

BARLOW OPEN GARDENS 2023

Please read the individual risk assessment notices displayed at the entrance to each of the gardens listed below.
You visit these gardens at your own risk.

Group A Gardens

1 49 Springfield Road ✳

Val Hudson

At number 49 we love the birds, bees and butterflies. So much of what is newly planted is with them in mind. Our humble garden will welcome you to visit and Val will be showing abstract elemental paintings and prints inside the house.

Not accessible for wheelchairs.

2 59 Springfield Road

Peter Baldry

This garden was started in 2020 when a sterile pebbled frontage was transformed into cottage garden. A wooden arch welcomes you into an abundant garden of climbing roses, cottage garden plants, fruit trees and a semi wild area set aside to encourage wildlife. Mr Baldry also has an allotment, marked (3) on the map, and access to this and the other allotments can be made through his back garden gate.

Garden accessible for wheelchairs. The allotment is not.

3 Selection of Allotments, Valley Rise

A variety of allotments styled in different ways. All growing a selection of fruit and vegetables. Fruit trees, blackberries, redcurrants etc and greenhouse produce.

Not accessible for wheelchairs.

4 24 Valley Rise

Hazel & Dave Grainger

A cottage garden style full of colour and areas of interest. The owners have developed the garden over the last three years from an overgrown wilderness to the garden you see today, albeit making changes along the way. Full of colour especially during the summer months with areas of interest including sitting areas and a quiet courtyard area. Be sure to try and spot the different animals hidden in the garden.

Some access for wheelchairs.

5 10 Valley Rise ✳

Celeste & David Thorpe

This stunning garden packs a host of wonderful features into a relatively small space. At the rear, a carefully curated combination of herbaceous perennials and wild flowers lead to a wildlife pond, all bound by an attractive, low-rise dry stone wall. Clematis array the garage wall opposite. A small but perfectly formed greenhouse tucked away in the corner completes the picture. Out front, a sumptuous lawn with deep borders is framed by two beautiful cherry trees. And you won't miss the pots. Lots of lovely pots. Dave and Celeste, we love your pretty garden – welcome to the fold!

Accessible for wheelchairs.

Group B Gardens

1 Barlow School

Barlow Church of England Primary School will be offering refreshments on their front area. All monies raised will go to Friends of Barlow School for the benefit of the children. The school grounds will not be open this year. **Please note that we are unable to accommodate dogs on any part of the school grounds.**

Accessible for wheelchairs.

2 Hillcrest, Millcross Lane ✳

Richard & Tanya Booker

Also new for 2023, a look at one of Barlow's 'secret gardens'. Richard and Tanya have created a unique and surprising landscape behind their house at Millcross Lane. Still very much a work in progress, this garden features spectacular, mature conifers set in sweeping lawns, busy beds, abundant fruit and vegetable plots and plenty more besides. Prepare to be amazed!

Not accessible for wheelchairs.

3 Mathom House, Millcross Lane

Richard & Marianne Platts

A garden designed from scratch over many years. With a backdrop of beautiful views over woodland and fields, paths lead you around the garden with borders of a variety of bushes, roses and plants. Fruit bushes including raspberries, blackcurrants and rhubarb, to name a few. Quiet areas to take in the view.

Not accessible for wheelchairs.

4 Queen Mother's Wildflower Garden

Just opposite the former Chapel, this wildflower garden was designed and built by local people to commemorate the 90th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Having become overgrown, the process of restoring the garden has been undertaken by Mr & Mrs Platts of Mathom House.

Limited access for wheelchairs.

5 Highfields' Wildlife Dell, Keepers Lane ✳

Gill & Charlie Mellor

This former goat field was untended for more than 10 years before being acquired by Gill & Charlie in 2018. After two years of hacking back brambles and endless ash saplings and the ongoing battle against creeping buttercups, slowly this plot is being developed into a wildlife dell. Evergreen, broadleaf and cherry trees have been planted and a 'shady' pond dug. Now a haven for wildlife it is a place to sit and watch the trees grow and enjoy the visiting birds, foxes and badgers which drink from the pond. Get a bird's eye view from the 'Wombat's Roost'!

Not accessible for wheelchairs.

6 Barlow Brook Cottage, Keepers Lane

Mike & Janice Murphy

An inspiring garden of many rooms: wander through the flower garden and the raised vegetable beds towards a greenhouse full of tomatoes, chillies, and peppers. Follow the path to the woodland hillside of carved monsters then make your way carefully down the steps passing the varieties of bamboo to the rose garden pergola. Take a seat on the jasmine jetty or carry on down the path to see the Swedish beehives of drying logs to the the rock garden and maybe take a relaxing seat on the platform by the ancient packhorse Lee bridge to watch the brook run by where you might be lucky enough to spot the kingfisher.

Limited access for wheelchairs.

Some parking at Barlow Country Club

2 Church Allotment

Tony & Carol May

A piece of land, hidden away at the side of the church. This well tended allotment has been designed in the old cottage style and has been transformed into a very productive and interesting garden. A mixture of cottage garden flowers provide colour.

Accessible for wheelchairs.

3 Mulberry House, Wilkin Hill

Ian & Pat Taylor

Entering the large patio area in front of the house, steps lead down on to a lawned area and the summer house. Interesting planting of summer flowers and areas with many hidden ornaments to try and find. There is a large Koi pond with a fountain.

Some access for wheelchairs.

Distance 200yds from the church up a steep incline.

Some parking at The Art Room.

4 Greenways & The Art Room, Wilkin Hill

Peter & Diane Gilder

A sloping garden with pretty borders and large lawned areas with beautiful views over rolling countryside. Paths lead you around the pretty meadow (keep an eye out for the Shepherd's Hut) and then on to the Art Room where displays of artwork and crafts are on display. Steps then lead past the garden room to a vegetable area containing raised borders.

Some access for wheelchairs.

Toilet facilities available.

Distance - 200yds from the church up a steep incline.

Some parking at the Art Room.

5 Sudbrook Hall, Barlow Road

Derek & Karen Mapp

Hidden from view, Sudbrook Hall sits in a tranquil place. A beautiful example of gardens within a garden. A walled vegetable garden, rose garden and herbaceous borders. Unusual sculptures are to be found around the garden. See if you can find the dragonfly. A lake with an abundance of wildlife and if you are lucky you may get a glimpse of the deer in the field.

Some access for wheelchairs.

Some parking down the drive.

Toilet facilities.

Distance - half mile from the church.

Group C Gardens

1 Cuckoostone Distillery

Ade & Becky

A collection of herbs and interesting plants used as flavourings in gin making. Talk to the owners and maybe sample some of the unique flavours. Sit a while and enjoy a gin & tonic, choosing to add your flavours from the edible flowers and herbs to complement your drink.

Accessible for wheelchairs.



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Sunday 2nd July 2023 10am - 4pm

Entrance fee per person

£6

Children under 12 free
Must be supervised by an adult please

**Please wear your wristbands
as these allow you entrance to the gardens**

Proceeds to St Lawrence Church, Barlow

Dogs welcome but **MUST** be kept on a lead at all times