

# Wivey and Milverton Secret Gardens

**1. Jubilee Gardens, West Street, TA4 1PA Sat/Sun 10am-5pm**

Wivey Cares Event HQ. Tickets and Refreshments. Plant Stall. Beekeeper, Wivey Birders, Blue Shed Flowers, Entertainment.

**2. Oak Court, 9 Silver Street, TA4 2PA Sun 11am-4pm**

Hosts: Rosie & Danny

**Description:** A secret garden right in the centre of Wiveliscombe, surrounded by high stone walls to keep hedgehogs safe and with lots of places for them to hide. The garden is about 150 years old and has established trees and shrubs for birds and flowers for insects.

**3. Eldon, 9 Silver Street, TA4 2PA Sun 11am-4pm**

Host: Ros

**Description:** Eldon garden is a wild and undulating garden, located in central Wivey, hidden down a leafy lane. We use no chemicals and only sow and plant what we or the wildlife can enjoy and feed on. It is also Tommy's retreat!

**4. 16 Silver Street, TA4 2PA Sat 11am-4pm**

Host: Barbara

**Description:** I constructed my garden 3 years ago based loosely on Beth Chatto's gravel garden. The planting keeps evolving and many happy accidents keep appearing. The insects love it!

**5. 13 Golden Hill, TA4 2NT Sat/Sun 11am-4pm**

Hosts: Sally and Nick

**Description:** A surprisingly long town garden that slopes down through a beautiful and unusual collection of mature trees and shrubs, with a little bit of wilderness and a pond at the end, opening into a grassy young orchard planted in 2020.

**6. 23 Golden Hill, TA4 2NT Sat 11am-4pm**

Hosts: Jill and Christopher

**Description:** Garden with outstanding views and four distinct sections: a lawned area with borders; a wild section with a pond. The third area is devoted to veg/fruit and the fourth is where our three chickens and two ducks roam at will.

- 7. 7 Bollams Mead, TA4 2PH Sat/Sun 11am-4pm**  
 Hosts: Mirren and Patrick  
**Description:** Small garden, views towards Castle Hill and Quantocks, planted to attract insects, bees, birds and hedgehogs. Climbers, tiny ponds, sunken patio and pergola supporting espalier apples/pear.
- 8. 4 Luxton Way, TA4 2BW Sat/Sun 11am-4pm**  
 Host: Vigdis  
**Description:** A rose lover's paradise! Small courtyard garden filled with plants and scents.
- 9. Gas House, 1 Style Road, TA4 2LN Sat/Sun 11am-4pm**  
 Hosts Jo and Simon  
**Description:** From Gasworks to Garden. Formerly the site of the town's gasometer (removed 1964) this newish organic garden is still turning up coke! Triage gardening style: urgent removal of worst weeds, self-seeders left to thrive.
- 10. 6 Wellington Terrace, Burges Road, TA4 2NP Sat 11am-4pm**  
 Host: Susanna and James  
**Description:** Scruffy by and for nature! We have changed our garden to become more nature friendly through directed planting, provision of water and the allowance of necessary scruffiness. Our relatively small, square but still functional garden gives local wildlife the native vegetation and various platforms they prefer, whilst still making space for hammocks and BBQs.
- 11. 1 Wellington Terrace, Burges Road, TA4 2NP Sat/Sun 1-4pm**  
 Host: Joan  
**Description:** This is a wildlife garden with plants to attract pollinators. There are trees and a small wildlife pond.

- 12. Tor House, Ford Road, TA4 2RE** **Sat/Sun 11am-4pm**  
Hosts: Pat and David
- Description:** Tor House has far-reaching views and south facing gardens stretching east to west. Mainly set to lawn, with mature specimen trees as well as younger trees and flowering shrubs. Three south facing borders contain a wide mix of plants, including peonies, irises and specimen shrubs. David has held a number of positions in the plant world, including holder of the National Reference Collection of Pelargonium species, as well as being the Past Chair of the Geranium and Peony groups of the HPS, and of the International Geraniaceae and Saxifrage Societies. David and Pat are enthusiastic craft lovers and there will be a small exhibition of their works.
- 13. Newtons, Ford Road, TA4 2RE** **Sat/Sun 11-4pm**  
Host: Virginia and Tony
- Description:** A cross between a dahlia patch and a wildlife haven, you will find both order and chaos behind our bank on Ford Road. Pollinator-friendly roses, lavender, honeysuckle and foxgloves surround more of a meadow than a lawn, and lots of little critters hide in the ivy and compost bins.
- 14. 22 Langdon Road, TA4 2ET** **Sat/Sun 1-4pm**  
Hosts: Louise and Kieran
- Description:**  
Since October 2023, we have planted a variety of trees and plants to encourage many visitors including birds, insects and bees, and hedgehogs. Still a work in progress, but we are enjoying watching the garden grow and flourish.
- 15. 11 Hancock Close, TA4 2EU** **Sat/Sun 11-4pm**  
Hosts: Mary and David
- Description:** Welcome to our garden which is just two years old. We have raised beds with vegetables, roses, clematis, jasmine, dahlias and other annuals and shrubs. Hopefully, we will have a sunny day and you can come and enjoy them for a while.

- 16. 5 Hancock Close, TA4 2EU Sat/Sun 1-4pm**  
 Host: Jennifer  
**Description:** New build makeover. Modern contemporary family chill out garden with a jungle feel, alongside some more familiar planting throwing out the rule book.
- 17. St Andrew's Churchyard, TA4 2LR Sat 3pm**  
 Guided tour by Bob Croft.
- 18. St Andrew's Allotments Sun 2-4pm**  
 Host: Lena
- 19. Barn Cottage, 5 Russells, TA42NA Sun 11-4pm**  
 Hosts: Aggie and Robert  
**Description:** A new secret garden - still evolving and dedicated to pollen seekers and wildlife. We are enjoying seeing them arrive.
- 20. 12 South Street, TA4 2LZ Sat 11am-2.45pm**  
 Host: Lena  
**Description:** Once this garden was a house and pigsty, now it is a wildlife sanctuary. Come and see how plants and hedges can make a beautiful, sustainable space.
- 21. Myrtle Cottage, TA4 2JX Sat/Sun 11am-4pm**  
 Host: Rosie  
**Description:** Rosie's Secret Walled Garden, a haven of tranquillity down an alley off the High Street. Discover artworks by Rachel Gundry, Tom Wood and Simon Healy. Rosie's brightly coloured pottery will also be on display.
- 22. Aucklands ,12 West Road, TA4 2TF Sat/Sun 11am-4pm**  
 Hosts: Julie and Gerry  
**Description:** Our garden is on a very steep slope and was relandscaped a few years ago leaving us with lots of bare earth and steps! We are gradually developing the garden by planting trees, shrubs and perennials.

**23. Stonehill Cottage, Milverton, TA4 1PY Sat/Sun 11am-4pm**

Hosts: Lucy and Doug

**Description:** On the outskirts of Milverton with sweeping views across to the Blackdown Hills, our garden is divided into separate 'rooms'. The more formal garden has a good sized lawn with a number of flower, shrub and rose beds with very varied planting schemes. Further back is an orchard and a small lawn with a trellis fence.