



# Educational Visits - Information Pack

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# The Setting

## **The hidden hedged gardens of Warwick's Hill Close Gardens ...**

are rare survivals of Victorian gardens once used by townfolk living above their business to escape from the crowded town. The garden offer many opportunities from social, environmental and scientific to language and creativity. These include:

- ⊗ developing an insight into Warwick's history
- ⊗ exploring how a community worked together to save the site and restore the garden
- ⊗ investigating the wide variety of plant growth, including fruit trees and other fruit and vegetables
- ⊗ a chance to see gardening techniques in action
- ⊗ exploring the habitats of a variety of insects and birds
- ⊗ a chance to explore our 'green building' and how we use the environment to preserve precious resources
- ⊗ experiencing a range of colours, textures and sounds to stimulate all of the senses

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# What Do We Offer?

We offer a friendly service with our Education Team to make your visit a successful one! Visits are tailor made for your requirements. We cover The Foundation Stage, Key Stage One and Two of the National Curriculum.

Our facilities and services include;

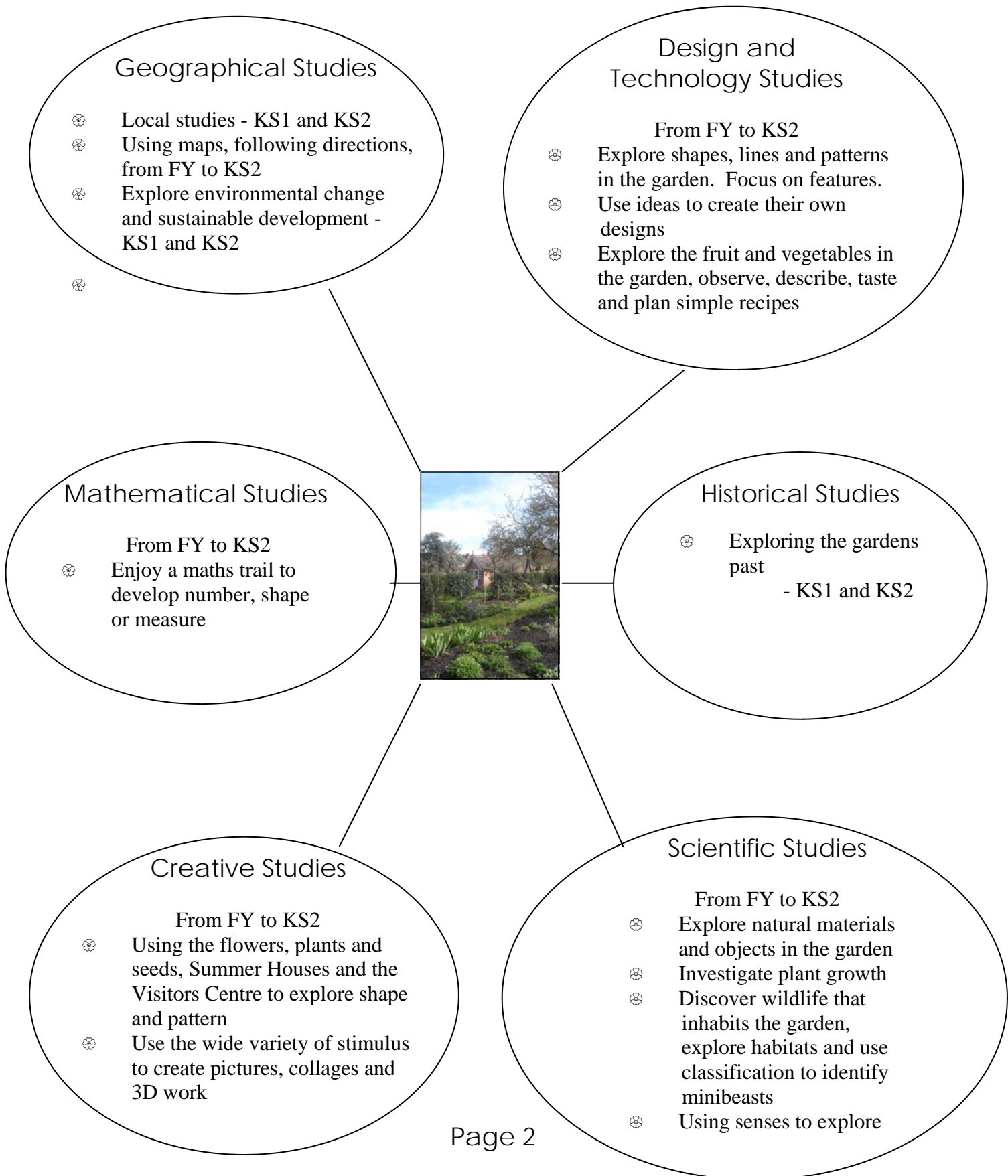
- ⊗ pre visits for teachers who are interested in bringing their class
- ⊗ services of our Education Officer to liaise with, plan, organise and lead the activities
- ⊗ a team of volunteers to support activities
- ⊗ tailor made programmes linked to the National Curriculum and your topics and themes
- ⊗ a warm, clean visitors centre for indoor activities
- ⊗ provision for children and adults with disabilities, including a flat, wide path into the centre, indoor facilities all on one floor, a disabled toilet and wheelchair route around the garden
- ⊗ access to the plots within the garden
- ⊗ a children's garden for digging, planting and soil exploration
- ⊗ a projector and screen is available
- ⊗ indoor refreshment facilities
- ⊗ free parking for 2 hours is available in the car park

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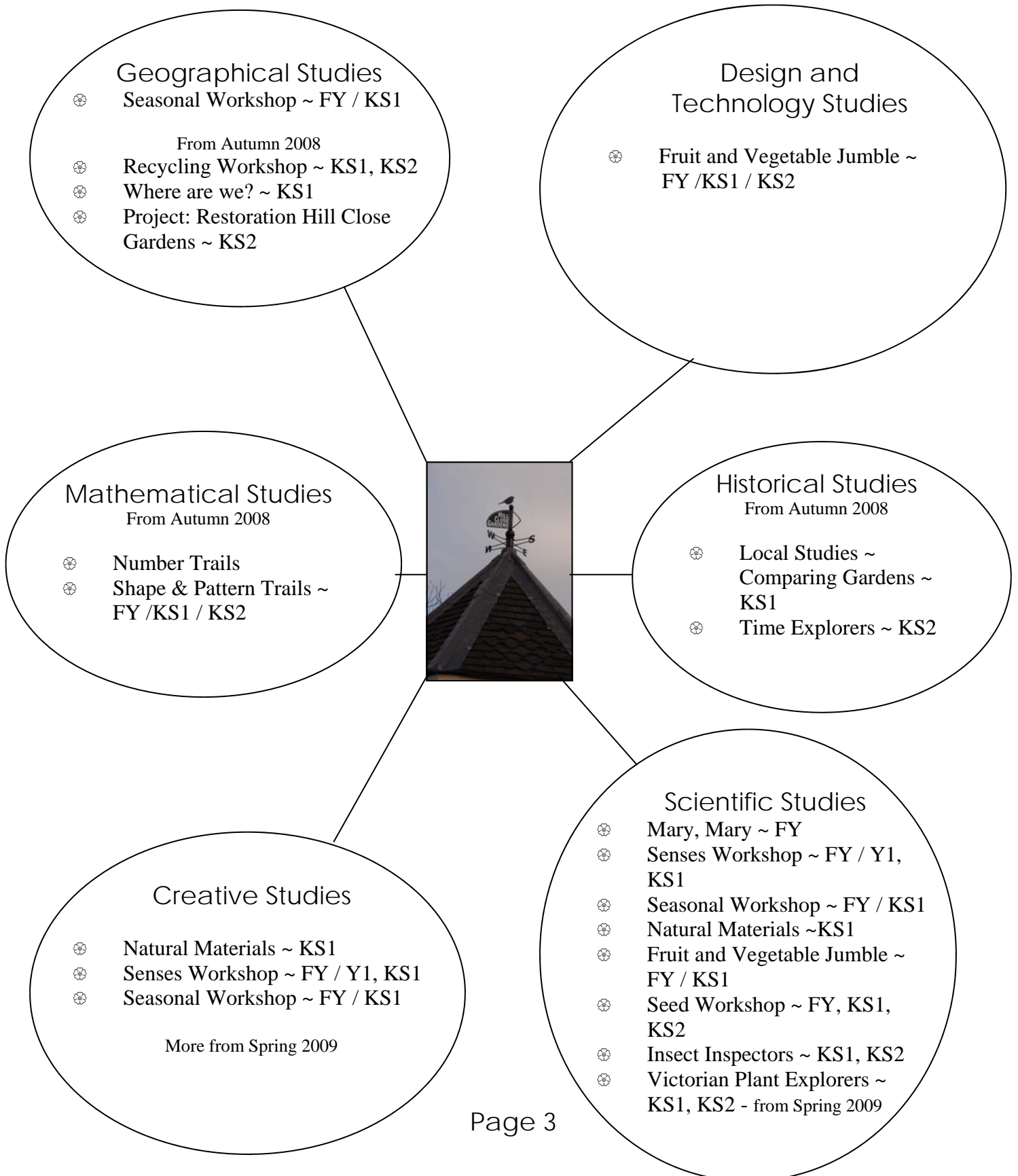
# Areas of Study





# Education Programmes

Our programmes can be adapted to meet your specific needs and seasonal visits can be arranged to see the many changes in the Garden throughout the year.





# Curriculum Overview FY

PROGRAMME	Mary, Mary	Fruit and Vegetable Jumble	Senses Workshop	Seed Workshop	Seasonal Workshop		
PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT							
COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE AND LITERACY;							
Language for communication and thinking							
Linking sounds and letters							
Reading							
Writing							
MATHEMATICAL DEVELOPMENT;							
Numbers as labels and for counting							
Calculating							
Shape, space and measures							
KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD;							
Exploration and investigation							
A sense of time							
A sense of place							
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT							
Movement							
Use of tools and materials							
CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT							
Art							
Role play							
Music							



# Curriculum Overview KS 1

PROGRAMME	Where Are We?	Fruit and Vegetable Jumble	Local Study Comparing Gardens	Natural Materials	Seed Workshop	Insect Inspectors	Senses Workshop	Seasonal Workshop	Recycling Workshop
KS1 Sc1 : Scientific enquiry		🌸		🌸	🌸	🌸	🌸	🌸	🌸
KS1 Sc2 : Life processes and living things		🌸		🌸	🌸	🌸	🌸	🌸	🌸
KS1 Sc3 : Materials and their properties				🌸	🌸				
KS1 Hist : Chronological understanding:1			🌸					🌸	
KS1 Hist : Knowledge and understanding of events, people and changes in the past:2			🌸						
KS1 Hist : Historical interpretation:3			🌸						
KS1 Hist : Historical enquiry:4			🌸						
KS1 Art : Exploring and developing ideas: 1		🌸		🌸	🌸			🌸	
KS1 Art : Investigating and making art, craft and design: 2				🌸				🌸	
KS1 Art : Knowledge and understanding: 4				🌸				🌸	
KS1 Geog :Geographical enquiry and skills: 1	🌸		🌸				🌸		🌸
KS1 Geog :Geographical enquiry and skills: 2	🌸								🌸
KS1 Geog :Knowledge and understanding of places:3	🌸								🌸
KS1 Geog : Knowledge and understanding of environmental change and sustainable development: 5	🌸						🌸		🌸
KS1 Des &Tech : Developing, planning and communicating ideas: 1		🌸	🌸			🌸			
KS1 Des & Tech : Working with tools, equipment, materials and components to make quality products: 2		🌸	🌸			🌸			🌸
KS1 Des & Tech : Evaluating processes and products: 3		🌸			🌸				
KS1 Citizenship : Preparing to play an active role as citizens							🌸		🌸
KS1 Citizenship : Developing a healthy, safer lifestyle		🌸							🌸

All of the programmes have links with English : Speaking & Listening, Reading and Writing

# Curriculum Overview KS 2

PROGRAMME	Fruit and Vegetable Jumble	Insect Inspectors	Project: Restoration Hill Close Gardens	Time Explorers	Recycling Workshop	Seed Workshop
KS2 Sc1 : Scientific enquiry	🌸	🌸			🌸	🌸
KS2 Sc2 : Life processes and living things	🌸	🌸			🌸	🌸
KS2 Hist : Chronological understanding:1				🌸		
KS2 Hist : Knowledge and understanding of events, people and changes in the past:2				🌸		
KS2 Hist : Historical interpretation:3				🌸		
KS2 Hist : Historical enquiry:4				🌸		
KS2 Des &Tech : Developing, planning and communicating ideas: 1						🌸
KS2 Des & Tech : Working with tools, equipment, materials and components to make quality products: 2						🌸
KS2 Des & Tech : Evaluating processes and products: 3						🌸
KS2 Geog :Geographical enquiry and skills: 1			🌸		🌸	
KS2 Geog :Geographical enquiry and skills: 2			🌸		🌸	
KS2 Geog :Knowledge and understanding of places:3			🌸		🌸	
KS2 Geog : Knowledge and understanding of patterns and processes:4			🌸			
KS2 Geog : Knowledge and understanding of environmental change and sustainable development: 5			🌸		🌸	
KS2 Citizenship : Developing confidence and responsibility and making the most of their abilities			🌸			
KS2 Citizenship : Preparing to play an active role as citizens			🌸		🌸	
KS2 Citizenship : Developing a healthy, safer lifestyle	🌸					
KS2 Citizenship : Breath of Study					🌸	

All of the programmes have links with English : Speaking & Listening, Reading and Writing  
 Recycling Workshop has links with Mathematics : Number and Algebra and Handling Data

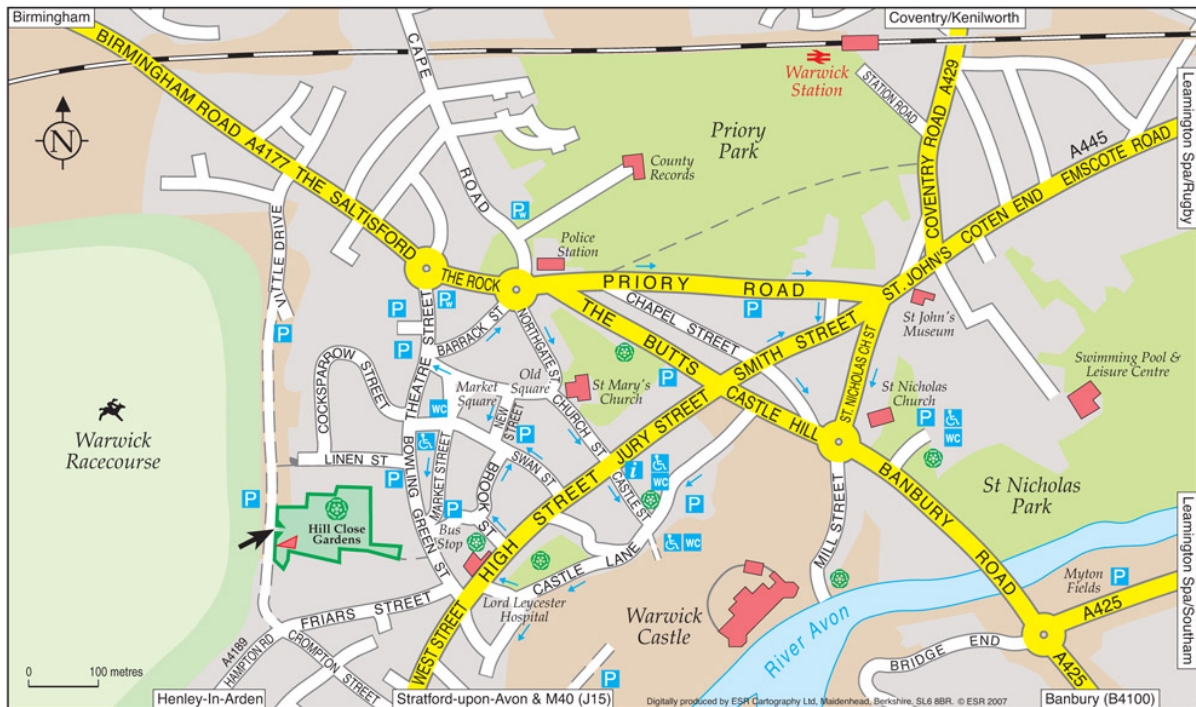
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# Visiting The Garden

## Location

The Garden is situated next to the racecourse in Warwick. There is easy access by foot and car. There is a large car park, where you can get 2 hours free parking.

## Map



## Toilets

We have two toilets, one of which has facilities for disabled visitors. These are situated in the Visitors Centre.

## Refreshments and Picnics

We have a fully equipped kitchen to provide refreshments for both adults and children. If your visit is across the day, there is an open grassed area available for picnics if the weather is kind enough, alternatively, the Visitors Centre can be used.

## Shop

We do have a small gift shop which stocks several small items for children. The use of this is entirely at your school's discretion, in line with your school visits policy. If needed, time can be planned into your programme for this.

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# Planning your visit

We can accommodate one class for each visit. A visit can be booked for a morning or whole day, depending on the activities planned. Morning visits can be arranged between 10.00am and 12.15pm and whole day visits between 10.00 am and 2.30pm. There is some flexibility in start and finish times, please speak to our Education Officer.

Charges for visits are £2.00 per child for a morning visit and £3.00 for a day visit, adults are free.

We want your visit to be a success and will take every care to look after you during your stay with us. We want to provide a safe environment for your visit so we ask you to consider the following when planning your visit;

- ⊗ We recommend an adult to child ratio of 1:3 for Pre School children , 1:5 for Reception children, 1:6 for Years 1– 3 and 1 :10 for Years 4 - 6. Our Education Team will organise and lead your visit, but won't be expected to accompany groups or individual children on their own.
- ⊗ It is the responsibility of the accompanying adults to ensure the appropriate behaviour of the children. We ask you to respect the plots within the garden and consider that there may be Garden Volunteers working in their plots.
- ⊗ We are aware of the risks which may occur in a garden and have carried out our own risk Assessment. Our Education Officer can offer guidance for your visit, but we recommend that you make your own risk assessment before your visit. All teachers will be invited to make a free pre-visit with our Education Officer.
- ⊗ As many programmes will use both indoors and outdoors, please dress appropriately for the weather. We recommend warm, waterproof clothing and ask you to bring Wellington boots to change into for outdoor activities (to keep feet dry and alleviate slipping indoors on muddy footprints!). If it is sunny, we recommend that the children have had sun cream applied and wear a hat.
- ⊗ To ensure we are prepared for an emergency, we aim for all of our Education Team to have emergency first aid training. There should always be an 'Appointed Person' on site. However, it is your responsibility to meet any First Aid needs of your group. If any of the children or adults have any medical needs or allergies, please ensure that all adults are aware, including adults from Hill Close Gardens.

## ✚ FIRST AID ✚

First Aid boxes are located between the toilets and in the kitchen

- ⊗ We are covered by our insurance to cover public liability up to £2,500,000.

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# Booking Your Visit

If you are interested in booking a visit, you can fill in the enclosed booking form and return it to Sarah Perrott, our Education Officer at;

**Hill Close Gardens Trust, Bread and Meat Close, Warwick, CV346HF**

Alternatively, you can contact Sarah to discuss your requirements and organise a pre visit, by telephone;

**01926 493339**

or by e-mail;

**Educationofficer@hcg.org.uk**

You can find out more about Hill Close Gardens on our website:

**[www.hillclosegardens.com](http://www.hillclosegardens.com)**

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# Hill Close Gardens Trust

## Educational Visits - Booking Form



Thank you for your booking to visit Hill Close Gardens. When we have received your form, we will confirm your booking and send details of your visit, including times and activities. Please return your completed form to;

Sarah Perrott, Education Officer, Hill Close Gardens Trust, Bread and Meat Close, Warwick CV34 6HF, Tel: 01926 493339, E-mail: [educationofficer@hcg.org.uk](mailto:educationofficer@hcg.org.uk)



Name of School: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Teacher in charge of visit: .....

Year group: ..... Number of children: ..... Number of adults: .....

Program/theme of visit: .....

During your visit, we will serve refreshments for both adults and children. Do any of your group have any special dietary needs?

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Do any of your group have any medical needs that we need to be aware of?  
(you are responsible for the medical needs of your group)

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