



Community Membership Scheme Newsletter

Welcome!

Welcome to the first Botanic Garden community newsletter of 2024! This year has got off to an amazing start having welcomed lots of new groups to the community membership scheme. We look forward to seeing everyone in the Garden over the coming year.

Since our last newsletter, we were very happy to welcome back residents of the Independent Living Service for a Christmas wreath making workshop (see photo left). We had a fun afternoon using a range of materials from the Garden to create beautiful wreaths in preparation for the festive season ahead. St Paul's Thursday Lunch Club continue to visit us for their monthly guided walks around the Garden and we are looking forward to the Colour and Dye workshops with Nabil Ali - our Artist-In-Residence.

Please visit our community pages for details of workshops, guided walks, trails and how to book your visit.

What's On In The Garden

Collect a free Crazy Cone Caper trail map from the ticket office and learn about the pinecones from all over the world that can be found here in the Garden.

For anyone with an interest in photography, a selection of stunning images from the finalists of the International Garden Photographer of the Year will be displayed in an exhibition on the lawn next to the grass maze from 20 March. This will include some of the winning images from the 'Discovery in Cambridge University Botanic Garden' competition.

Self-led trails covering a range of topics are also available from Ticket Offices.



Independent Living Service residents visit us for a wreath making workshop



The snowdrops (*Galanthus* spp.) are in full bloom across the Garden, providing a welcome burst of colour as we edge closer to spring. The distinctive fragrance of sweet box (*Sarcococca confusa*) follows visitors around the Garden too. Bees and other insects can be spotted on warmer days, visiting the white flowers for a nectar top-up. In the Glasshouse Range the moonflower (*Strophocactus wittii*) has surprised us by producing four buds this year! Each flower blooms for just one night and ours is currently the only flowering specimen in the UK.

Contact us to discuss how we can help you get the most from your visit:
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