AT THE STORY OF GARDENING

11.30am & 2pm	Estate Wildlife Recording Talk with Dr Tom Oliver - <i>30 mins</i>
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*Please note that all information is correct at the time of print; however, details are subject to change.*

### TOURS

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
10.30 - 11.30am	Four Seasons Garden Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Four Seasons Garden
12 - 3pm	Horse & Carriage Rides	Roman Villa
12 - 12.45pm	Cyder Tour - <i>Pre-book, £10</i>	Threshing Barn
2 - 3pm	Blossom Tour - <i>Book on day</i>	Fire Pit
2 - 2.45pm	Deer Park Experience - <i>Book on day</i>	Threshing Barn
All day	Tractor Tours from The Hive - <i>20 mins, book on day</i>	Four Seasons Garden

### FOOD & DRINK

BBQs, Garden Picnics, Gelato, Garden Bar & Coffee Pop up, Ice Lollies, Roman Food



# UPCOMING EVENTS & HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Access to Estate weekends and our Newtlings holiday programme are included in a Newt Membership.

## Newtlings Holiday Programmes

23 - 31 May 2026

23 July - 2 September 2026

23 October - 2 November 2026

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## Summer Farm Show

4 - 5 July 2026

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## Harvest Weekend

12 - 13 September 2026

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## Apple Day Weekend

17 - 18 October 2026

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## Fire Night

6 November 2026

