

Sheffield Botanical Gardens

Dorothy Fox Education Centre, off the Thompson Road Entrance,

Time: 10.15 for a 10.30 tour

Sheffield Botanical Gardens are located one and a half miles to the south-west of the city centre and cover 19 acres [7.7 hectares] on a sloping site. The Gardens are registered by English Heritage as a Grade II site of special historic interest. Winding paths connect over 18 different garden areas based on geographical or botanical theme.

Highlights of the site include the Grade II* listed range of glass Pavilions, the imposing gatehouse entrance, a rare Bear Pit, the modest South Lodge (all three Grade II listed), a Victorian Curator's House (now a café) and a fossil stump (which is around 310 million years old).

The Gardens provide interest and variety throughout the year, ranging from the traditionally laid out Victorian-style Rose Garden at one end of the scale to the Prairie-style area designed by Professor Hitchmough from the University of Sheffield, at the other.

The gardens are managed by The Sheffield Botanical Gardens Trust which exists to improve and refurbish the Sheffield Botanical Gardens, its collections and its buildings for the education and benefit of the inhabitants of Sheffield and its surrounding areas.

www.sbg.org.uk/

Arriving by Car

There is limited parking at Thompson Road (S11 8RB) and very limited parking on some roads off Clarkehouse Road (S10 2LN). There is a privately operated car park across from the Gardens at Berkeley Precinct (S11 8PN).

By public transport: A regular bus service runs along Ecclesall Road from the city centre

The Green Estate and Pictorial Meadows

389 Manor Lane, Sheffield

Time: 1pm

Lunch will be on site upstairs at the Rhubarb Shed Cafe with a tour to follow at 2.00pm

The Green Estate Community Interest Company is one of the largest social enterprises in South Yorkshire. Their mission is to grow green and resilient urban places for people and nature to thrive.

Originally set up in 2003 as a heritage and environmental regeneration project in the Manor area of Sheffield. The Green Estate team of staff, volunteers and partners (which includes Manor and Castle Development Trust, Sheffield City Council and the University of Sheffield) have turned 42 hectares of derelict land and heritage buildings into a unique, beautiful and sustainable landscape for people and nature to enjoy for generations to come.



Northern Branch

The Green estate is a multiple award-winning organisation and have become a beacon for place-based urban resilience with a social, economic and environmental impact on our local community and beyond.

Pictorial Meadows originated more than 20 years ago, from an innovative and productive partnership between the University of Sheffield and The Green Estate Community Interest Company. A seed of an idea, initially sown by Professor Nigel Dunnett has been nurtured and extensively tested by this forward thinking social enterprise.

Cost: Members £10, Guests £15, cash on the day please or by prior bank transfer.

RSVP: Jason Daff via email: northern@horticulture.org.uk

All members, guests and students are welcome to join this visit, please get in touch if you are interested in arranging car sharing opportunities.