



# Hidden Gardens

of Bury St Edmunds

**Sunday 29 June 2025**

**11am to 5pm**

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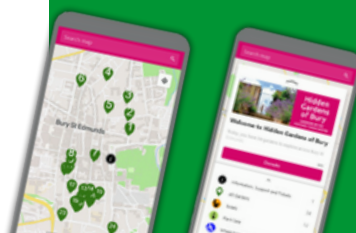
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app to plan and navigate  
all your garden visits.**



In the interest of safety, all gardens are visited at your own risk.

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, this garden will no longer open today.

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**New**

**25a King's Road:** Garden is approximately 40ft by 25ft, not seen from the road and only accessible through the property's side gate. There are before and after images showing the development over the years highlighting changes, from use by children to a more formal style.

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**70 Guildhall Street:** A shared garden which is both peaceful and walled, consisting of a vegetable plot and shrub borders beyond a rolling wall. Pimms served for a donation.



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**71 Guildhall Street:** Beautiful flowers, including roses, peonies, delphiniums, lupins, foxgloves, a callistemon (bottlebrush), a fabulous mosaic and flint wall beds made by the owners. Access via St Andrew's Street.

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**80 Guildhall Street:** A beautiful, large garden at the offices of Greene & Greene Solicitors, full of roses, colourful perennials, mixed shrubs and spring bulbs.



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**The Guildhall:** A wonderful private walled garden. The octagonal wooden gazebo is a perfect spot to enjoy views of the organic English cottage garden. Also, visit the Royal Observatory's Ops Room. St Nic's Sings will be performing from 1-2pm.



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**24 Westgate Street, Turret Close:** Inhale the delights of a lavender walk and rose garden, including a water feature and a small woodland walk. The country Connection music group will be playing throughout the day.

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**United Reformed Church, Whiting Street:** Bedding plants and shrubs surround the car park. Church toilets are available, along with indoor picnic space. Open from midday.



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**New**

**Greyfriars, 60 Whiting Street:** Having completed renovation works on the house, work on the garden began in Autumn 2022. Firstly, paths were laid and terraces forming planting beds created. Mature trees and shrubs were imported to give the garden structure. These included the large Liriodendron Tulipifera (tulip tree by the garage), Liquidambar (sweetgum), Parrotia Persica (Persian ironwood), Acer (maple), Catalpa (Indian bean tree), Nothofagus Antarctica (beech). Vegetable beds were laid out and planting of borders began; this work continues to this day.

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**New**

**43 Whiting Street:** This is a newly constructed garden with the lawn area left wild to encourage insects and butterflies. There is a large pond and two raised beds for the cultivation of herbs and vegetables. There is also a gravel bed containing grasses, and also a seating area.

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**36 Whiting Street:** A sunny courtyard garden surrounded by walls, with no grass and lots of pots. Entrance to rear via Finsbury Place.

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**3 Finsbury Place, off Whiting Street:** A stunning south-facing courtyard with a water feature and architectural planting.

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**4 Finsbury Place:** A small town garden with mixed planting, established over five years.

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**2 Hatter Street (The Lounge Café):** A decked and walled garden, which is nearly 200 years old. A beautiful pergola adorned with a chocolate vine and a large climbing rose. 10% of all sales on the day will be donated to the Hospice.



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**5 Hatter Street, Chantry House:** A sheltered walled garden with raised beds very much as laid out in Victorian times, with a stone grotto from the late Georgian period, which includes stonework from the Bury Abbey.

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**New**

**8 Maynewater Lane:** Three gardens, all truly “hidden” from the passing road. The first courtyard garden has a tropical feel with banana and palm trees, with a couple of small ponds connected by a stream. The second “hot” sunken garden is a mixture of Italianate and cottage garden. The third garden is more shaded and runs down to the River Linnet.



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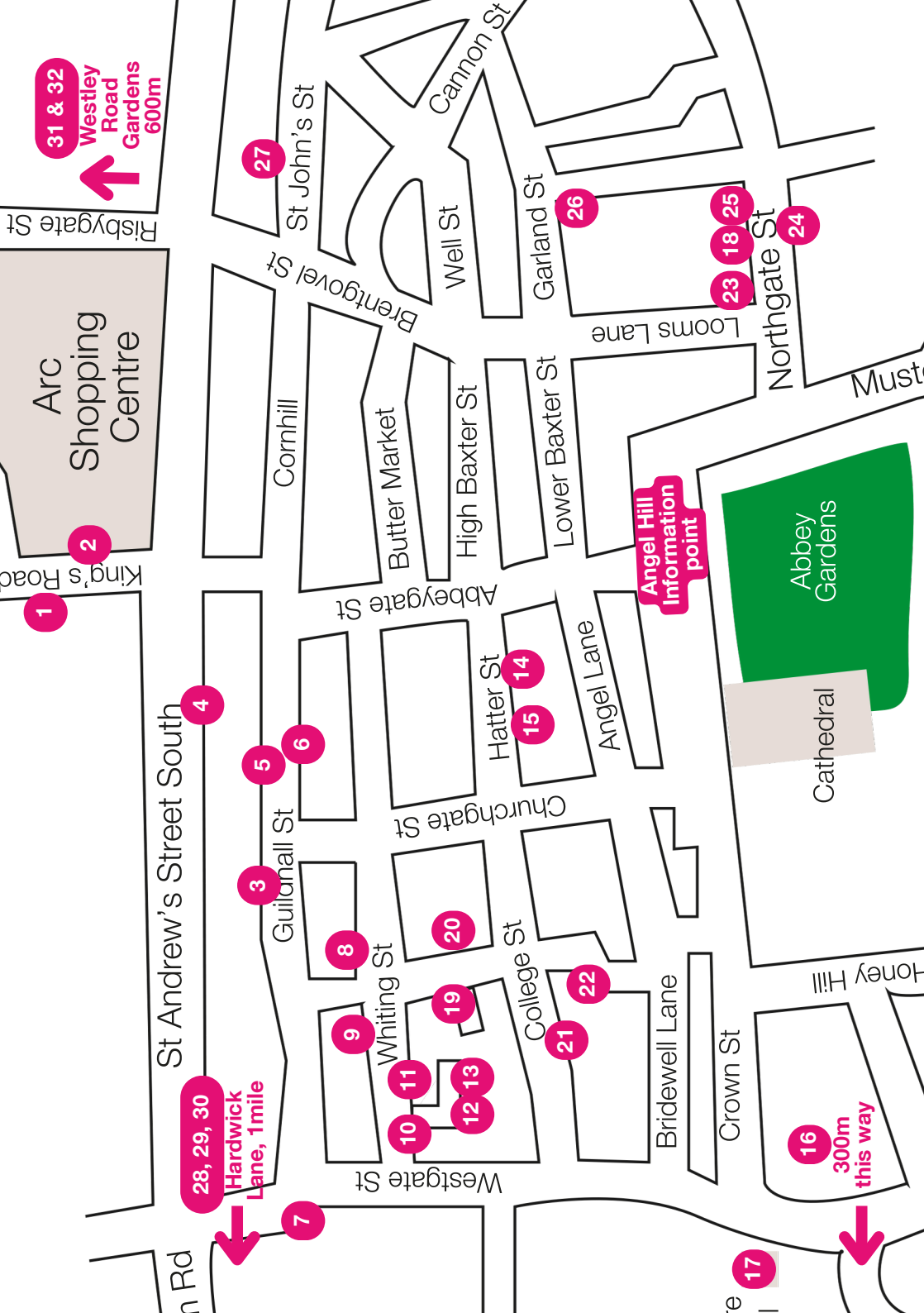
**Theatre Royal, Westgate Street:** A unique and hidden space tended by wonderful volunteers. Come and see the Theatre’s 200th birthday garden wall mosaic and take a peek at the beautiful Regency auditorium.



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**The Bury St Edmunds Farmers Club, Northgate Street:** A beautiful hidden garden in the middle of the town. Refreshments, lunches and afternoon teas are available for purchase on the patio and garden areas. A donation will be made to the Hospice from the day’s takings.





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Looms Lane

Garland St

Well St

Cannon St

St John's St

Brentgovel St

Cornhill

Butter Market

High Baxter St

Lower Baxter St

Angel Lane

Hatter St

Churchgate St

College St

Whiting St

Guilford St

Westgate St

Bridewell Lane

Crown St

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**17 College Square:** A tranquil retreat with plenty of seating. Stroll along wide paths leading to a central gravelled area. Raised beds surround a rose garden, featuring four large beds with contrasting varieties. By June/July, there is a vibrant display of coloured blooms.



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**6 College Lane:** First created in 1987 within the walls of what was once part of Bury's workhouse. Opened to the public at the request of Trisha Mellor, founder of the Hidden Gardens event. Find memories of previous Bury town gardens, Hengrave Hall, Mottisfont Hall Garden and Bury street paving. Trees, shrubs, cottage garden borders, roses, clematis, compost and seating. The Arcadian recorder consort will play 11am-1.15pm.

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**21 College Street:** This is a medium-sized walled garden in the town centre. The garden is approached through a conservatory and a terrace, which then goes up to another level with a lawn and pond area. This garden has flowers, shrubs, and a pleached hornbeam hedge at the far end.

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**27 Church Walks:** A beautiful community atmosphere on the day throughout Church Walks with sculptures, jam, cakes and bric-a-brac, raising funds for the Hospice.



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**Looms Lane, The Corner House:** Two steps up to a beautiful colourful high flint walled garden, split into three areas to relax and enjoy shrubs, climbers, trees and flowers. Seating is available.

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New

**Manson House:** A tranquil garden in a care home setting. Features include a fountain, summer house and established trees. A lovely, peaceful garden to sit and relax in. A true hidden gem in the centre of Bury.



Churchgate Wind Octet will be performing between 2.30-4.30pm, giving a relaxed ambience to enhance the enjoyment of the beautiful garden. With some light classical music, and some well-known tunes and some slightly jazzy items.

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**28 Northgate Street, Bury St Edmunds Deaf Centre:**

Large grass area with surrounding flower beds. A seating area for rest.



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**62 Garland Street:** A surprisingly large old walled garden behind a 16th-century house with a Georgian front. In keeping with this, there is a lawn, herbaceous beds, a pond, and a formal garden with Irish yews, behind a yew hedge. There is also a wild area under the shade of a huge beech tree.

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**Quaker Meeting House, St John's Street:** A mown grass area, a graveyard largely unsown to encourage wildflowers and wildlife, but with mown paths, a hidden courtyard garden and a vegetable garden cultivated by organic gardeners. Level wheelchair access from St Andrew's Street North entrance. Bures and Sudbury Mandolin Ensemble will be performing from 2-3pm, and Anne Chorley will be playing clarsach harp from midday to 1pm. The Meeting Room will be open for quiet reflection, and sandwiches, cakes, and hot and cold beverages will be available inside the Meeting House. Plants will be for sale.





**Some of our gardens this year sit just beyond the bounds of our map: with three gardens on Hardwick Lane, IP33 2QF, and with two gardens at Westley Road, IP33 3RW.**

**28**

**7a Hardwick Lane, Medlar House:** A real plant woman's garden with lots of rare and unusual species, rich in colour, scent and summer interest. There are herbaceous borders, a gravel garden, a wildflower meadow, a new shady border, a walled cutting garden, greenhouse and, rose, clematis and honeysuckle arches.



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**7b Hardwick Lane, Quince House:** A half-acre garden adorned with numerous trees, set on a slight hillside, featuring a water area teeming with a variety of fish, and a charming thatched gazebo with seating.

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**New**

**9 Hardwick Lane:** A pretty half-acre, south-facing garden designed with entertaining in mind. Three seating/dining areas to make the most of the sun and shade with oak pergolas and a grapevine. A secluded garden with a mix of wisteria, climbing roses, hostas, cannas, olive and fruit trees, plus a wild flower garden to encourage pollinators.



**31**

**6 Westley Road:** Step into a jungle garden via the side greenhouse. Discover a rear garden with succulents, a large pond with a waterfall, and a mix of hardy tropical plants such as palms, cannas, and dahlias. Sit down and relax amidst the lush greenery, including an indoor garden brimming with plants.



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**17 Westley Road:** Many hostas, ferns and fuchsias in this medium-sized garden with a pond and hidden features.