



INSPIRATION EDUCATION CONSERVATION

# THE YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM



# WHAT'S ON 2023

SPRING EDITION



## Welcome to the first instalment of the Yorkshire Arboretum's 2023 events and activities programme.

Summer and Autumn editions will appear later in the year, all offering a wide range of things to do in and around the arboretum. We very much hope that you'll find something of interest for you, family and friends.

The most exciting development this year is the opening of our Red Squirrel Enclosure, which we know has been eagerly anticipated. Our aim is to enable visitors to learn more about these delightful native mammals, now extinct across much of the country.

The enclosure is large, enclosing a grove of oaks and other trees, in which the Red Squirrels can live natural active lives, hopefully breeding to enhance the captive stock that may be used in future for reintroduction programmes. As with any animal they will have their 'down times' and may not always be visible, but we hope that you will enjoy the experience of visiting the enclosure, whether or not you get a glimpse of a squirrel. Entry to the enclosure is free but must be pre-booked online to ensure that the boardwalk does not become too crowded, and there are necessary rules to protect the squirrels that must be followed please, particularly no dogs, no feeding, and to keep the doors shut.

I very much hope you enjoy your visit to the Yorkshire Arboretum, whatever you come to do: every visit supports our charitable work and the maintenance of this beautiful and unique place.

**John Grimshaw**, Director

### KEY TO SYMBOLS



Children



Exhibition



Natural History



Red Squirrels



Craft



Members



Tour



Plant Sale



Café



Explore



Open Garden



Talks



Tree Health Centre

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** All tickets are non-refundable except when an event is cancelled. Child tickets apply to children aged below 16 at the time of the event. The Yorkshire Arboretum accepts no responsibility for events or equipment provided by third parties. Every care has been taken in the preparation of this leaflet but the Yorkshire Arboretum will not be held responsible for any loss, damage or inconvenience due to inaccuracy in the information therein.



# RED SQUIRRELS

AT THE YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM

The Red Squirrel Project at the Yorkshire Arboretum provides an opportunity to learn more about this beautiful yet increasingly rare native mammal.

The aim of the project is to boost Red Squirrel numbers in Britain by providing space for a new breeding colony, and educate about the threats and disease Grey Squirrels cause for Red Squirrels, trees, and woodland.

OPENING  
**Saturday**  
**1 April**  
10am – 3pm

MEMBER  
PREVIEW DAYS  
**Wed 29th &**  
**Thur 30th Mar**  
10am – 3pm

**THERE IS NO EXTRA CHARGE  
BUT BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

Book a time slot at [yorkshirearboretum.org](http://yorkshirearboretum.org)

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the venture including Ben Paterson, Arborist at The Yorkshire Arboretum for the design of the enclosure, our wonderful team of volunteers who helped with the build. The Red Squirrel Stud Book, and UK Squirrel Accord for all their help and support. We are especially grateful to The Prince of Wales's Charitable Fund, which has allowed us to undertake this exciting project.

## MEMBERSHIP



The Yorkshire Arboretum is an independent charity and home to 120 acres of trees from temperate regions around the world. Our remit is to preserve and develop the collection for future generations.

Annual membership includes unlimited entry to the arboretum between February and November; exclusive member events; a monthly e-newsletter; discounts on public events, in the shop and café; free entry to partner sites. Members also benefit from spring and autumn tours of Ray Wood at Castle Howard.

[yorkshirearboretum.org/membership](http://yorkshirearboretum.org/membership)

## FREE DROP-IN GUIDED TOURS



Let our friendly guides show you around the arboretum and explain the stories of the trees. Where they come from, what they are used for what makes them special to the collection.

Every Thurs 1.30pm (from Mar to Oct weather dependent).  
Included in general admission.

Please meet your guide at the Visitor Centre.

### PRIVATE TOURS

If you would like to arrange a private tour of the arboretum, please email [visit@yorkshirearboretum.org](mailto:visit@yorkshirearboretum.org)

**Book online for our events at [yorkshirearboretum.org/events](http://yorkshirearboretum.org/events).**

Events appear on the website before they appear in print, so keep an eye on our events page and social channels for more.



**Fri 3 Mar** 6pm – 8pm



**MEET THE ARTIST:  
LESLEY WILLIAMS**

**FREE – PLEASE BOOK**

An opportunity to meet local artist Lesley Williams and see the work featured in her new exhibition 'At the Margins'.

**Sat 4 – Sun 26 Mar** 10am – 4pm



**LESLEY WILLIAMS EXHIBITION**

**FREE**

Featuring many works inspired by the landscape of the Yorkshire Arboretum, Lesley Williams' new exhibition 'At the Margins' reveals the translucent colours found in gardens and the wider landscape.

**Thur 9 Mar** 7.30pm – 9pm



**GARDEN TALK:  
TERESA CLEMENTS –  
ENGLISH TULIPS**

**£5 ONLINE, £10 IN PERSON**

Learn about the beautifully coloured, fragile rarities that are English Tulips, largely preserved by members of the Wakefield and North of England Tulip Society, from Teresa Clements, former Secretary of the society, and now Chair of the RHS Bulbous Plants Committee.



**Sat 18 & Sun 19 Mar** 10am – 4pm



**MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND**

To mark this special day, the Arboretum Café will be serving a special offer throughout the weekend.



Thur 23 Mar 10am – 1pm



## TREES FOR YOUR GARDEN: PLANTING FOR THE BEST START

£60

A guide to choosing, planting and maintaining a healthy tree with John Grimshaw. You will leave confident in the knowledge of how to establish a tree for future generations and learn about the pitfalls that should be avoided.



Wed 29 & Thur 30 Mar 10am – 3pm



## RED SQUIRREL ENCLOSURE MEMBERS' PREVIEW

MEMBERS ONLY - PLEASE BOOK

Opportunity for members to preview the Red Squirrel Enclosure before we officially open the conservation project to the public.

Booking essential.

Sat 1 Apr 10am – 3pm



## RED SQUIRREL ENCLOSURE OPEN TO VISITORS

BY GENERAL ADMISSION – PLEASE BOOK

The Red Squirrel Enclosure opens to the public. Learn about the importance of this special conservation project and why it matters for the health of trees. Watch out for updates and further information in our newsletters, online and across social.

Booking essential.



**RED SQUIRRELS**  
AT THE YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM

## ARBORETUM CAFÉ

Our café overlooks the glorious arboretum. We serve delicious homemade food using ingredients sourced from local suppliers. Our small, seasonal menu offers light lunches, picnic platters, freshly baked cakes and a selection of teas and coffees.

Open daily from 10am to 4pm with lunch served until 3pm. Well-behaved dogs are welcome on the terrace.

The café is available for private functions and parties outside of visiting hours.



## GARDEN TALKS



Garden Talks are back for 2023. Learn about the beautifully coloured, fragile rarities that are English Tulips with Teresa Clements, hear about the wonders of Ray Wood, a Plantsman's Paradise, with John Grimshaw and find out about Yorkshire's Champion Trees with Owen Johnson.

Talks take place at 7.30pm in the Peter Sowerby Building or via Zoom. Everyone welcome.

[yorkshirearboretum.org/events](http://yorkshirearboretum.org/events)

## OPEN GARDENS



A chance to visit gardens kindly opening to visitors in support of the Yorkshire Arboretum. Many have refreshments and plant sales.

Season Ticket for all gardens £25,  
Day Ticket £5.

[yorkshirearboretum.org/events](http://yorkshirearboretum.org/events)

## ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



A wonderful space for families and children to explore, there's always something new to discover at the arboretum. Follow an Easter trail, make a crown from dried leaves to celebrate the Coronation or simply enjoy the experience.

Sun 2 Apr – Fri 14 Apr 10am – 4pm



### EASTER ACTIVITY TRAIL

BY GENERAL ADMISSION

Follow our fun Easter-themed trail, hunt for Easter eggs and answer our quiz as you explore the arboretum. The Easter bunny may even offer you a prize.

Wed 5 Apr

10am – 3pm

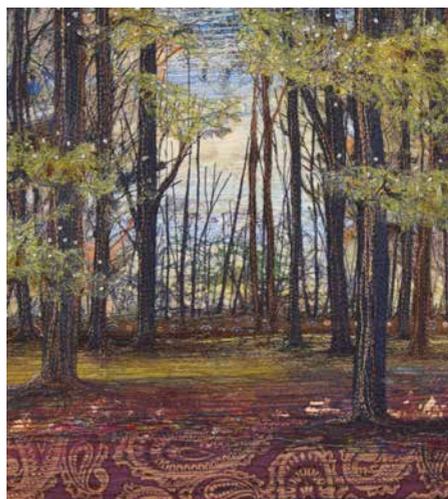


### NATURE RANGERS DAY

£15

Indoor and outdoor activities to explore the arboretum and learn about the creatures we share it with. There will be hands on activities, so bring a bag to take your creations home with you. We recommend bringing a packed lunch or money for lunch in the Arboretum Café.

Booking essential. Suitable for age 5 years and above. Children to be accompanied by an adult.



Tues 11 – Thur 13 Apr 10am – 4pm



### JUSTINE WARNER: WOODLAND ART WORKSHOP (3 DAYS)

£250

A three-day Woodland Art Workshop with Landscape Artist of the Year contestant Justine Warner. Suitable for beginners and improvers alike.

Lunch and refreshments included.



**Thur 13 Apr** 7.30pm – 9pm

 **GARDEN TALK:  
JOHN GRIMSHAW –  
THE GARDEN IN RAY WOOD,  
A PLANTSMAN'S PARADISE**  
£5 ONLINE, £10 IN PERSON

The garden in Ray Wood, within the Castle Howard grounds but curated by the Yorkshire Arboretum's staff and volunteers, is an under-visited gem. John Grimshaw talks about its creation by Jim Russell, its restoration and maintenance and the rich diversity of plants that grow there.



**Tues 18 Apr** 10am – 12pm

 **MEET THE TREES WITH  
JOHN GRIMSHAW**  
£5

Join our director, John Grimshaw, for an informal walk under his expert guidance – you are guaranteed to discover something new and experience spring in the arboretum like never before.

Booking essential.

**Sat 22 Apr** 1pm – 4pm

 **SKIPWITH HALL, SELBY YO8 5SH**  
£5 DAY, £25 SEASON TICKET

The open garden event at Rosalind Forbes Adam's beautiful garden includes a talk about Three Hagges Woodmeadow nature reserve and Skipwith Hall Garden at 2pm.

**Sat 29 Apr** 9am – 12pm

 **PHOTOGRAPHY MORNING**  
£60 PLUS BOOKING FEE

A half-day photography workshop with Ryedale Garden Photography suitable for beginners and those new to digital photography. Working in a small group you will capture the arboretum's stunning landscape.

**Sat 29 Apr** 5am – 8am

 **DAWN CHORUS WALK  
WITH ANDY CHAPMAN**  
£20

Join us for a dawn chorus walk around the arboretum with expert Andy Chapman. Hear and spot the arboretum's songbirds. Includes a breakfast roll and hot drink.

**Sat 6 May**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM  
WILL BE CLOSED**

In honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III.

**Sun 7 & Mon 8 May** 10am – 4pm

 **MAKE YOUR OWN CROWN**  
BY GENERAL ADMISSION

To celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, younger visitors will have the opportunity to create a crown from dried leaves.



Mon 8 May 1pm – 4pm

 **FOSSGYL & 519 HUNTINGTON ROAD, HUNTINGTON**  
£5 DAY, £25 SEASON TICKET

Two gardens in the village of Huntington are opening for the arboretum.

Visit [yorkshirearboretum.org/events](http://yorkshirearboretum.org/events)



Thur 11 May 6.30pm – 8pm

 **EVENING IN THE ARBORETUM**  
£20 / £45 MEMBERS, £25 / £55 NON MEMBERS

Experience the arboretum on a May evening. Join us for a gentle walk, talk and glass of champagne, while enjoying the beautiful displays of camassias, other spring flowers and verdure.

Followed by an optional two course supper at the Crown & Cushion in Welburn.

Sun 14 May 1pm – 4pm

 **WEATHERVANE HOUSE, SEATON ROSS**  
£5 DAY, £25 SEASON TICKET

Peter Williams' large woodland garden at Seaton Ross is opening for the arboretum.

Visit [yorkshirearboretum.org/events](http://yorkshirearboretum.org/events)

Sun 14 May 10:30am - 12.30pm

Tues 16 May 10:30am - 12.30pm

 **RAY WOOD SPRING TOURS MEMBERS ONLY**

Members are invited to join a tour of this glorious garden at the height of rhododendron flowering season. It's the perfect time of year to see new spring foliage and how we are increasing light to the collection by thinning the canopy.

Booking is essential. Join our guide in the Castle Howard courtyard by 10:20am for a 10:30am start.

Wed 17 May 10am – 3pm

 **INTRODUCTION TO TREE IDENTIFICATION: NATIVE TREES**  
£110

Are you interested in our native trees but feel you don't know much about them, or how to tell them apart? In this day course, John Grimshaw will introduce you to them using the collection at the Yorkshire Arboretum, teaching you about the various features to look for and some simple ways to remember them. The focus will be on species most often seen in northern England, using summer foliage characters to tell them apart.

Includes lunch and refreshments.





**Sat 20 May** **5am – 8am**



### **DAWN CHORUS WALK**

**£20**

Join us for a dawn chorus walk around the arboretum with expert Andy Chapman. Hear and spot the arboretum's songbirds. Includes a breakfast roll and hot drink.

**Sun 21 May** **Opening Times**



### **BURNBY HALL GARDENS & YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM RECIPROCAL OPEN DAY FOR MEMBERS**

**MEMBERS ONLY**

We have partnered with Burnby Hall Gardens to host reciprocal open days for Members of each garden, who are welcome to visit respective gardens free of charge on presentation of a valid membership card.



## **VENUE HIRE**

Are you looking for a unique space to hold a private or corporate event? Do you need an exclusive location for a special occasion?

We offer a range of options from daytime to evening hire, with access to a 120-acre garden of trees.

With magnificent views over the arboretum, the new Peter Sowerby Building is suitable for small and medium-sized groups, while the Visitor Centre offers open-plan accommodation for private events outside of visiting hours.

The arboretum is also available to hire for outdoor events and private tours.

Various catering options available.

For further information:  
[visitor@yorkshirearboretum.org](mailto:visitor@yorkshirearboretum.org)





**Wed 24 May** 9.30am – 4.30pm



### DISCOVERING LICHENS

£130

Lichens are a much unrecorded section of our wildlife. This one day course with Dr Judith Allinson will take you on a journey of discovery into the world of lichen identification.

Suitable for beginners, students, amateur naturalists, and botanical surveyors.

Further details online [yorkshirearboretum.org](http://yorkshirearboretum.org)

**Thur 25 May** 9.30am – 4.30pm



### BASIC INTRODUCTION TO GRASS IDENTIFICATION

£130

Grass identification can be challenging. This one-day course with Dr Judith Allinson is an excellent way to start.

Suitable for beginners, students, amateur naturalists, farmers, scientists, botanical or agricultural surveyor, and gardeners.

Further details online [yorkshirearboretum.org](http://yorkshirearboretum.org)



**Fri 26 May**

10am – 4pm



### WILLOW 'SQUIRREL' WORKSHOP

£90

Weave a willow squirrel with Dragon Willow's Leilah Vyner. All materials are supplied – just bring yourself and have fun.

Includes lunch and materials.

**Sat 27 May – Sun 4 Jun** 10am – 4pm



### HALF TERM FUN: SENSORY TRAIL

BY GENERAL ADMISSION

Have you ever noticed that you feel better around trees? Follow a sensory trail through the garden of trees, engage your senses and learn some interesting facts at the same time.

**Wed 31 May - Fri 2 Jun** 9am – 4pm



### LANTRA PROFESSIONAL TREE INSPECTION COURSE (3 DAYS)

£900

A three-day Lantra professional tree inspection course with Matthew Cooper from Morton Training aimed at competent arboriculturists.

Further details online [yorkshirearboretum.org](http://yorkshirearboretum.org)

**Sun 4 Jun** 10am – 4pm



### PLANT HERITAGE OPEN DAY

BY GENERAL ADMISSION

To celebrate Plant Heritage's 45th Sapphire anniversary year, the organisation will have a small display and plant table in the arboretum.



**Sun 4 Jun** 10am – 4pm

### NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME DAY

BY GENERAL ADMISSION

All ticket proceeds from today will go towards the National Garden Scheme, which supports nursing and health charities, including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute.

Find out more by visiting <https://ngs.org.uk/>

Tues 6 Jun 10am – 4pm

## CASTLE HOWARD MEMBER DAYS

CASTLE HOWARD MEMBERS ONLY  
– PLEASE BOOK

Castle Howard Members are welcome to free entry to the arboretum today with the production of their Member Card.

Please reserve your place online at:  
[yorkshirearboretum.org/admission-booking](http://yorkshirearboretum.org/admission-booking)

Thurs 8 Jun 7.30pm – 9pm

## GARDEN TALK: OWEN JOHNSON – YORKSHIRE'S CHAMPION TREES

£5 ONLINE, £10 IN PERSON

Owen is Assistant Registrar of the Tree Register and few people know this country's trees better. He'll tell us about finding and measuring the great trees of Yorkshire that have achieved championship status.



For full details of upcoming events,  
visit [yorkshirearboretum.org/events](http://yorkshirearboretum.org/events)

Follow us on social media, subscribe to our newsletter and watch out for the next edition of What's On for updates.

## WHAT'S CONFIRMED FOR SUMMER

### OPEN GARDENS



Sat 10 Jun 1pm – 4pm  
The Hayloft, Heslington & Tregonning,  
Ellerton (1 – 5pm)

Sat 17 Jun 1pm – 4pm  
Linden Lodge, Wilberfoss

Sun 18 Jun 1pm – 4pm  
Paddock Cottage, Westow &  
1 Kirk Hill Farm, Settrington

Sun 25 Jun 1pm – 4pm  
Calm Cottage, York

Sat 1 Jul 2pm – 4pm  
Ness Hall, Nunnington

### EXPLORE



Tues 13 Jun 10am – 12pm  
Meet the Trees with John Grimshaw

Sat 1 & Sun 2 Jul 10am – 4pm  
Wildflower Weekend

Tues 8 Aug 10am – 12pm  
Meet the Trees with John Grimshaw

### TREE HEALTH CENTRE



Wed 5 Jul 10am – 3pm  
Making Wildflower Meadows

### NATURAL HISTORY



Tues 25 Jul & Tues 1 Aug 11am – 1pm  
Dragonfly Walk with Keith Gittens

### CRAFTS



Mon 31 Jul – Wed 2 Aug  
Justine Warner 3-Day Art Workshops  
(Architecture)

Mon 21 – Wed 23 Aug  
Justine Warner 3-Day Art Workshops  
(Woodland)

### MEMBERS



Sun 13 Aug Opening Times  
Burnby Hall Gardens –  
Reciprocal Open Day for Members

## SUPPORTING THE YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM

It costs £1250 per day to run the Yorkshire Arboretum and maintain its charitable activity – caring for and developing the collection and site, and enabling our educational activities for people of all ages, especially the schools programme and the work of the Tree Health Centre.

### You can help by:

- Attending one of the activities listed in this booklet:
- Becoming a Member
- Sponsoring the arboretum for a day
- Adopting a tree, including plantings to commemorate the King's Coronation
- Encouraging others to visit this special place.

Find out more [yorkshirearboretum.org](http://yorkshirearboretum.org)

For more information or to book:  
[www.yorkshirearboretum.org/events](http://www.yorkshirearboretum.org/events)

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