

Horseman's Green Garden Trail

The hum of the lawnmowers and the whirl of the trimmers, that had been emanating from several properties in Horseman's Green over recent days, came to a halt on Sunday afternoon as the small community welcomed its resident's and wider community to visit several gardens which their owners had kindly volunteered to open to the public to view. A variety of gardens of differing shapes and sizes were on display: the mature planned, but well established; the wildlife garden; the newly planned; many with a tranquil oasis for relaxing and contemplation; vegetable gardens and one which aimed to incorporate locally made bricks excavated in their grounds into its design. Amazingly all the open gardens are tended purely by their amateur owners who openly acknowledged their different levels of ability on the 'keen gardener scale'. It is hoped many of those following the trail took inspiration from their visit, whilst those who opened their gardens can now take a well earned rest.

The Community Hall also opened its doors with plant, produce and craft stalls available. The Green Cafe was once again in operation offering a wide array of delicious homemade cakes kindly donated by its resident bakers. This community is becoming renowned for both its sumptuous cakes and its warm welcoming atmosphere.

Entrance to the Garden Trail, to view nine gardens was just £5 pp, with tea/coffee and cake on offer at £2. On this hot and humid afternoon over seventy visitors attended the hamlet raising in excess of £600. Money needed to help maintain and run the community hall with its wide ranging Activity Groups and Socials.

Huge thanks goes from the Community Group to: local resident and trustee Andrea, who organised the event; all who so kindly opened their gardens; all volunteers who helped in the hall; Horseman's Green Farm for providing car parking space and those who braved the heat and humidity to visit. We trust you enjoyed your visit.

Check out the Horseman's Green Facebook page and website, horsemansgreencommunity.co.uk to find out other events and socials this small community has planned for June and July. All are made welcome.