

Tender Shoots Garden Club Network - Benefits

www.TenderShoots.uk

TS is national collective of UK garden clubs formed during covid so clubs could work together, have joint online events, share tips & advice, share discounts, plus much more. We have a program of gardening talks & events during the autumn winter months via Zoom. Individuals and clubs are very welcome to join in.

Benefits for individuals & affiliated clubs:

- Access to all TS zoom talks & restricted members zoom talks
- Discount of 50% on seeds & 20% on other items from Suttons for all members with our unique discount code
- Discount of 50% from Kings seeds
- Discount of 20% on rare, exotic & unusual seeds from Plant World Seeds
- Discount membership code to visit 140+ gardens with the HHA for less than the price of RHS membership
- Access to recordings of talks (when we are able to record, not all talks are recorded) via the restricted 'Private Members' area on our website
- Access to back catalogue of previous talk recordings
- Access to restricted plant lists & handouts (for our talks) via the 'Private Members' area
- Garden visits (discounted or free)
- Access to the new maps feature to help find gardens around the country
- Option to receive SMS text message reminders on your mobile phone so you never forget to attend
- Opportunity to vote on some talk topics so you can decide on the program
- Plus other benefits are added periodically

Additional benefits for affiliated clubs:

- Your affiliation covers all the members of your garden club
- Speaker short notice emergency booking service (coming very soon)
- Free webpage for your club if you don't already have your own website
- Offline backups of talks in case your F2F speaker cancels last minute
- Access to the Tender Shoots original national speakers list
- Monthly networking meetings with clubs from around the UK to share info, tips & advice
- You can recruit more members into your club by using TS as an add on benefit for members
- Hybrid zoom meetings for your in person venues helping you to save on fees
- Use of the TS zoom account for your own club committee meetings (additionally Indy can be available if requested for consultation, help or advice)
- Periodic F2F networking meeting for club reps usually including a trip to a garden
- Networking WhatsApp group so clubs can network, ask advice, share tips etc.

There are a few additional benefits just for the committees of affiliated clubs, for example, access to extra zoom talks via our intersociety affiliations, please see the details on the Private Affiliated Clubs Area.

There are 2 membership options for joining TS:

- 1) Become an Individual Member for only £20 annually.
- 2) Your club could become Affiliated with Tender Shoots.

For clubs considering affiliation there is a small membership contribution of £25 (to help with the cost of running TS) and we ask each club to contribute a zoom talk towards our programme of zoom events (arranged either by your club or by TS). This then covers all the members of your club. If your club already has a zoom talk on your program, then it's even easier, as that can simply be integrated through TS as your contribution and makes your own job easier because the technical aspect of zoom hosting is then managed by TS. TS works by each of the affiliated clubs collaborating and contributing to the program of events. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more and consider becoming affiliated. Or come along to one of monthly networking zoom meetings (everyone is welcome to attend), first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm (Sep to Apr). Don't worry if you've not arranged a zoom talk before, we can help with that.

If you do join TS as an affiliated club, it's highly recommended that you book Indy for an in person face to face talk in your venue to ensure your members get the most out of TS. This would be an interactive workshop where your members will bring in their devices and Indy will walk through live on screen to help guide your members, plus learn a few gardening technology tips at the same time.

Early 2026 talks (7.15pm for 7.30pm start for all meetings unless stated otherwise, see website for full programme)

Jan 3rd Sat – Edward Flint – My Woodland Garden: A Robinsonian Dream

Jan 6th Tue – Simon Gulliver – Visitors from strange lands: Australian & New Zealand Plants

Jan 9th Fri - Tony Russell – Gardens of Plas Tan y Bwlch in Snowdonia

Jan 15th Thu – Samantha Hope - Cyclamen, hepaticas, hellebores, snowdrops

Jan 26th Mon – Maggie Tran – Gardening Sustainably and the Tanera Mòr Project

Feb 6th Fri – Alison Marsden – How to create a great front garden (NOTE 8pm start time)

Feb 12th Thu – Mark Johnston – The tree expert

Feb 26rd Mon – Hilary Collins – Better Behaved Eucalyptus

TBC – Winterbourne Gardens Birmingham

Plus many more, please ensure you're signed up for our email newsletter to be kept informed of new talks

Zoom link is the same for all meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4043014750>

Meeting ID: 404 301 4750

Passcode general : bonsai (this is used for most open meetings)

Passcode secret : XXXXX (this is used for members only restricted zooms)

You will also always find the zoom link on the program page of our website www.TenderShoots.uk

Accessing recordings

When a speaker gives us permission to record a talk, it will be accessible via the Private Members Area.

The website has recordings of our most recent talks including:

- Cyclamen - Wayne Williams
- Patio Panache - Hilary Hutson
- Clematis - Charlie Pridham
- Climate Change - Dr Andrew Ward
- Totally Tulips - Pip Smith
- Woodland Gardening - Saul Walker
- Plus many more

Suttons Seeds Discount

The 2026 Suttons discount code = **XXXXXXX** 50%

The codes gives you 50% off all seeds and 20% off most plants at www.suttons.co.uk (excluding already discounted items). You can use the code online, via phone, or via mail order. If you would like a Suttons catalogue posted to your home, click this link and enter your details. www.suttons.co.uk/catalogue-request

Kings Seeds Discount

We also have a 50% seed packet discount scheme for TS with Kings Seeds. Please see the full instructions of how to get this discount applied to your account, by visiting the private members area of our website.

Plant World Seeds Discount

PWS sell a wonderfully rare collection of seeds. We have a discount code for Tender Shoots = **XXXXXXX**

which will give you 20% off all seeds, plus purchase 2 of the same item & get a 3rd free.

www.plant-world-seeds.com

Regional WhatsApp Groups for Garden Clubs Committee Members

We have setup WA Groups for garden clubs around the country to share info, tips, ask advice and share speaker details locally. It's open to any club so please feel free to join the relevant WhatsApp group/s for your area. To join your local group visit our website to select the link for your region, or alternatively you can send a WhatsApp message to this number 074 755 12323 with the name of the region you want to join and you will be added manually. Please also contact local clubs around your area to join the group. The more clubs that are involved, the more we can help each other.

TS email newsletter

It's advisable to sign up to our newsletter on our homepage to be kept informed of our events.

Maps for visiting gardens

We all love visiting gardens, however with all the various society memberships we have, it can be a little cumbersome trying to figure out whether you can use the RHS partner garden membership, Gardener's World magazine 241, National Trust membership, Historic Houses membership, etc. On top of that, even if you're using your RHS membership, some gardens allow entry anytime, whereas others offer entry only during restricted times. Ordinarily you have to either read through the handbooks, or go to every website and click through to the information to figure it out. So we've created some maps to make your life easier, you can visit the maps page of our website to access all these maps. They are based on the Google Maps app so if you have a mobile phone or a tablet, these maps will integrate automatically with your device. The below diagrams show a few examples, including a map highlighting which gardens allow entry with dogs.

[BBC Gardeners' World Magazine 2-for-1 Gardens entry](#) – This map shows you easily which gardens have 2-for-1 entry. If you are a single visitor, then [Here is a separate link if you just want to see the BBC GW gardens that offer single person discounts](#)



RHS Partner Gardens membership grants you free access to approx 220 gardens around the world. Some have restricted access on certain days, others allow access at anytime. These 2 maps shows you easily all the places which gardens can be visited, the purple dots map shows gardens that will allow you free [ENTRY ANYTIME](#), the brown dot map is [RESTRICTED ENTRY](#) gardens.



[Dogs allowed](#) – This map shows you the gardens that allow entry with dogs (most request they are on a short lead).



Other maps available include, Plant Fairs, Historic House Association Gardens, Independent Nurseries. We'll be adding more maps over time.

Historic Houses Association Discount Code www.historichouses.org/join/

You get free entry to over 140 houses that have gardens with HHA membership, plus you can use the discount code **XXXX** to receive £5 off the annual membership fee. These are just some you might instantly recognise of the 140+

Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens	Hodnet Hall Gardens
Arley Hall	Kiftsgate Court Gardens
Arundel Castle Gardens	Lullingstone Castle & The World Garden
Borde Hill	Newby Hall & Gardens
Caerhays Castle & Gardens	Renishaw Hall & Gardens
Chelsea Physic Garden	Riverhill Himalayan Gardens
Cholmondeley Castle Gardens	Rode Hall & Gardens
Coton Manor Gardens	Scampston Hall & Walled Garden
Cottesbrooke Hall	Tatton Park
Doddington Hall & Gardens	The Bishop's Palace and Gardens
Doddington Place Gardens	The Japanese Garden at Cowden
Forde Abbey	The Manor, Hemingford Grey
Great Dixter House & Gardens	Trewithen
Gresgarth Hall	West Dean Gardens
Hestercombe House and Gardens	Winterbourne House & Garden
Hever Castle	Wollerton Old Hall Garden

Finally please sign up to our newsletter on our homepage to be kept informed of our events.