The Lady Gardeners' Club

Welcome Pack 2024 The Lady Gardeners Club is the passion project of our Co-Founder Shannon. Shannon discovered her own love of gardening by accident in her early 20s and loves nothing more than to inspire other women to give growing a go. Through gardening, Shannon discovered that you really can do anything you set your mind to, from starting a podcast and editing every episode herself to building a 35ft polytunnel in gale-force winds. She aspires to share this with as many women as possible by creating a community, hosting a variety of events and bringing like-minded people together. Thus, we introduce to you this brand new club.

The Lady Gardeners Club is for plants and for people, showing women that there is a very real place for them in the garden. Lady Gardener events bring women together, addressing the social isolation that many women experience and offering them the opportunity to try something new. This project is designed to boost confidence through sharing plant-based practices, DIY and copious amounts of tea and cake. The club will run on one Sunday per month at Home Farm, next door to Arlington Court National Trust, for 2 hours and each week will be dedicated to something a little different, from sowing seed and building raised beds to pouring concrete plant pots, flower pounding and pickling your own vegetables. You can book tickets for the sessions throughout 2024 here.



Welcome to the club!

Now that we've got the formal intro out of the way, it's not as serious as it sounds! In reality, we just want to bring some lovely people together to drink tea and eat cake in a beautiful space whilst sharing the skills we've loved to learn over the past six years. No prior experience necessary, come and join the fun!

We really hope you love these sessions, we're so excited to share our space with you and get creative in the garden. Here are a few dates for your calendar if you want to get ahead and book yourself some treat time throughout the year!

January 28th 2024
February 25th 2024
March 31st 2024
April 28th 2024
May 26th 2024
June 25th 2024
July 30th 2024
August 27th 2024
September 31st 2024
October 27th 2024
November 24th 2024
December 22nd 2024



Our space

Our new garden is located just next door to Arlington Court National Trust. Throughout 2024 the garden will be going through a huge transformation, from a barren concrete shell to a beautiful productive garden for all to enjoy. The main area will be dedicated to growing fruits and vegetables, whilst we hope to expand our other areas into cut flowers, a dye garden, mushroom and microgreen growing.

Our address is: <u>Home Farm, Arlington, Barnstaple, EX31 4LW</u> and for ease: WhatThreeWords: <u>///seat.scooped.spud.</u> If you know Arlington Court, you can park in the usual car park and our gate is just a little down the road with a gate reading 'Home Farm'. Walk through the gate and through the farm until you see something that looks like the picture below on your right hand side!

Parking

We have a limited number of parking permits for visitors to use in the main Arlington Court car park, just a short walk from our garden, please let us know if you will need one of these in advance so that we can make arrangements.

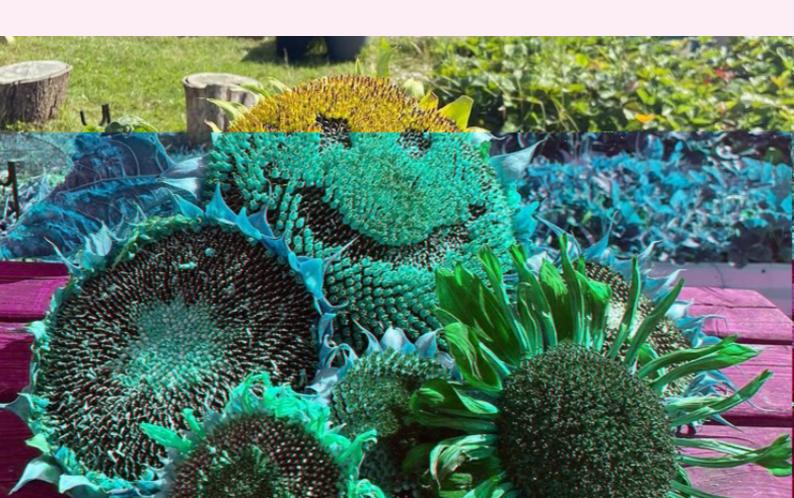


What you will need:

If possible, please come prepared for all weather! We suggest:

- clothes that can get muddy
- a raincoat
- wellies (but not essential as our garden is concrete!)
- a hat (sun hat for summer, warm hat for winter)
- suncream
- a water bottle
- snacks
- gardening gloves

We have some spare outdoor wear and gloves for those who aren't able to bring their own, but these are in limited supply so please let us know ahead of the session whenever possible.



Ahead of the session, we just need a few things from you!

Please fill in our waiver which we will email over to you separately paying close attention to the areas which mention photo consent (completely optional), additional needs and allergies so that we can tailor our sessions accordingly for the best possible experience!

Drop us a follow on Facebook and Instagram, ethegardenersco to see what we're up to, follow along with our progress and hear about what's coming up next. Plus, if you want to be the first to know about our exclusive news, you can sign up to our newsletter here:

https://thegardenerscollective.co.uk/pages/newsletter

If you have any feedback or suggestions before/after the session, we love to hear from you so that we can continually improve our offering. Get in touch with us via our social channels, or over email: helloethegardenerscollective.co.uk



About Shannon AKA. Diary of a Lady Gardener:

Shannon is a passionate grower from Devon who discovered gardening entirely by accident. Six years later, she has launched a successful podcast, runs workshops across North Devon inspiring young people to get growing at The Gardeners Co. CIC. She has an RHS Level 2 in Principles of Horticulture, a first-class business degree and nearly ten years experience in the marketing industry.

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About Tatyana

Tatyana is an experienced Early Years Practitioner and mum to the original Mini Gardeners, Finn and Noah. As a busy twin mum, she experiences the benefits of engaging with nature for both herself and her children. Tatyana found a real love for raising plants through her collection of houseplants and getting stuck in to helping out at the plot through the pandemic. Her focus is all about improving wellbeing for children and adults by getting their feet on the grass, their hands in the soil and their heads up with the tree tops.



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