

# Magical Gardens open for charity in July



Amongst the many beautiful gardens open for charity in July is Lower Abbots Wootton Farm near Whitchurch Canonorum in West Dorset.

Owned by renowned artist and sculptor Clare Trenchard, the garden reflects her creative flair in garden form, shape and colour.

Clare moved to Lower Abbott's Wootton twenty

years ago, at which time the garden had been kept by the previous owner almost exclusively for the cultivation of fruit and vegetables. Over the next two or three years the vegetable patches and raspberry cages gradually gave way to flower beds and borders which have been arranged to form separate areas of garden protected from the elements by newly planted yew hedges. Twelve years ago the pond was dug, followed soon afterwards by the creation of the gravel beach and the planting of the surrounding trees and shrubs, creating a delightful, secluded refuge at the bottom of the garden. Finally, the last five years have witnessed the transformation of the area to the rear of the house from a muddy concreted parking area to the present colourfully planted gravel garden.

*Evening opening: Sat 5 July (5-8), Sun 6 July (12-4).*

*Admission is £10. Light refreshments.*

*Lower Abbots Wootton Farm, Whitchurch Canonorum, Bridport DT6 6NL is 6m West of Bridport and well signed from A35 at Morecombelake. Some disabled off-road parking.*

*For more information on gardens open for charity in July visit: <https://ngs.org.uk>.*