

GARDEN PRESS EVENT  
27 February 2019  
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## Perennial Gardens – created with love, cared for by Perennial

Perennial owns and maintains two beautiful gardens - York Gate Garden near Leeds and Fullers Mill Garden in Suffolk. A third garden, The Laskett Gardens in Herefordshire was bequeathed to Perennial by Sir Roy Strong in 2015.

**York Gate Garden** in Adell near Leeds is regarded as one of the UK's best small gardens, designed in the Arts & Crafts style by the Spencer family during the 20th century. It will re-open to visitors on Sunday 1 April 2019.

The garden is made up of a series of outdoor rooms, totalling just one acre. This intimate scale makes the garden relatable to visitors, providing plenty of practical inspiration to take home. The investment by Perennial into first class facilities for the garden is enabling it to develop from being a private hidden gem into a notable visitor attraction that attracts thousands of visitors each year. There is also has a gift shop, tearoom and events centre.



Find out more at [www.yorkgate.org.uk](http://www.yorkgate.org.uk)

**Fullers Mill Garden** at West Stow near Bury St Edmunds was the life's work of Bernard Tickner, who died in 2017. He spent 60 years developing the seven-acre garden in an enchanted spot on the banks of the River Lark. The garden will open for the 2019 season on Sunday 1 April.

Bernard Tickner moved to Fullers Mill in 1958 and began creating the garden in what was an area of rough scrub and woodland. He established a plantsman's paradise of rare and unusual shrubs, perennials, lilies and marginal plants occupying a beautiful woodland site. The garden was entrusted to Perennial in 2013 so it could continue to be enjoyed by garden-loving visitors.



Find out more at [www.fullersmillgarden.org.uk](http://www.fullersmillgarden.org.uk)

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**The Laskett Gardens**, created by Sir Roy Strong and his late wife Julia Trevelyan Oman, have been described as the largest formal gardens created in England since 1945.

Sir Roy Strong and his wife purchased the house and the undeveloped four acre site between Hereford and Ross-on-Wye in 1973. Inspired by great gardens such as Hidcote, those of baroque Italy and of Tudor and Stuart England, they embarked on designing and planting the incredible garden visible today. This is a garden of rooms underpinned by dramatic vistas and elements of surprise. The garden will be left to Perennial with a generous endowment to ensure its maintenance for years to come and it will open to visitors for periods of the year.



Find out more at [www.thelaskettgardens.co.uk](http://www.thelaskettgardens.co.uk)

### VISITOR INFORMATION:

**York Gate Garden** is open 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> September  
Sunday to Thursday 12.30pm to 4.30pm (Fridays and Saturdays – closed)  
[www.yorkgate.org.uk](http://www.yorkgate.org.uk)

**Fullers Mill Garden** is open from open from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday and Friday 2 – 5pm and Sunday 11am – 5pm  
[www.fullersmillgarden.org.uk](http://www.fullersmillgarden.org.uk)

**The Laskett Gardens** are open to pre-booked groups of 20 or more on Tuesdays and Thursdays from April to September  
[www.thelaskettgardens.co.uk](http://www.thelaskettgardens.co.uk)