



Coach Visit to a private garden in Formby & Gresgarth Hall, Lancashire

Tuesday 12th May 2026

£59 per TGS member + £5 per non TGS member

Tower End, Formby – arriving around 9.30am

Created by the former owners of the Lady Green Garden Centre, Phil and Sue Allison, the garden consists of nearly an acre of vistas and walkways in a pine woodland setting adjacent to a National Trust Nature Reserve. A large variety of trees, shrubs, rhododendrons, wisterias, acers and conifers, all linked by paths, steps and lawns. The garden also incorporates many water and stone features, a folly, fernery, Japanese style area, a rock and gravel garden and an exceptional 130 year old *Taxus baccata* topiary tree brought from Japan via Italy. Many unusual reclaimed artefacts have been incorporated into the garden from redeveloped areas of Liverpool, such as the Obelisk and columns from the old Liverpool Post Office. Refreshments will be served here.

Leaving Formby, the journey to Caton is 1 ¼ hrs. This will leave time to stop for a light lunch in Caton, or you can bring a picnic to eat on the coach.

2pm-4.30pm Gresgarth Hall, Caton is the country home of the renowned garden designer Arabella Lennox-Boyd, who is an internationally known landscape and garden designer and past gold medal winner at Chelsea. The stunning working estate contains many features: parkland, terraced gardens: a series of hedged coloured themed gardens; a bog and lakeside garden; a wild garden; a large terraced vegetable garden, a nuttery and an orchard. There will be an introductory talk by the Head Gardener. Please note no refreshments are available at this garden, so bring your own**

Coach pick up: Cheadle at 8am, Hale Barnes at 8.20am and Knutsford at 8.45am

Tour led by Alex Ellison: tel. 01565 873544 / mobile 077852 88909 (for use on the day)



Tower End & Gresgarth application form

No. of places requested @ £59pp (+£5 per non-member) (latest date to book 31st March)

I/we will meet the coach at: Cheadle (8am) Hale Barnes (8.20) Knutsford (8.45)

I will bring a picnic OR I wish to stop in Caton for lunch (not included), pre-booking details to follow.

Name Membership No.:

Address

Tel: Email:

Return this form with payment to: Tatton Garden Society, The Old Hay Barn, Mere Estate, Knutsford WA16 0PY with post dated cheque dated 31st March or bank payment to: Tatton Garden Society, RBS Business Account 10949282, sort code 16-22-27 with reference: your surname/Gresgarth.

Confirmation of your place will be sent by email or phone unless a SAE is sent with the form.