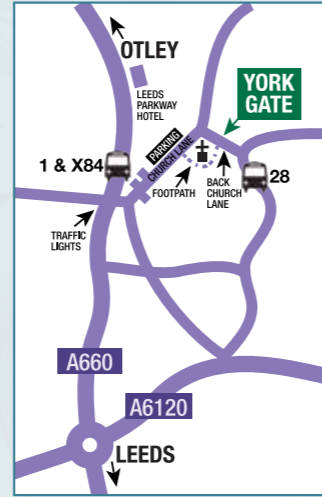




Finding the garden

York Gate garden is just 15 minutes' drive from Leeds city centre, within 30 minutes' drive of Harrogate, Bradford and Ilkley and only 45 minutes from York.

The garden is 2¼ miles southeast of Bramhope, just off the A660. Please park in the lay-by opposite the church on Church Lane, then walk through the churchyard, and continue straight on with the church hall on your left. You will come out opposite York Gate garden.



Bus Services

No.28 Leeds, Liberty Dock - Adel

Stay on the 28 until it terminates at the Adel 'village shop'. Continue down the hill on foot until you get to Back Church Lane on your left. York Gate is 110m down there on the right. It is a pleasant 5 minute walk from the bus stop.

No.1 Leeds Centre - Holt Park & No. X84 Leeds - Skipton

Alight at Otley Road, Lawnswood, Greenfield Court. Outside Davino Restaurant.

Walk south down Otley Road for 70m then turn left onto Church Lane and turn left again at the T junction. When you see the church on your right, follow the path through the churchyard, and continue straight on with the church hall on your left. You will come out opposite York Gate garden.

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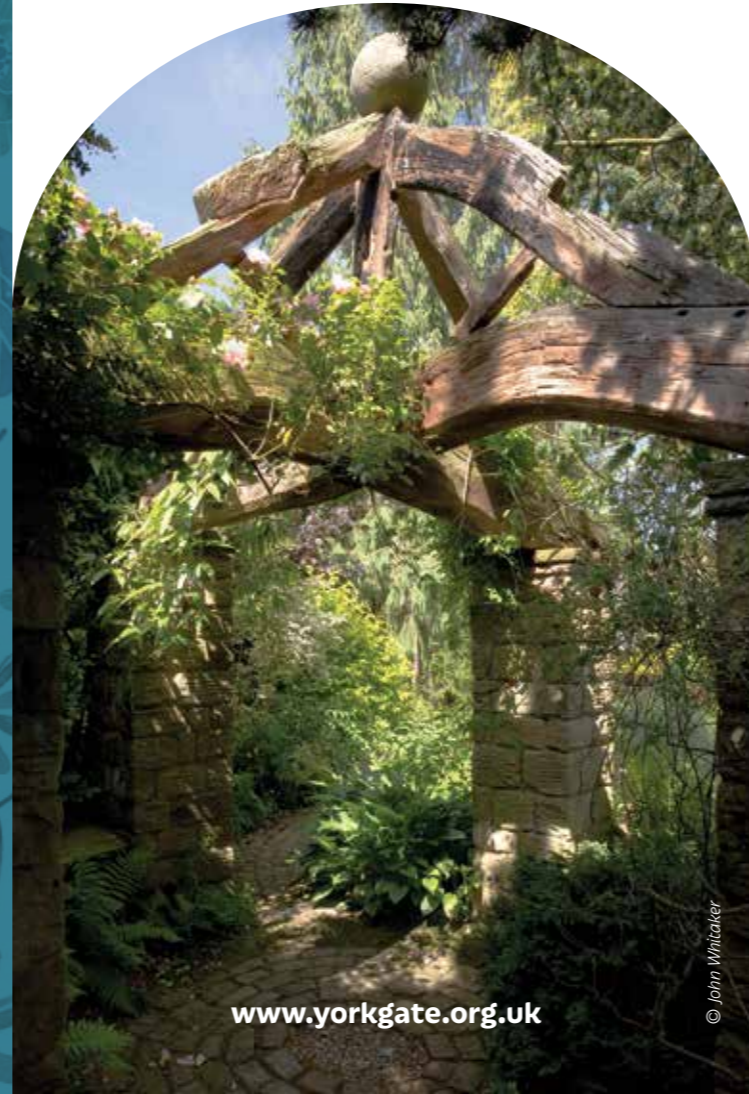
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- 9. Sybil's Garden
- 10. Canal Garden
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- 13. Alley
- 14. Sundial
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- 16. Kitchen Garden
- 17. Paved Garden
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- 19. Tea Rooms
- 20. Gift Shop
- 21. Toilets



3. Old Orchard



7. Folly



8. Nutwalk



9. Sybil's Garden



10. Canal Garden



14. Sundial

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York Gate Garden

York Gate is a one-acre garden created by the Spencer family between 1951 and 1994. Frederick and Sybil Spencer purchased the property in 1951 when their only son, Robin, was 17 years old. Until that time it had been a farm; initially they kept a small amount of livestock but immediately they started to create a garden. The garden was laid out over a period of 30 years.

Frederick Spencer laid down the bones of the garden but after his death in 1963, it was Robin who was largely responsible for its development. Robin was not trained in horticulture but had a flair for design which he combined with an inspired use of materials and plants. The design of 'rooms' interlinked through a succession of vistas and executed with meticulous attention to detail owed much to the Arts and Crafts movement, but was created in an original way and complemented by Sybil's skills as a plants woman. Robin died suddenly in 1982 at the age of 47. During the next twelve years Sybil cherished the garden, adding to the already considerable plant collection, without changing the overall layout.

In accordance with Sybil's wishes, on her death in 1994 York Gate was given to Perennial. Whilst acknowledging that some change is inevitable, the charity will continue to maintain the garden in sympathy with the Spencers' design and strive to retain those qualities that make it so special.



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Tea Room

Treat yourself to afternoon tea or a light lunch in the tea room. You will be seated in what were once Sybil Spencer's drawing and dining rooms, with delightful views of the garden.

Our cakes are fresh home made delights, created by our talented Catering Manager.

Service in the tea room is run by a wonderful team of volunteers. The tea room is open during garden opening hours.

Volunteers

York Gate's well established small team of garden volunteers assist the garden staff of two full time highly trained professional gardeners and one apprentice with weekly jobs. They play a huge role in maintaining its immaculate presentation, so you always have the chance to see the garden at its very best. The 50 strong front of house volunteer team are passionate and knowledgeable about the garden and its history. They will welcome you at the admissions desk, shop, tea room, and at busier times, will give guided history tours of the garden and offer advice in the plant sales area.

Heritage Project

In 2016 Perennial were awarded a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant for volunteers to research and archive the history of York Gate garden. A team of 40 are producing a catalogued archive of memorabilia, as well as creating permanent displays for you to enjoy, and learn more about the garden's history. If you have any memories, information or items you wish to share, then please let a member of the team know.

Shop

Find the perfect gift. We have a beautiful range from the Perennial online shop, as well as locally produced gifts.

Volunteers run the shop and are also on hand in here for York Gate information, advice and assistance.

The plant nursery, through the Nut Walk (no.8 on map) offers a selection of plants for sale, all grown on site.



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The Young Ones

We love to see children of all ages enjoying the garden. Help spark their interest by picking up a garden quiz, or an eye spy sheet at the admissions desk. Designed and produced by our volunteers, there is a quiz for everyone from pre-school through to A level Art students.



Field Room

Our purpose built training room seats up to 25 students. Room hire is all inclusive and costs just £50 for a half day and £100 for a full day.

Information about Perennial

Perennial is the charity which helps all those who manage, maintain and enhance our green spaces including: gardeners, nursery staff, parks and grounds care staff, landscapers and tree surgeons.

Working outside in all weathers with dangerous machinery means that gardeners and horticulturists are in an industry with one of the highest accident and illness rates. High self-employment, zero hour contracts and low wages mean that the slightest financial knock-back can cause devastating results. Should they find themselves in difficulty, through accident, ill health, bereavement or financial pressures, Perennial provides free confidential support and advice to them, their partners and their dependent children until they are back on their feet.

Our national team of highly trained Caseworkers and Debt Advisers visit people in their own homes and provide free, confidential support, advice and financial assistance for as long as it takes. If you are a horticulturist or you know someone who needs help please call **0800 093 8543**.

To maintain this level of service we need your help. Please consider donating to Perennial, purchasing gifts and cards from our shop or holding a fundraising activity.

Visit our website:

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for more information and to find out how you can help.



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Admission Details 2017

9 Apr – 28 Sept: Sun to Thurs 12.30 – 4.30pm
Evenings in June: Wednesday 7, 14, 21, 28, 6.30 – 9pm

Groups are warmly welcomed by prior arrangement.

Free guided tours are available on most Sundays and bank holidays.

Please help us to preserve the charm of York Gate garden by leaving your dog at home (except assistance dogs). York Gate garden is compact and easy to get around, however, narrow gravel paths makes most of the garden unsuitable for wheelchairs.

Please get in touch if you have any questions about access.

Adults Standard £5.00 / Gift Aid £5.50
Children (16 and under): Free

Friends of York Gate Garden

Help to preserve one of the county's most important small gardens for future generations.

Annual membership costs just £25.

What you get when you become of Friend of York Gate:

- Free entry into York Gate for you and a guest on all our public open days.
- Invitation to monthly private Friends mornings for you and two guests.
- Advanced information about special events and developments at York Gate.
- Priority booking for Perennial's national special garden events.
- Twice yearly newsletter from Perennial; Perennial News.

Watch the garden change month by month at the 2017 Friend member's mornings between 10am-12pm:

Monday 27th March	Monday 24rd July
Monday 24th April	Monday 21st August
Monday 22nd May	Monday 18th September
Monday 26th June	Monday 23rd October

By becoming a friend of York Gate you will be helping Perennial to preserve and develop this beautiful garden.

To pay by credit/debit card

Please either call us on 01372 384 049 or visit www.yorkgate.org.uk.

To pay by cheque

Please complete the form below and make your cheque payable to Perennial.

Title: _____ First name: _____

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Please take this form to the garden when you visit or post to:

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We would like to keep in touch with you about the work we're doing. We do not share your information with any third party. Please tick this box if you **do not** wish to receive these by: mail email telephone SMS

