

# Information for Group visits to Newtonairds Hostas & Garden 2017



Newtonairds Lodge is a Grade B listed Scottish Baronial sandstone property built in 1865 and used in the early days as a home for the Gardener to the original Newtonairds House (no longer in existence). The property sits within 1.2 acre grounds which consists of lower and upper gardens.

**The Upper Garden** is a lightly wooded area with south facing, narrow terraced areas leading down to the Lower Garden. The National Collection of Hosta plantaginea cultivars & hybrids is largely sited here amongst woodland plants, bluebells, daffodils.

Although **The Lower Garden** has a semi-formal outline punctuated with statues and topiary, it has borders exuberantly filled with shrubs, herbaceous perennials, grasses and bamboo created out of a passion for acquiring new plants, over the last 10 years.

We have a small nursery with specialist Hostas, hardy perennials and seed sales. A small annexe allows us to serve tea (which then taken outside to a marquee) and display hand-made crafts and botanical photography. Toilet available.

The garden has been featured in a number of articles notably the Scotsman on Sunday lifestyle magazine and Dumfries & Galloway Life. Also the garden appeared on BBC Gardeners World in spring 2014.

## WHAT WE OFFER

- We can accommodate groups of up to 50 visitors and a large coach can generally be parked in the semi-circle gateway as long (as it does not prevent traffic up and down the drive). Otherwise there is a large gateway set back a few hundred yards along the road.
- Short 5 minute welcome and introduction to the Garden and National Collection
- ENTRY to garden £4.50pp.
- Refreshments can be arranged on request:
  - \*Tea/coffee & biscuits £2.50pp
- We have 2 Gala tents/marquee, plus seating in the annexe, for refreshments in case of inclement weather!
- Most of the garden is accessible for wheelchairs via grass paths.
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