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Calling all garden lovers! (Name of garden) to open its gates to public for Scotland’s Gardens Scheme

OR

Garden owner from (location) invites the public to their private garden to raise money for (charity name)

A (describe the garden in one word eg beautiful/ interesting/ productive/ scenic) garden in (name of place) will be opening its gates to the public by special private arrangement to raise essential funds for (name of charity) and Scotland’s Gardens Scheme beneficiary charities.

Visitors will be able to enjoy the garden’s (explain key features e.g. herbaceous borders/walled kitchen garden/grounds and whether there are any particularly family friendly/wildlife friendly/unusual features). (This will be the first time (name) garden will be opening for Scotland’s Gardens). The garden opening will support (name of charity) and Scotland’s Gardens Scheme’s charity beneficiaries - The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland, Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres and Perennial.

The garden at (address) will be open between (start date) to (end date) and tickets are available from the owner for £x per person. (There will be a plant stall and refreshments.)

All you need to do is to contact the garden owner by phone (xxxxxxxxx) or email (xxxxxxxxxx) to arrange a time to visit.

(Name of garden owner) said: “(Insert quote here about why the garden owner has decided to open the garden for the chosen charity and what they hope people will enjoy about it.)”

Liz Stewart, Chief Executive of Scotland’s Gardens Scheme said: ‘The garden at (place name) is one of (over 400) gardens opening for Scotland’s Gardens this year. Thanks to garden owners and volunteers rallying together, there is an outstanding collection of beautiful gardens to visit this year, sure to delight the eye and feed the soul, while bringing people together in a shared love of plants and gardens.’

‘Arranging a private garden visit is a wonderful opportunity to see a garden away from the crowds and you can either have a personal tour with the owner or, if preferred, will be welcome to explore the garden on your own. Either way, you are sure of a very warm welcome.’

Scotland’s Gardens Scheme facilitates the opening of gardens in Scotland, principally private ones not normally open to the public, to raise funds for the benefit of charity. From large estates to urban wildlife havens, to allotments, contemporary and cottage gardens, Scotland’s Gardens Scheme has a garden for every interest.

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For more information or pictures please contact [place your contact details here]

For further media information on Scotland’s Gardens Scheme please contact info@scotlandsgardens.org or 0131 226 3714

Scotland’s Gardens Scheme raises money for other charities by facilitating the opening of large and small gardens of horticultural interest throughout Scotland to the public. Most are privately owned and are normally inaccessible to the public at other times. Funds raised go to over 220 charities each year, including Scotland’s Gardens Scheme core beneficiaries, The Queen’s Nursing Institute Scotland, Maggie’s and Perennial.

Visitors can plan their days out to participating gardens by clicking onto [scotlandsgardens.org](https://scotlandsgardens.org/). Click on which area you’d like to visit and details of all gardens opening locally will be displayed, with opening hours, online map and key details. Garden highlights can also be found on:

* YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/ScotlandsGardensScheme>
* Twitter @ScotGardens
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As well as on the website, garden listings can be found in the Scotland’s Gardens Scheme 2021 Guidebook, on sale for £7.50 in major bookshops, at tourist attractions, garden centres etc and online via [scotlandsgardens.org](https://scotlandsgardens.org/).