

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 and admits you and a friend.

Friend of York Gate membership includes:

- Free entry into York Gate for you and a guest on all our public open days.
- Invitations to private Friends' viewings for you and two guests.
- Advance information about special events at York Gate.
- Priority booking for Perennial's national special garden events.
- Twice yearly newsletter 'Perennial News'.

Our 2018 Friends only garden viewings:

Monday 19th February – 12.30pm – 4.30pm
Snowdrop display – Friends' preview

Monday 19th March – 10.00am – 12.00pm
Private open-season preview

Monday 21st May – 10.00am – 12.00pm
Private morning viewing

Wednesday 13th June – 6.30pm – 9.00pm
Private evening viewing event

Wednesday 27th June – 6.30pm – 9.00pm
Private evening viewing event

Monday 20th August – 10.00am – 12.00pm
Late summer morning viewing

Monday 22nd October – 10.00am – 12.00pm
Autumn walk

Admission Details 2018

1 Apr – 30 Sept: Sun to Thurs 12.30 – 4.30pm

Groups are warmly welcomed by prior arrangement.

Free guided tours (with admission price) are available on most Sundays and bank holidays.

To help us preserve its charm, York Gate does not permit dogs, other than assistance dogs.

York Gate Garden is compact and easy to get around, however narrow gravel paths make 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

Information about Perennial

Perennial is the UK's only national charity dedicated to helping all people 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. Self employment, zero hour contracts and low wages mean that the slightest financial knock-back can cause devastating results.

Should horticulturists find themselves in difficulty, through accident, ill health, bereavement or financial pressures, Perennial can provide 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 to provide Perennial's free, bespoke service for as long as it takes.

If you are a horticulturist or you know someone who needs help please call **0800 093 8543**.

Visit our website www.perennial.org.uk for more information.



YORK GATE GARDEN

— cared for by Perennial —

LOCATED IN ADEL, NORTH LEEDS
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1 Driveway

2 Pavement Maze

3 Old Orchard

4 Arbour

5 Pinetum

6 Dell

7 Folly

8 Nutwalk – Plant sales

9 Sybil's Garden

10 Canal Garden

11 Fern Border

12 Herb Garden

13 Alley

14 Sundial

15 White & Silver Garden

16 Kitchen Garden

17 Paved Garden

18 Front Garden

19 Tea Room

20 Gift Shop

21 Toilets



3 Old Orchard



7 Folly



8 Nutwalk



9 Sybil's Garden



10 Canal Garden



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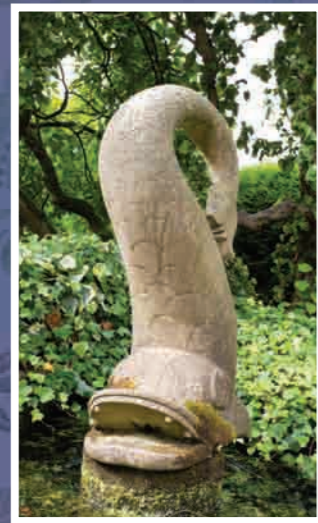
York Gate Garden

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 plantswoman. 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 homemade 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 team of garden volunteers assist the professional horticultural team with weekly jobs, and play a huge role in maintaining the garden's immaculate presentation so you always have the chance to see it 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, plant sales area, and at busier times, will give guided history tours of the garden.

If you would like to join the tea room volunteers, we are recruiting throughout 2018. Please contact: yorkgate@perennial.org.uk

Shop and Nursery

We have a beautiful range of gifts 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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Heritage Lottery Funded Project

In 2016 Perennial was awarded a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant for volunteers to research and archive the history of York Gate Garden. Our volunteer-produced, **The Heritage of York Gate** book is available in the gift shop.



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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 i-spy sheet at the admissions desk.

Field Classroom

Hire our purpose built event space with full projection, audio and basic kitchen facilities included. Seats approximately 30 people theatre style.

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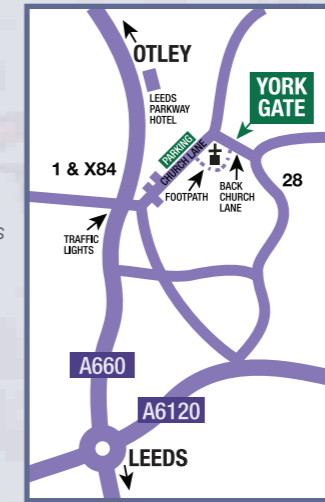


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Finding the garden

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. Please do not walk along Back Church Lane itself as the road has no footpath.



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.



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 **0113 267 8240** or visit www.yorkgate.org.uk.

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

Date: / /

Title: First name: _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

 _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email: _____

Additional donation £ _____

As a Friend of York Gate you will receive information as stated overleaf by post and Perennial may call you about your membership or to follow up invites to events in the future. Perennial would also like to send you news and offers by email, to receive these please tick this box Should you wish to stop receiving communications at any time in the future then please simply get in touch.

Are you a UK tax payer?
Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.



Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. I would like to Gift Aid all donations I make to Perennial in the future, or have made in the past four years, until I notify you otherwise. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please take this form to the garden when you visit or post to:
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 York Gate, Back Church Lane,
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