

U3A Garden Group Programme 2024

Date	Activity	Details: who/where
February 2 nd	Speaker	Garden designs for small gardens – Keeley Metcalfe Stainton Village Hall, 2pm
March 1 st	Speaker	Design, building and maintenance of ponds and water features – Peter Kirkland Stainton Village Hall, 2pm
April 5th	Speaker	On growing Chrysanthemums and Dahlias in the garden and containers – Mr K.J. Vincent, Secretary of Darlington Dahlia and Chrysanthemum Society Stainton Village Hall, 2pm
May 3rd	Visit	Holker Hall and Gardens The Hall is enchanting all year round with an abundance of homegrown fresh flowers in Summer and crackling open fires throughout the colder months. Holker's Gardens, both Formal and Woodland, celebrate every season with a collection of national treasures cultivated over the centuries. It is a Garden for Everyone. Discover - Holker Hall
June 7th	Visit	RHS Bridgewater (RHS) RHS Garden Bridgewater is the fifth RHS garden and one of the largest gardening projects undertaken in Europe in recent years. The transformation of this 154-acre green space will enrich the lives of local communities and their environment for the future RHS Garden Bridgewater / RHS Gardening
July 5th	Visit	Brodsworth Hall and Gardens Brodsworth's pleasure gardens of about 6 hectares (15 acres) were laid out at the same time as the hall was being built, with work continuing on them until the end of the 1860s. The gardens are Italianate like the house, and together they provide a remarkable expression of the mid-19th century taste for that style. Brodsworth Hall and Gardens English Heritage (english-heritage.org.uk)

August 2 nd	Visit	Castle Howard House and Gardens The Gardens and Grounds at Castle Howard include lakes, follies, woodland, temples, and statues - all of which bring out the colour and drama of the four seasons. Castle Howard has been the home of the Carlisle branch of the Howard family for more than 300 years. Explore iconic architecture and beautiful interiors when you visit the House, including the Great Hall which rises 70 feet into the air. Castle Howard House and Gardens - A Place Like No Other
September 6th	Visit	Beningbrough Hall and Gardens (NT) Art exhibitions, history, and evolving gardens in the Yorkshire countryside. Andy Sturgeon the award-winning international garden designer has created a long-term vision. The garden is now enjoying a revival with a Pergola, ha-ha walk and opening in 2024, a new Mediterranean Garden. These sit alongside traditional herbaceous borders and a walled kitchen garden providing year-round interest. Beningbrough Hall Yorkshire National Trust
October 4th	Speaker	Kiplin Hall – Work since 2009 to restore the gardens and the role of the volunteers – John and Dee Frances Stainton Village Hall, 2pm
November 1st	Speaker	A trip to Holland – Floriade and Keukenhof Gardens, 2022 – Elizabeth Edwards Stainton Village Hall, 2pm
December 6th	Christmas Event	TBC