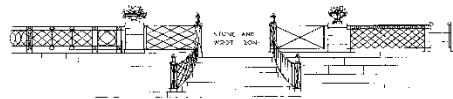


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Lancashire Gardens Trust

HOLEHIRD GARDENS, WINDERMERE

Wednesday 25th June 2025 2.00pm
Patterdale Road, Windermere LA23 1NP



Holehird Gardens cover ten acres of fellside above Windermere and is an award winning RHS Partner Garden. There are stunning views over the Lake and the surrounding fells; the Gardens include a centrepiece Walled Garden and Reception building with herbaceous borders and island beds; and extensive Upper and Lower Garden areas. There are numerous collections including five National Collections of the genera *Astilbe*, *Daboecia*, *Hydrangea*, *Meconopsis* and *Polystichum*, as well as *Hosta Mouse* series and *Tanacetum coccineum*. There is something to see at all times of the year.

The Gardens are cared for by the Lakeland Horticultural Society and maintained entirely by volunteers. Details can be found on their website: [Welcome to Holehird Gardens - Holehird \(en-GB\)](#). The Society was formed in 1969 initially taking on a two acre lease which has gradually been extended to include the present ten acres. Over the years the LHS has been able to develop and enhance the gardens.

History

In the 17th Century the site of Holehird Gardens was part of an estate in the ownership of Thomas Hird. The Victorian development of the estate was under John Macmillan Dunlop, a Manchester industrialist who enlarged the mansion to its current size in the 1860s, and who commenced the construction of the walled garden in 1885. The Groves family moved to Holehird in 1897 and continued developing the gardens. In 1945 Henry Leigh Groves gave the estate to Westmorland County Council for public benefit. The

estate is now managed by the Holehird Trust who lease various parts to organisations and individuals.

The adjoining mansion was a Leonard Cheshire Home from 1961 to 2023, and has been marketed by Savills for a several years. The Mansion and its immediate grounds are in the ownership of the Holehird Trust and are not in the areas open to the public.

The gardens are open every day. As no other group parties are booked for 25 June, subject to availability, we hope to have a volunteer guide available for part of our visit. Arrangements for the visit are informal and we will be free to explore individually if that is preferred.

Event details

The event cost is £10.00 for members, and £13.00 for non members. The cost includes the guided tour. Toilets are available on site, and there are drinks machines, but no cafe. Please make sure you have suitable footwear as this is a fellside garden and many of the paths are steeply sloping with some routes having rockery steps etc. Visitors are responsible for their own safety. No dogs are allowed other than support dogs. Free car parking is available on site adjacent to the Walled Garden and if busy an overflow car park is available at the foot of the drive.

For those who would like to meet up for refreshments prior to the visit we will be at the café at Windermere Jetty Museum (formerly the Steamboat Museum), Rayrigg Road Windermere, LA23 1BN, meeting at 12.00noon. No reservation has been made and we will be responsible for our own payment and ordering of refreshments. The café is open from 10.00am and fuller meals are available from noon. Please let me know if you plan to join us at the Museum Café when booking. The Museum adult entry charge is £12, but not payable if entry is only to the café.

Directions: Brown signs give clear directions to both locations.

VISIT TO HOLEHIRD GARDENS, WINDERMERE

Wednesday 25th June 2025 ([Sat Nav LA23 1NP](#))

Please respond no later than 18th June 2025.

Bookings to Stephen Robson 01524 221560 Mobile phone number 07831 518047

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Payment preferred by direct payment in advance to Lancashire Gardens Trust.

Co-op Bank Account No. 65261512

Bank Sort Code 08-92-99 By 18th June 2025

Please add your name and Holehird in the reference and advise Stephen Robson of your payment and number of places required. Please book early.