

**SCOTLAND'S**  
**GARDENS**  
GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY

**FIFE GARDEN TRAIL 2017**



**NINE  
FABULOUS  
GARDENS**

*Various dates throughout June and July*

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Charity No: SC011337

# ABOUT THE TRAIL

Running over late June and early July, the Fife Garden Trail provides an opportunity to see nine privately owned gardens five of which have never or rarely admitted visitors before. It also offers a very flexible way to visit the gardens whether you wish to visit the area and see all gardens in three days (20-22 June, 27- 29 June or 4-6 July) or take the four weeks to see them all. The gardens can also be visited at different times, with some open all day, some in the afternoon, and others in the afternoon and evening. Some gardens have plants for sale, others the option of teas.

From recently developed to rejuvenated historic all the gardens opening for the Trail are unique and reflect great gardening and creative talent. All are different, but have one thing in common: their owners would love to share their garden and passion for gardening with you and raise funds for charity in the process.

A ticket for the Fife Garden Trail makes a perfect gift and do treat yourself as well!

## ADMISSION

£20 (plus £1 P&P) for entrance to all gardens. Accompanied children free.

## TICKETS

A limited number of tickets are available and may be purchased by credit card at [www.scotlandsgardens.org/fgf2017](http://www.scotlandsgardens.org/fgf2017) or by cheque payable to Scotland's Gardens from S Lorimore, Willowhill, Forgan, Newport on Tay, Fife DD6 8RA.

## BENEFICIARY CHARITIES

60% of the net proceeds from The Fife Garden Trail will go to Scotland's Gardens beneficiaries,

*maggie's*



with the remainder split equally between RNLI Anstruther and RHET Fife.



Fundraising in aid of the RNLI



# OPENING TIMES AT A GLANCE

## Tuesdays

<b>Freelands</b>	10am - 4pm	20 June	27 June	4 July	-
<b>Teasses</b>	10am - 4pm	20 June	27 June	4 July	11 July
<b>Whinhill</b>	1pm - 5pm	20 June	27 June	4 July	11 July

## Wednesdays

<b>Edenside</b>	1pm - 6pm	21 June	28 June	5 July	-
<b>Lucklaw House</b>	11am - 5pm	21 June	28 June	5 July	12 July
<b>St Mary's Farm</b>	4pm - 8pm	21 June	28 June	5 July	12 July
<b>Willowhill</b>	10am - 7pm	21 June	28 June	5 July	12 July

## Thursdays

<b>Balcaskie</b>	10am - 4pm	22 June	29 June	6 July	13 July
<b>Gilston House</b>	1pm - 5pm	22 June	29 June	6 July	13 July

## KEY TO SYMBOLS



Plant Sale



Teas

# FREELANDS

Ceres KY15 5LW

Douglas Lennam & Juliet MacAuley

## OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays 10am - 4pm  
June 20 and 27, July 4

### DIRECTIONS

From Ceres follow the main road to Cupar through the village and up the hill. After a very sharp bend on the brow of the hill a track to Freelands is on the left. The track has no passing place until the bend at the end so please give way to any car already on it coming towards you.



Converted from a windswept grazing field, the one acre garden at Freelands has slowly evolved over 11 years into the colourful and wildlife friendly area it now is. The herbaceous borders are densely planted for colour and the exclusion of weeds with most of the plants grown from seed, cuttings and divisions. The kitchen garden provides most of the annual needs of the household.



In the outer area self-seeding of wild flowers is encouraged to help blend the garden into the countryside. A pond supports newts and frogs and plenty of other wildlife.

## TEASSES

near Ceres KY8 5PG

Sir Fraser and Lady Morrison

## OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays 10am-4pm  
20, 27 June and 4, 11 July

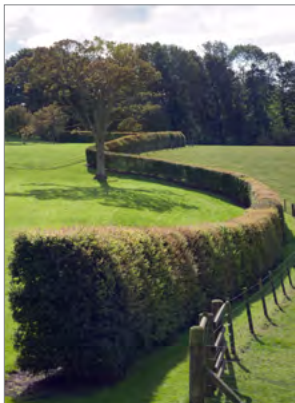
## OTHER INFORMATION

Guided tours available 10-12am and 2-4pm

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## DIRECTIONS

Between Ceres and Largo. Enter by Teasses House main gates, 3 miles from Ceres.



The striking feature of Teasses is the combination of formally designed gardens adjacent to the house and contemporary designs beyond linking the house with the contours of the rolling landscape. Curved sweeping hedges in the landscaped garden in combination with straight lines of young tree plantings complement the formal and contemporary garden theme.



This young garden is looking to the future with maturing trees, hedges and rhododendrons planted over the last 20 years and a Millennium Walk of a series of woodland gardens dedicated to and with plantings selected by expanding members of the Morrison family.

# WHINHILL

Lahill Mains, Upper Largo, Leven KY8 5QS

Sue and Jeremy Eccles

## OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays 1pm-5pm  
20, 27 June and 4, 11 July



## DIRECTIONS

Signposted lane on the rhs one mile north of Upper Largo on A915 to St Andrews.

Sue is a self-confessed plantaholic: from alpines to herbaceous perennials, shrubs and trees she loves them all; in particular roses and peonies. She enjoys growing plants from cuttings and seed, the more unusual the species the more irresistible she finds them and most plants in the garden have been propagated by her. With an instinctive sense of layout Sue has created a garden containing many unusual plants, the oldest part now 20 years old. From the formal south-facing garden, with fine views to the south across the Forth estuary, to more informal naturalistic plantings, leading to a tree shelter belt to the west of the 5 acre garden, the whole is packed with choice plants, shrubs and trees.



The oldest part of the garden, the formal garden, was expanded in 2007 with a pool built to reflect light. Surrounded by plants inherited from Sue's mother and moved from County Down this garden development provides a sense of family and history through a love of plants.



# EDENSIDE

Strathmiglo KY14 7PX

Symon and Caroline Macpherson

## OPENING TIMES

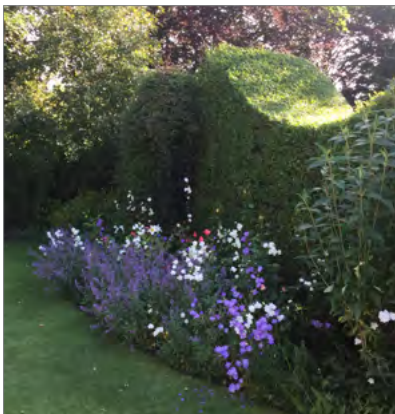
Wednesdays 1pm–6pm  
21, 28 June and 5 July



## DIRECTIONS

Strathmiglo lies off the A91, 6 miles east of the M90 Junction 8. Signs direct visitors to Edenside KY14 7PX and parking.

Edenside is a Victorian house set in a little over an acre of garden surrounded by mature deciduous trees and with a background sound of running water provided by the river Eden along one boundary. Over the eleven years since Caroline and Symon Macpherson moved to Edenside the garden has developed into a succession of hedged rooms, with perennial herbaceous borders. The walls of hedging and topiary continue to provide structure and form throughout the winter. Caroline is inspired by the planting and designs of Gertrude Jekyll which give the garden the individuality and charm she planned and continues to develop.



A sweeping, sculptured hedge provides the main division, with a beech hedge established round the croquet lawn, making an independent room which leads on to a yew room and a topiary room bordering a pond where water lilies and orfe flourish. There is a caged potager for vegetables and fruit, with espaliered pear and apple trees along the walls of the back drive.



# LUCKLAW HOUSE

Logie KY15 4SJ

Robert and Kate Campbell

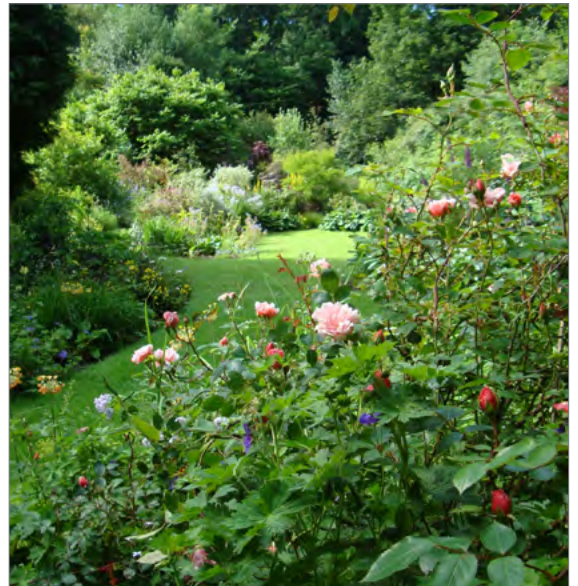
## OPENING TIMES

Wednesdays 11am-5pm  
21, 28 June, 5, 12 July

### DIRECTIONS

From the A92, 7 miles from the Tay Road Bridge, take turning signposted Logie for circa 2 miles up the hill. From the A914 follow signpost to Logie at Thai Teak, turn right at top of hill. The garden is signposted and there is parking on verge outside the garden wall.

Kate began the garden of the old Manse just eight years ago when she first started pulling out nettles and hacking back brambles on the steep, challenging north facing slope that lies behind the house. Loving nothing better than being surrounded by high, exuberant planting Kate can nowadays be found hidden away in a border of her creation weeding and planting or digging and clearing new ground as she expands the garden into the surrounding wilderness.



With a sense of right plant, right place and a love of leaves of different shape and textures the garden is gently evolving with the upper garden around the house planted in a grassy naturalistic style while in the lower garden, mixed borders are planted for scent. A steep escarpment that runs down to the Logie burn and woodland bisects these intensively cultivated areas and poses the next big challenge.

## ST MARY'S FARM

St Mary's Road, Cupar KY15 4NF

Michael Innes and Carolyn Scott

## OPENING TIMES

Wednesdays 4pm-8pm  
21, 28 June and 5, 12 July

### DIRECTIONS

Take the A913 from Cupar towards Newburgh. On the edge of Cupar, by Duffus Park, at the end of the 30mph speed limit, turn left along a small, unsigned, country road. The farm is just over a mile on the right hand side.

The main intensive garden area is only 25 x 25m and, adjacent to the house, has been designed to have all year round interest and be a practical space for outdoor living. The area has a strong hard landscape element – terrace, steps, perimeter walls, paved paths, metal arches. Also some architectural planting – yew hedges, box hedges and yew topiary.



Within this there is dense planting which succeeds in giving colour from February to October along with winter interest from the garden structure. Very little soil visible except in the vegetable garden. Outwith this there is a small courtyard garden with formal pool, a wild pond area and two acres of woodland.

# WILLOWHILL

Forgan, Newport-on-Tay DD6 8RA

Eric Wright and Sally Lorimore



## OPENING TIMES

Wednesdays 10am-7pm  
21, 28 June, 5, 12 July

### DIRECTIONS

1½ miles south of Tay Road Bridge. Take the B995 to Newport off the Forgan roundabout. Willowhill is the first house on the left hand side next to the Forgan Arts Centre.

Eric and Sally love colour and a major feature of Willowhill is different plantings in vibrant colour combinations: from soft pale pink, blue, purple and lemon borders blending into burnt orange, chocolate and purple-red planting through to beds containing a palate of bold, bright reds, blues and yellows onto a riotous flower border of orange, magenta purple and acid yellow plants.



The other feature of the garden is for the design to fit with the surrounding landscape and to provide a sense of travel and movement: gardens around the house contain paths curving and undulating through and around borders. These carry on to wide sweeping paths through a large grassland area leading the eye to the focal point of a gap in the treeline of the hill beyond.



# BALCASKIE

Pittenweem KY10 2RE

**Toby and Kate Anstruther**

## OPENING TIMES

Thursdays 10am–4pm  
22, 29 June and 6, 13 July

## DIRECTIONS

Satnav postcode KY10 2RE then follow signs to NTS Kellie Castle but take a right turn south to Comielaw opposite the road-entrance to Kellie. This is the North drive to Balcaskie. Other drives are closed.

Balcaskie's house and three-terraced garden were designed by the King's architect, Sir William Bruce, as his own home in 1665. When Bruce's aspirations grew to Kinross House, Balcaskie was bought by the Anstruther family who have been there ever since. By 1905 it was described as "one of the best and most satisfying gardens in the British Isles" by George Elgood following a visit with Gertrude Jekyll.

A century on the garden retains its wonderful structure and a much-needed rejuvenation of the softer aspects of its planting has begun: the 100m border on the top terrace has been replanted as has the central parterre; the middle or palm terrace with its sheltered buttress walls is undergoing replanting with more exotic plants to integrate with some of the existing unusual specimens like *Magnolia Delavayi* and the lower terrace with recently-restored vinehouse is temporarily in use raising plants for the garden. There is also a new central cut-flower border backed by renovated yew hedges.

The rejuvenation of Balcaskie has begun, do come and see!



# GILSTON HOUSE

By Largoward, Leven KY8 5QP

Mr and Mrs Edward Baxter



## OPENING TIMES

Thursdays 1-5pm  
22, 29 June and 6, 13 July

## DIRECTIONS

Signposted on A915 between Largoward and Upper Largo.

Catherine Baxter and her garden are in a constant state of change. Plants are dizzy they are moved so often. Several times a year she appears in her garden like a whirling dervish and plants and people are scattered everywhere, driven by impulse and a fertile mind.



Inspired by Rosemary Verey's writings where balance, rhythm and symmetry are key and Vita Sackville Wests' instructions to "Cram! Cram! Cram!" Catherine's mixed borders are now fulfilling her early vision. The new West border, only an idea when the garden was last open, is now complete. The woodland walk is evolving and more happens every year.



The juxtaposition of the cool green spaces and the wide vistas opened up by her husband across the Fife countryside with the intimacy and density of Catherine's planting make this a garden for all. The formality of the great grey stone house Catherine and Edward inherited from his family give both focal point and backdrop linking the gardens into one wonderful whole. Gilston House is part of Eastneuk Estates: [www.eastneukestates.co.uk](http://www.eastneukestates.co.uk)



# Lifeboats

## Fundraising in aid of the RNLI

We are on call 24/7, 365 days a year to respond to ultimately save lives at sea and we are big believer in raising the profile of the RNLI and the work we do to further educate those who use the seas and coastlines and ultimately help people to understand the risk involved and to respect the water.

With the support of the Fife Garden Trail, we can continue to do this and for this we are extremely thankful! We are all working towards halving UK & Ireland coastal fatalities by 2024 We have the Angus and Fife coastline protected with lifeboat stations at Kinghorn,

Broughty Ferry, Arbroath and Montrose as well as at Anstruther, and Fife also has further protection with RNLI lifeguarded beaches at Aberdour, Burntisland, Leven, Elie and St Andrews.

### ***From Coxswain Michael Bruce***

*“All the team at Anstruther Lifeboat feel honoured and privileged that the RNLI has been chosen as one of the charities that will benefit from this wonderful event. It’s fantastic to think, the stunning gardens around Fife will fund the training of lifeboat crew at our station and in turn help save lives at sea.”*



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The purpose of The **Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET)** is to bring working countryside and its practices to life for young people. We work with partners to provide and deliver world leading learning opportunities for all Scotland's young people aged 3 to 18 about, in and through the Scottish agricultural environment and the countryside.

RHET aims to provide the opportunity for every child in Scotland to learn about food, farming and the countryside. This is achieved through a number of key activities: countryside visits for schools; classroom speaker talks by volunteers; providing free educational resource materials for schools; outdoor education events across Scotland; competitions and projects for school; training volunteers and teachers in the delivery of information relating to food, farming and the countryside.

In 2015/16 RHET Fife alone arranged over 100 visits to the countryside and over 80 speaker visits to schools/children's groups.

In 2016 the charities RHET and Scotland's Gardens came together for the first time with a joint initiative in Fife to get children out into gardens to learn more about growing and Bugs, Bees and Beasties. The children learned about how a beautiful garden can also be wildlife friendly and looked at different aspects of a garden and how to attract as many beasties and animals as possible, which type of flowering plants are most attractive to both us and wildlife and how to create a healthy and nutritious soil that is beneficial to microscopic animal and plant life. All pupils took part in sowing seeds, potting on cuttings which were added to the plant sales at each of the garden open days and all went home with something for their own garden. These visits took place in May/June 2016 at Willowhill, Earlshall Castle and Gardens and Greenhead Farmhouse with around 150 young people benefiting from the experience. See <http://tinyurl.com/hbmez9o>

For more information on the work of RHET Fife or if you wish to be involved in our work please email [fife@rhet.org](mailto:fife@rhet.org) or contact Project Co-ordinator, Carole Brunton on 01333 310523.

Please also have a look at our website for more information [www.rhet.org](http://www.rhet.org)

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## VISITING OUR GARDENS

The Scotland's Garden guidebook containing full details of all the gardens opened during the year is available in leading bookshops and other appropriate retail and tourist outlets from early December. Details can also be found at [www.scotlandsgardens.org](http://www.scotlandsgardens.org).

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO OPEN YOUR GARDEN FOR CHARITY?


Scotland's Gardens is a registered charity established in 1931 which raises funds for worthy charities by facilitating the opening of large and small gardens of horticultural interest throughout Scotland to the public. From grand estates to handkerchief-sized plots, exotic tropical gardens to outdoor garden studios, local villages and garden clubs and allotment gardens - all are of interest.

By opening your garden or gardens with Scotland's Gardens you will benefit from our established and successful marketing network, our administrative support, insurance provision and also our experience and advice.

As well as raising funds for Scotland's Gardens beneficiary charities, garden owners are able to nominate a charity of their choice to receive 40% of the funds raised. Whether the charities chosen are small and local or large, well-known organisations, garden openings provide a great opportunity for friends and neighbours to get together as a community event, have fun and raise funds for charity.

If you would like to know more about opening your garden for Scotland's Gardens, please contact us and we will arrange for a local Organiser to contact you with further information.

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