

THE 16TH TATSFIELD GARDEN TOUR



Sunday 4th June 2017

From 1 pm to 5 pm

Arranged by Tatsfield Horticultural Society



1. Fir Tree Cottage, Ship Hill

Pam and Cyril Bishop

“We've lived here for 40 years and we are still 'developing' the garden! It is not large but in the last few years we have removed a 15' high conifer hedge, created a new vegetable garden, another herbaceous bed and a large new composting area (under construction). A good description of the garden is 'organised chaos'. As colourful and varied as possible with shrubs/perennials/some annuals and as little bare soil as possible. *Limited car parking in lay-by opposite house and in Rag Hill Road.*”

2. Springfield Cottage, Westmore Road

Carol and Steve Gaskell

“We moved here in 1991 and tackled a jungle of weeds, some of which, especially chicory, haunt us still. Over the years we have developed a number of seating areas which allow us to chase the sun and we have abandoned the front lawns for stones. We hope that you enjoy our gargoyles and dragons. They provoke some interesting comments from passers-by as do Steve's CD sculptures. Our wild flower patch is now in its fifth year and we love to see the bees enjoying it. We are especially proud of our orchids. *It's a rough road surface leading to the cottage, so you might want to park in Crossways and walk down.*”

3. The Old Rectory, Clarks Lane

Debbie and John Innes

“The Old Rectory is an informal garden with sweeping views across to Limpsfield Chart. Most of the lawn is left as a natural meadow, with all the wild flowers that flourish on chalk downland. We have a small vegetable garden, a pond/patio area, a little woodland walk, but mainly lawn with benches dotted around for peaceful contemplation! *Access to the garden is ONLY via the field on Pilgrims Lane which will be marked with balloons.*”

4. The White House, Westmore Green

The Mitchell family

“On arrival four years ago the gardens were reminiscent of Sleeping Beauty's Castle: 80% of the gardens were just brambles as high as the top of the Barn roof. Along with the house we are gradually clearing and bringing it back to become useable spaces for our family to enjoy. It has involved huge amounts of work and is really only still at the beginning stages of being shaped and planted, so still very much a work in progress, but it is our shared haven with the very varied wildlife, deer and pheasants. *Parking is in the allotments car park just along Approach Road (please close the gate when entering and leaving the car park). Once in the car park, you can walk to the White House by using the small gate near the White House.*”

5. Spindleberry House, 43 Paynesfield Road

Sandy and Louis Philibert

“A Plantsman's Garden we have been developing for nearly 30 years. Lawn, surrounded by rockery, vegetable garden and mixed beds with trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants. Plant varieties, some of which are unusual, have been chosen to give all year round interest (coloured stems, evergreen and variegated foliage and plenty of flower, berries and autumn colour). Azaleas and Rhododendrons should still be showing some colour. Annually around 90 plants in flower on 1st June. A leaflet available on the day will help identify some interesting plants. *Parking in Paynesfield Road and Crossways.*”