



Three Private Cheshire Gardens

Tuesday 23rd June 2026 by own transport

£25 per TGS member + £5 per non member

Meeting at 10am at the Plough & Flail car park in Mobberley

Barlow House Farm WA16 7DB (10am – 11.45am) We will meet in the car park of the Plough and Flail to walk the short distance to Barlow House Farm, the home of Jill and John Halman, which dates back to the 16th century and was a working farm until forty years ago. With the backdrop of a wonderful Cruck barn, the garden was laid out more than twenty years ago with herbaceous borders, a productive orchard, natural pond, conservatory, display of old gardening tools and many colourful planters.

Coffee (included) will be available between 10am and 11.30am at the Plough and Flail. Distance to next garden 7 miles - directions will be sent out prior to the visit.

Holly Tree Cottage, Over Peover WA16 9QY (12 – 2pm) Home to Claire and Alex Solk. Parking arranged at Grasslands Nursery, Free Green Lane, their garden is a 130 metre walk away. The former home of Dianne Budenburg, a long-standing member of TGS who established borders overflowing with cottage garden favourites, the new owners have developed the garden in their own style, clearing woodland and establishing a contemporary aesthetic to demonstrate how traditional cottage garden charm can be given a modern twist. The garden sits alongside a historic millpond – a scheduled ancient monument dating back centuries - which brings both history and wildlife to the heart of the garden.

Grasslands Nursery has a lovely café to have lunch. It would be helpful if some people had lunch before visiting the garden and others visit the garden first. Reservations for lunch not necessary. Distance to next garden 4.5 miles – directions will be sent out prior to the visit.

Hollins Farm House, Twemlow Lane, Cranage CW4 8GE. The home of Lisa and Rick Hocknell. Over the last six years they have made considerable changes to the gardens, developing ‘rooms’ with colour themed beds, each designed to cope with the differing light levels. What was once a concrete yard behind the business centre was transformed during Covid into a Wellness garden, most of the materials, such as troughs and sleepers being sourced from the farm. 300 new trees have been planted along with hedges to provide new wildlife habitats and a lake, stocked for fishing, provides a home for a wide variety of birds. Tea & cake included at Hollins Farm.

Further information: Alex Ellison 01565 873544 or 07785288908.



Three Cheshire Gardens application form

Number of places requested @ £25 pp + £5 for non-members

Name(s)..... Membership No(s):

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 23rd April or make bank payment to Tatton Garden Society RBS Account 10949282, Sort Code 16-22-27 Ref: your surname/3 Gardens Confirmation of your place will be sent by email or phone unless a SAE is sent with the form.