

Scotland's **GARDENS** Scheme

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What we do

- We help individuals and organisations to open gardens to the public.
- We work with garden owners and volunteers to plan, promote and celebrate garden openings
- We raise funds for charity through garden gate tickets, plant sales and refreshments.
- We make sure funds raised go to those charities supported.





**GARDEN
OPEN
THIS SUNDAY**

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Our volunteers!

Introduction

- Created in 1931 (celebrating 90 years!)
- Fundraising Committee of the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland - District Nurses
- The National Gardens Scheme 1926



Instant Success

- 1932 – the first full year
- King opens Balmoral to the public
- 500 gardens opened



VISIT SCOTLAND'S GARDENS



JUNE

- Sat. 4th CULTER HOUSE, Milltimber
BUS STOP - POST OFFICE
- Sun. 5th CLOVA, Lumsden
- Sun. 12th WHITEHOUSE, Alford
- Sun. 19th KNOCKESPOCH, Clatt
- Sun. 26th MANAR, Inverurie
- Sun. 26th KINALDIE, Kinellar

JULY

- Sun. 3rd HADDO HOUSE, Tarves
- Sun. 10th FYVIE CASTLE, Fyvie
- Sun. 17th ~~AUCHRY, Cuminstown~~
- Sun. 24th KIRKVILLE HOUSE, Skene
- Sat. 30th EDGEHILL Milltimber
- Sun. 31st LAITHERS, Turriff

AUGUST

- Sat. 6th CASTLE FRASER, Kemnay
- Sun. 7th 25 FOREST ROAD, Aberdeen
- Sun. 7th PITMEDDEN, Udry
- Sun. 7th SKENE HOUSE, Dunecht
- Sun. 14th GLENTANAR, Aboyne
- Sun. 14th FINZEAN HOUSE, Finzean
- Sun. 21st DUNECHT HOUSE, Dunecht
- Sun. 21st TEUCHAR LODGE, Cuminstown
- Sun. 28th ARNAGE CASTLE, Ellon

June 1st to October 1st Williamston House, Inch

Organised by The Queen's Institute in aid of
THE SCOTTISH QUEEN'S NURSES' PENSION FUND



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Supporting the Nurses

- Raising funds for the nurses
- District Nurses' annual pension of £20 doubled
- Nurse training supported

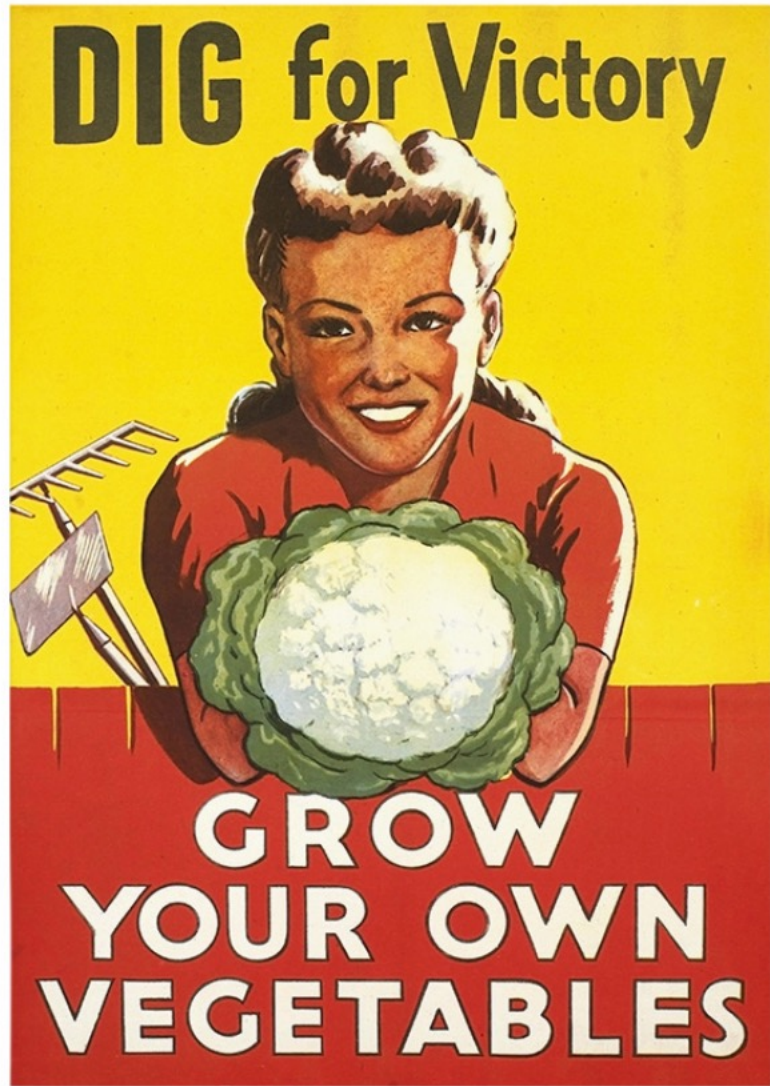




“He’s put on weight!”

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War Years



- Gardens continues to open although veg took over much of the flower beds
- Special petrol allowance given to garden owners and bus operators
- Tea continued to be served patriotically, and without sugar
- Gardens opening dropped to about 300
- Local openers can support their local nurses with 40% of funds raised

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Post War

- Creation of the NHS (1948)
- Nurses get NHS support
- 1952 The Gardens Fund of The National Trust for Scotland
- Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society

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The 1960s

- Charity distribution changes
- 40% of the funds raised at each garden opening goes to charity of GO choice
- 60% of the funds (net)
 - The Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society (Perennial)
 - The Royal Fund for Gardeners' Children

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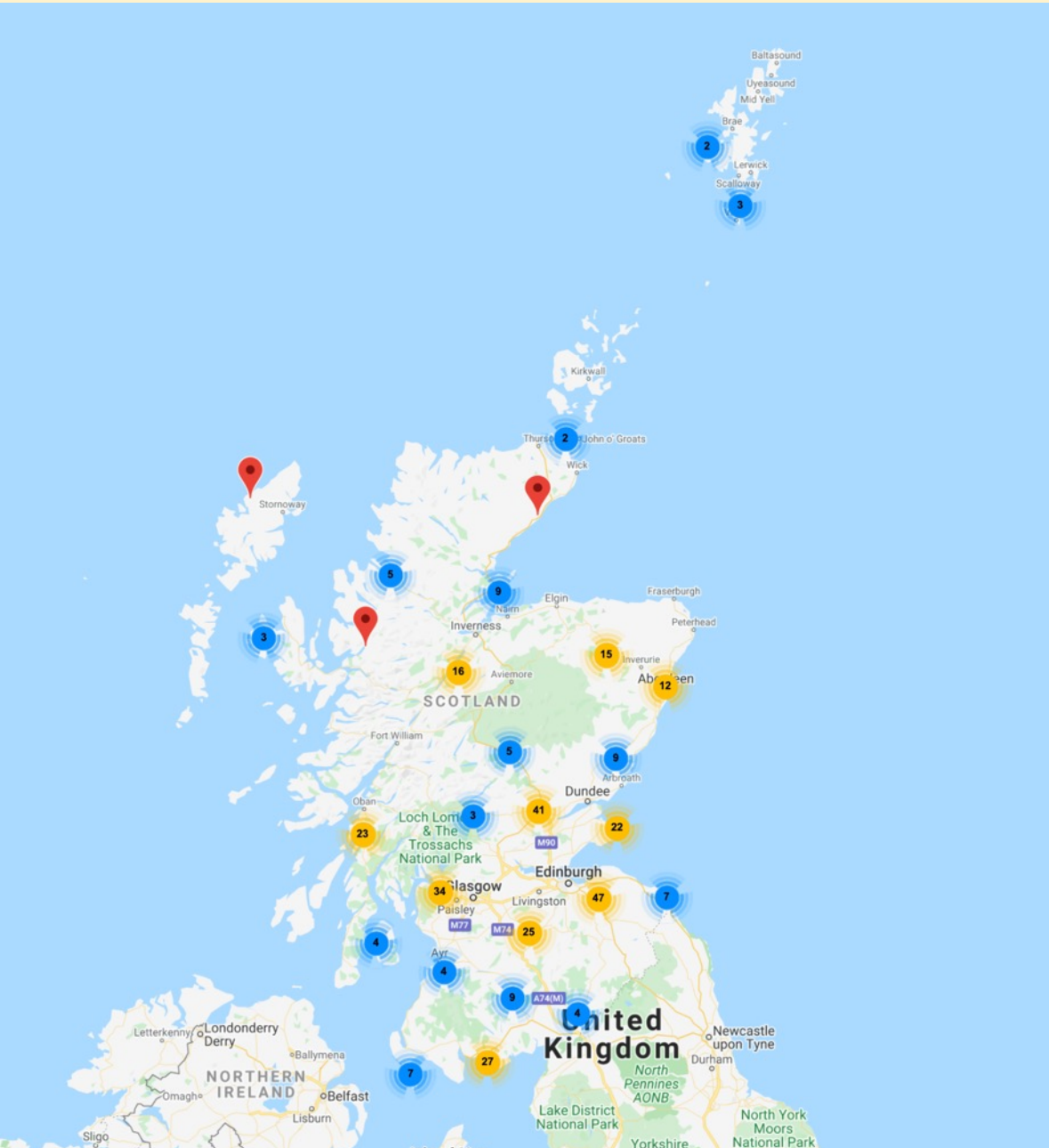
2007

• Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres



The Gardens

- Across Scotland
- All shapes and sizes
- Villages, allotments, community gardens, stately homes, walled gardens, and many more...
- Estimated 44,000 visitors



Stately Homes

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Glen House, Peebleshire, by Kathy Henry



Gardyne Castle, Angus



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Portmore, Scottish Borders
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Creative Places

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Shepherd House, East Lothian



Broadwoodside, East Lothian
By Andrea Jones



Jupiter Artland, Edinburgh, by Allan Pollok-Morris

Walled Gardens

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The Walled Garden Tynninghame, East Lothian



The Walled Garden Shieldhill, Quothquan



Glassmount, Fife



Glassmount, Fife
Irene McLaren

Plants People & National Collections

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Willowhill, Fife



Catherine Drummond-Herdman, Megginch Castle, holder of the National Scottish Heritage Apple and Pear and National Scottish Cider Apple collections. The tree is a 'Bloody Ploughman'

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Helensbank, Fife



Bruckhills Croft, Aberdeen



Dalswinton Mill, Dumfriesshire

Views & Far-flung Places

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Nonavaar, Shetland © Andrea Jones



The Tower, Fife



**2 Durnamuck,
Little Loch Broom**



**Langwell,
Caithness**



Langwell,
Caithness



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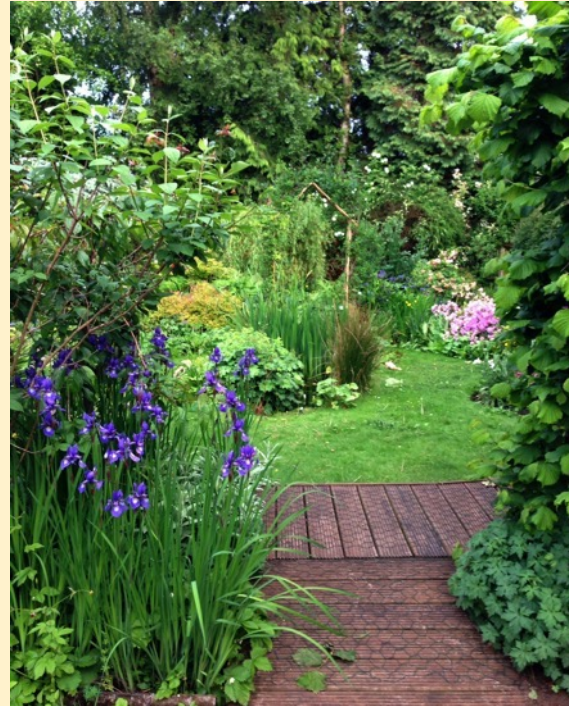
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Dundee & Angus Trail

- A special collection of 15 gardens open Thursdays/Fridays and Saturdays in June
- £20 ticket giving flexible access to gardens



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North Lodge, Edzell, Angus & Dundee Trail

Groups & Villages

- 39 groups and villages opening through June to August



Marfield Gardens, Berwickshire

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Gardens of the Highest Villages



Gardens of the Highest Villages

Get Involved

- Open your garden – or encourage someone else!
- Visit a garden (or two or three...)
- Help on an Open Day
- Join a local group of volunteers
 - Love gardens?
 - Marketing skills?
 - Social media skills?
 - Enjoy working as part of a team?
 - Love baking?

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Selecting Gardens

- Willingness to open
- 'Loved' gardens
- Good standard
- Horticultural interest
- 45 minutes of interest – alone or grouped with other gardens

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Kinds of Openings

- Single day(s) or weekend
 - Usually 2-5pm, extending to noon-6pm
- Extended period – range of dates
- By arrangement
- Private openings
- Pop-up
- Plant sales
- Teas!





Tea
& Cake
£1.00
Fruit Squares
& Cake
£2.00

TOILET IS BY
THE ORCHARD

Teas!

Supporting Openers

- Annual guidebook 'yellow book'
- Website listing
- Local leaflets
- Social media
- Local posters
- Road signs, banners, tickets, garden signs
- Press releases, newspaper features

- Morale support, recognition, celebration!



Insurance

- Public Liability
 - All private domestic owners who are not otherwise covered
- Product Liability
 - For the teas
- Employer's Liability
 - For the volunteers helping on the day

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The 'Yellow Book'

- Published annually
- Information on:
 - All the gardens
 - Our charity
 - The beneficiaries
- £7.50
- Available online
- Sponsored by Investec





Haystoun, Peebleshire, by Kathy Henry

Where the Money Goes

Over the past 5 years....

- Over £1 Million to charity
- Over 600 charities supported
- Over 1,000 gardens opened
- 60% gross of funds raised to nominated charity
- 250+ charities supported each year
- 40% net of the funds raised:
 - Maggie's Cancer Care Centres
 - The Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland
 - Perennial





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Cloan, Perth



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Cuthberts Brae, Buckie



Chris and Jerry, at home at Greenbank Crescent

Thank you!

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