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York Gate

York Gate is a Grade II listed National Heritage Garden. The magical one-acre garden was created by the Spencer family between 1951 and 1994. Frederick and Sybil Spencer, along with their son Robin, laid out and nurtured what is now one of the finest small gardens in the country.

The design of 'rooms' interlinked through a succession of vistas and executed with meticulous detail owed much to the Arts and Crafts movement, complemented by Sybil's skills as a plantswoman.

Unfortunately, Fred died suddenly in 1963, as did their son Robin in 1981. During the next twelve years Sybil cherished the garden, adding to the already considerable plant collection.

In accordance with Sybil's wishes, on her death in 1994, York Gate was given to Perennial, the charity that helps people in horticulture build and live better lives. The garden is maintained and developed in sympathy with the Spencers' design and will continue to attract visitors for both education and pleasure.



Become a Friend of Perennial

Annual membership costs just £35 and includes:

- Free entry to Perennial's gardens (York Gate, Fullers Mill and The Laskett) for you and a guest on all our public open days.
- Priority booking for Perennial's Special Events garden tours and holidays.
- Perennial's twice-yearly newsletter.

Help to preserve one of the UK's most important small gardens for future generations and support people in horticulture and their families.

To join, pick up a form in admissions, call **0113 267 8240** or visit **yorkgate.org.uk**.

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If you work with plants, trees, flowers or grass, our friendly and experienced team are here to deliver completely free, confidential and personal support.

We understand the devastating impact unexpected personal challenges and financial pressures has on lives. If you need help or know someone who does, please contact us on **0800 093 8543** or visit **perennial.org.uk**.

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York Gate Cafe

Our cafe serves wholesome homemade food, reflecting the seasons and promoting local produce. Our menu includes savoury delights, light lunches using handpicked produce from our vegetable garden, freshly prepared sandwiches, homemade cakes, and a selection of teas and freshly brewed coffee. Sit on the wonderful sun terrace overlooking the newly created Mediterranean Sunken garden. There is also a private dining room you can book for special occasions. The cafe is open Wednesday to Sunday all year round.

The Gift Shop

The perfect place to find something special for the home and garden. We stock a large range of contemporary giftware, cards, stationery and gifts for gardeners.

York Gate Plant Nursery

Turn your garden inspiration into reality. We offer a wide range of plants including those propagated from plants in the garden and grown on site by our Head Gardener and team.

Wildflower Meadow

The meadow takes you to the wilder areas of York Gate and views of the ancient Adel woods. Mown paths lead you down to our beehives through a mixture of wildflowers. Swathes of pignut take hold in May, followed by knapweeds, yellow rattle and flowering grasses throughout the summer.



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