

MID SUMMER OUTING

Wednesday 12th July 2023

Haslemere
Gardening
Society

West Green House Gardens, Hampshire

The gardens of **West Green House** surround one of the prettiest manor houses in England. They combine neo-classical style with contemporary design. A grand water staircase provides a focal point to the Nymphaeum. The magnificent Walled Garden is entered through an arbor of wisteria. An alley of apple trees divides an elaborate potager with its berry-filled fruit cages, annual flowers, and colourful vegetables from its signature perennial borders exuberantly planted in subtle hues of mauve, plum, and blue.



We left Upton Grey at around 1 pm and headed to West Green House where lunch was available, served on chinaware decorated with pictures of the very pretty manor house. The garden is divided by a series of box hedges which seem to have survived both box blight and moth infestation and contained lots of roses, perennial plants, and annuals as well as some amazingly whole rows of frilly lettuce. Does someone pop out and replace them every morning before the visitors arrive? Just as we were having tea the rain came down, but we were extremely lucky to have had such a fine day amid a rather damp and chilly July. Thank you to Georgina for arranging this and all the other outings for us and to Kenny, our driver, for a pleasant journey there and back and his skill at negotiating the very narrow lanes with the various parked hazards. It was a lovely day out.

