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# Spectacular Snowdrops

Easton Walled Gardens hosts its renowned Snowdrop Week:  
15th - 23rd February 2020, open daily, 11am - 4pm

The Snowdrop; this beautiful, simple flower is the harbinger of Spring.

Drifts of Snowdrops can be enjoyed at Easton Walled Gardens and these delightful winter flowers release a powerful scent of honey on cold, sunny days. We love Snowdrops so much that we dedicate a whole week to celebrate its beauty. Easton Walled Gardens opens its gates for Snowdrop Week on Saturday 15th of February and there is no better place to enjoy swathes of snowdrops, aconites and hellebores as well as innovative spring planting schemes, all spread over 12 acres of beautiful, 400-year-old restored gardens.



“In 2001, the gardens were lost to nature so we began to clear the gardens of brash and brambles. In patches we could see snowdrops hanging on in the undergrowth. As the light was allowed back in, the snowdrops began to recover. We have encouraged them and they now spread across two banks alongside the river. Around these naturalised plantings we have added hellebores, crocuses, daffodils and blue chionodoxa. Throughout the gardens you can see pretty groupings of early flowering perennials and small bulbs”. Ursula Cholmeley, Garden Owner, Easton Walled Gardens.

## This years' event...

Easton Walled Gardens presents the **Botanical Art Exhibition**, entitled '**Wildflowers**' featuring the work of Dawn Wright, Dianne Sutherland and Polly Sutherland, all well-respected botanical artists in the field of botanical drawing and painting. The exhibition will take place in the Coach House at Easton Walled Gardens and entry is included with the garden admission fee. The Art Exhibition runs from Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February until Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, on our usual open days.

**Guided Snowdrop Tours** with garden owner, Ursula Cholmeley and Head Gardener, Ollie Ryan-Moore. will be available to book in advance and will take place before the gardens open to the general public giving visitors an exclusive, behind the scenes look at the snowdrops with advice on how to grow and divide snowdrops, as well as giving tips on naturalising your own collection. Tickets will be available to purchase from November.

[www.visiteaston.co.uk/shop/tickets/exclusive-snowdrop-tours](http://www.visiteaston.co.uk/shop/tickets/exclusive-snowdrop-tours)

**Normal garden admission applies.  
Free admission for Friends of Easton Walled Gardens.**

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**About Easton Walled Gardens:** Ursula Cholmeley has restored this ancient 12-acre garden from a wilderness into one of the UK's leading garden attractions. The gardens include meadows, roses, sweet peas, spring bulbs and shrubs, cutflower and vegetable gardens. The emphasis is firmly on horticulture although the cakes are pretty good too! The gardens feature regularly in the national press as an excellent example of horticultural innovation, a visit to Easton Walled Gardens will exceed expectations.

**Explore the gardens - [www.visiteaston.co.uk/gardens/explore-the-gardens](http://www.visiteaston.co.uk/gardens/explore-the-gardens)**