



50th Year

# ARLINGTON BLUEBELL WALK

[www.bluebellwalk.co.uk](http://www.bluebellwalk.co.uk)



FPS ACCREDITED AUTHORITY 2019

ENVIRONMENTAL  
SOUTH EAST



# BATES GREEN GARDEN

[www.batesgreengarden.co.uk](http://www.batesgreengarden.co.uk)



Now a  
Royal Horticultural Society  
(RHS) Partner Garden



Open daily 10am - 5pm  
11 April - 10 May 2023



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# This is what we offer when you visit The Bluebell Walk:

- **Free car parking**
- Designated **parking for disabled**
- **Dogs on leads welcomed**
- **Detailed map** of all the walks
- Walk through the **bluebells and white wood anemones** in a 24 acre ancient oak wood
  - This walk is **gravelled for wheelchairs** and mobility scooters
  - **Seating every 150 yards**
- **Six other walks** over farmland
- **See cows being milked** 3.00pm to 5.00pm from a viewing gallery.
- **Petting animals area**
- **Mobility scooters available** free of charge
- **Wheelchair accessible toilet**
- **Refreshments** provided by the duty charity
- **Picnic tables** in a sheltered corner of the car park field
- Visit the **secondhand book room** managed by Action Medical Research - open every day
- **Plant stall** managed by Arlington Church - open every day
- Hailsham Old Pavilion Society (HOPS) **stall and ice cream** - open every day
- **Photographic competition** to win prizes
- **Children's quiz sheets** available, answers found on boards around the walks





## Every spring Beatons Wood, our ancient oak wood, appears as:

- 1 A fresh green carpet of emerging bluebell leaves
- 2 A white display of wood anemones
- 3 A unique view of green, white and blue as the English bluebells emerge
- 4 Followed by the many vistas of blue when the bluebells are fully out

Watch the videos on:

[www.bluebellwalk.co.uk/videos](http://www.bluebellwalk.co.uk/videos)



- **Memorial Glade** situated in the quiet area of Beatons Wood, to sit and remember those who are no longer here
- **Sussex trug maker** Charlie Groves demonstrates his skills most weekends  
[www.sussextrugbaskets.co.uk](http://www.sussextrugbaskets.co.uk)
- **Wild bird webcam** View the garden birds feeding via the large screen in the Bluebell Barn. Managed by G2 Distributions  
01323 489481

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**FROM 1972 - 2022  
£890,000 HAS  
BEEN RAISED BY 80  
LOCAL CHARITIES.  
INFLATION RAISES  
THIS FIGURE TO  
OVER £1,500,000**

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Exact timing of the appearance of bluebells and wood anemones is decided by nature, not us!

Every Friday and Tuesday we post an update on our home page at: [www.bluebellwalk.co.uk](http://www.bluebellwalk.co.uk)

# Participating Charities 2023

## Managing the Walks & Supplying the Refreshments 11 April - 10 May

### **EAST SUSSEX FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION**

TUE 11 - WED 12 APRIL

### **CHILDREN WITH CANCER FUND**

THU 13 APRIL

### **MEMORY LANE EASTBOURNE**

FRI 14 APRIL

### **ROTARY CLUB OF EASTBOURNE AM**

SAT 15 - SUN 16 APRIL

### **UPPER DICKER CHURCH & VILLAGE HALL**

MON 17- TUE 18 APRIL

### **NSPCC**

WED 19 APRIL

### **ROTARY CLUB OF SEAFORD**

THU 20 - FRI 21 APRIL

### **AIR AMBULANCE KENT, SURREY & SUSSEX SUPPORTED BY SE LIONS**

SAT 22 - SUN 23 APRIL

### **DEMELZA HOSPICE CARE FOR CHILDREN**

MON 24 - TUE 25 APRIL

### **ST WILFRID'S HOSPICE \***

WED 26 APRIL

### **HERON'S GHYLL CARRIAGE DRIVING FOR THE DISABLED**

THU 27 - FRI 28 APRIL

### **ARLINGTON VILLAGE HALL & CHURCH**

SAT-SUN-MON 29 - 30 APRIL & 1 MAY (BANK HOL)

### **EASTBOURNE & DISTRICT SAMARITANS**

TUE 2 - WED 3 MAY

### **SUSSEX CANCER FUND**

THU 4 MAY

### **THE SALVATION ARMY**

FRI 5 MAY

### **CANINE PARTNERS**

SAT 6 - SUN 7 MAY

### **EAST SUSSEX FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION**

MON 8 MAY (BANK HOL)

### **HELLINGLY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA**

TUE 9 - WED 10 MAY

\* Wednesday 26th April:  
St Wilfrid's Hospice –  
**OUR NHS THANK YOU DAY**  
Staff who work for the NHS and their families, have free entry to the Bluebell Walk – Please bring NHS ID

## Other Participating Charities

(During Bluebell Walk period)

**Sussex Wildlife Trust:** Stand on Fridays, weekends & bank holidays

**Action Medical Research:** Secondhand book stall daily

**Arlington Church:** Plant stall daily

**Hailsham Old Pavilion Society (HOPS):** Stall + ice creams daily

# Become a Friend of Arlington Bluebell Walk and Bates Green Garden



- Visit on any day the Bluebell Walk or Bates Green Garden are open
- Bring up to two additional visitors, adults or children (3-16yrs) and they only pay 50% of their entry charge
- Laminated Membership Card
- Invitation to a Thank You Party at the end of October

Cost of a 12 month's Membership: £50 (inc VAT) per person - Two persons living at the same household £90

To join visit:

[www.bluebellwalk.co.uk/](http://www.bluebellwalk.co.uk/)  
[friends-of-arlington-bluebell-walk](http://friends-of-arlington-bluebell-walk)

## BATES GREEN FARM PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

This is open for images taken during the year when the Arlington Bluebell Walk and Bates Green Garden are open to the public. Deadline for entries 1 November 2023.

Rules, terms and conditions of the competition can be viewed on

[www.bluebellwalk.co.uk/photo-competition](http://www.bluebellwalk.co.uk/photo-competition)



## Would you like to receive the Bluebell Walk & Bates Green Garden monthly Newsletter?

To follow progress of the Bluebell Walk and Bates Green Garden, please go to [www.bluebellwalk.co.uk](http://www.bluebellwalk.co.uk) or [www.batesgreengarden.co.uk](http://www.batesgreengarden.co.uk) and sign up at the bottom of any page.



# Bates Green Garden

**A tranquil 1.5 acre garden adjacent to a 6 acre wildflower meadow with mown paths, seating and views of the South Downs**



Bates Green Garden was designed and planted from 1968 by the late Carolyn McCutchan, a skilled plantswoman.

The garden is most easily described as an English Garden planted in a naturalistic style, unique in its selection of many unusual plants, including mature trees and shrubs. It continues to evolve, featuring colourful and imaginative plantings.

The distinct areas of the garden offer a sensory experience with bulbs, grasses, herbaceous and woody plants providing colour, scent and texture in all seasons.

- **The Front Garden** has wonderful autumn colour and sings out in late winter when the low sun lights up the many cornus and salix stems. Snowdrops, aconites and crocus herald the spring.
- **The Middle Garden** is formal in its layout, with exuberant planting which has recently been redesigned to adapt to our changing climate.
- **The Woodland Garden** contains a fine collection of narcissi; a majestic oak tree presides over this area providing welcome shade throughout the summer months.
- **The Wildflower Meadow** has mown paths through its six acres with seating and fine views of the South Downs.

Bates Green Garden is a unique garden and a peaceful space to immerse oneself. It is full of birdsong, with restful places to sit, relax and appreciate nature.



## OPEN WEDNESDAYS

**22 FEB-25 OCT 10AM-4PM**

Booking online is essential during February and March due to parking limitations.

[www.batesgreengarden.co.uk](http://www.batesgreengarden.co.uk)

Sorry no dogs in the garden (except Assistance Dogs), but all dogs on leads welcomed in Beatons Wood. At the time of printing, we have 4 charities that will be supplying light refreshments to our garden visitors on Wednesdays

- 5th April Friends of Bull River Guides camp
- 31st May Wildlife Rescue and Ambulance Service (WRAS)  
[www.wildlifeambulance.org](http://www.wildlifeambulance.org)
- 7th June Sussex Cancer Fund  
[www.sussexcancerfund.co.uk](http://www.sussexcancerfund.co.uk)
- 19th July Arlington Village



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# OPEN GARDEN CHARITY DAYS & OTHER EVENTS

## NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME (NGS) OPEN DAYS

**Sunday 19th February**  
**Sunday 19th March**  
**Sunday 24th September**  
**Sunday 22nd October**

Booking is essential through  
[www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)  
Catering supplied by Cancer Research UK



## OPEN GARDEN CHARITY DAYS

**Wednesday 26th April - ST WILFRID'S HOSPICE** (no booking required)  
**Thursday 7th September - BRITISH RED CROSS**  
(Please book at [www.redcross.org.uk/opengardens](http://www.redcross.org.uk/opengardens))

Group garden visits of 12+ people are welcome and tours are available. Why not combine with a visit to Michelham Priory [www.sussexpast.co.uk](http://www.sussexpast.co.uk) only a mile away?  
Please email [info@batesgreengarden.co.uk](mailto:info@batesgreengarden.co.uk)

## BATES GREEN GARDEN STUDY MORNINGS

Come and spend the morning with the Garden Team, meet like-minded people and learn new skills in this beautiful garden.

All sessions run from 9.30am - 12.30pm

**Thursday 25th May - WILDFLOWER MEADOWS AND MANAGEMENT**

**Thursday 29th June - SUMMER PROPAGATION**

**Thursday 27th July - GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE**

**Thursday 31st August - CREATIVE CONTAINER PLANTING**

**Thursday 28th September - COLLECTING AND SOWING SEEDS**

Each morning costs £50 to include tea/coffee and home made cake

For further details please visit [www.batesgreengarden.co.uk](http://www.batesgreengarden.co.uk)

Early booking essential as numbers limited to 12 per session. Book for all 5 and receive one session free.

## CHARITIES NEEDED

We would like to emulate the Bluebell Walk, by having charities involved every Wednesday when Bates Green Garden is open. We will pay them a retainer to supply light refreshments to our garden visitors. Do you know of a charity that might be interested?  
Email: [john@bluebellwalk.co.uk](mailto:john@bluebellwalk.co.uk)

# Bluebell Walk opening times

Daily 10am - 5pm 11 April - 10 May 2023

# Bates Green Garden opening times

Every Wednesday 10am - 4pm  
22 February - 25 October 2023

(Also every day the Bluebell Walk is open)

## ENTRANCE CHARGES (inc VAT)

### BLUEBELL WALK

All adults £6.00

Children (3-16 yrs) £3.00

### Family

(2 adults and up to 4 children) £16.00

### BATES GREEN GARDEN

When the Bluebell Walk is closed, you can purchase a combined ticket, to stroll round Beatons Wood

All adults £7.00

Children (3-16 yrs) £3.50

Garden/Wood £12.00

Garden/Wood £6.00

## HOW TO GET HERE

### Public Transport

3 miles (5km) from nearest bus stops at Hailsham or Wilmington and train stations at Polegate or Berwick.

### Taxis

Hailsham 01323 844464 Polegate 01323 484444

### By car for the Bluebell Walk

Follow the large ESCC approved brown & white signs marked Bluebell Walk & Farm Trails off the A22 and minor roads to a large free car park.

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### By car for Bates Green Garden

No directional signs so use your sat nav BN26 6SH.

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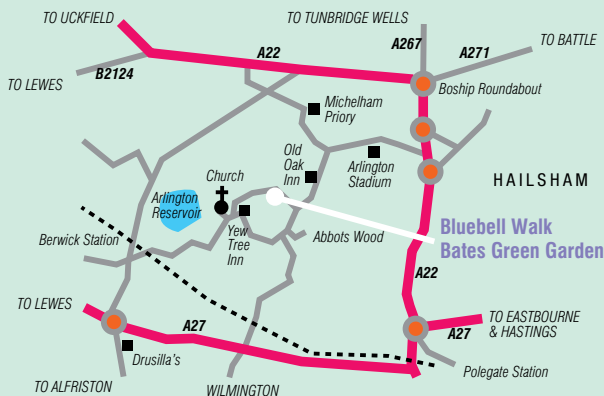
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### Electric charging points near us

[www.zap-map.com/locations/hailsham-charging-points](http://www.zap-map.com/locations/hailsham-charging-points)

### Accessible parking bays at entrance to Bates Green Farm

Access Statement can be downloaded from [www.bluebellwalk.co.uk/access](http://www.bluebellwalk.co.uk/access)



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