

SPRING OUTING

Tuesday 17th May 2016, the **Haslemere Gardening Society** visited
Borde Hill Garden, West Sussex.

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Borde Hill Garden is a garden located 1.5 miles north of Haywards Heath, West Sussex. It is set in over 200 acres of garden, park and woodlands which has views across the Sussex High Weald. Borde Hill Garden is planted in “living garden rooms”, each offering a different character and style. It is home to many rare shrubs from rhododendrons, azaleas and magnolias to roses, as well as numerous trees including one of the largest collections of champion trees in a private property in Britain (82 specimens as of 2013).[[]

The first record of the estate dates back to 1534. The Tudor Borde Hill house was originally constructed in 1598 by Stephen Borde. After a variety of ownerships, Borde Hill was acquired by Colonel Robert Stephenson Clarke in 1893. He was the first owner to plant the gardens and woodlands. A number of extensions were made to the garden and house, however it was not until 1965 that Borde Hill Garden became a registered charity and opened to the public, by Stephenson's son Sir Ralph Clarke. The garden has won a variety of public awards and distinctions and is listed on the register of parks and gardens as Grade II importance by English Heritage.



Renowned as a plantsman’s paradise, the Garden boasts rare shrubs and champion trees, stunning herbaceous borders, a large lily pool and subtropical dells with palms and banana trees. Enjoy tranquil Garden ‘rooms’, including the Rose and Italian Gardens, an abundance of colour throughout the season, stunning views across the Ouse Valley Viaduct, woodland and lakeside walks and home-cooked food.

Nestled at the heart of the Garden is the historic Elizabethan Mansion House. The 17-acre formal Garden has easy access routes and gentle sloping paths. There is free parking, a gift shop, plant nursery and cafes.



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