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The Haslemere Gardening Society visited

Stoner Park Gardens in Oxfordshire

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There are three gardens at Stonor, one in front open to the park and the other two behind the house, which are surrounded by a brick and flint wall. In front is the large sloping lawn - below which are the remains of a medieval garden.

The views up the hill opposite the house and down the valley are spectacular at all times and visitors may see deer, pheasants and hares as well as the ever graceful Red Kites, Buzzards and other birds.



The garden behind the house consists of a 17th century Italianate walled pleasure garden and the old Kitchen Garden. The pleasure garden consists of ponds, terraces, clipped box hedges, ancient yews and a Japanese style summer house. The old kitchen gardens have been converted by Lady Camoys into large beds and long borders of irises, old fashioned roses, peonies, honeysuckles, clematis and lavenders. In April and May there are swathes of daffodils and narcissi on the hillside above.

Children enjoy all of this just as much as adults.