

Community Membership Scheme Newsletter

Welcome!

Thank you for your membership of the Community Membership Scheme this year, we hope your members have enjoyed visiting the Botanic Garden. Remember to complete our [online renewal form](#) to ensure your group can continue visiting the Garden in 2026. We have lots of exciting plans for next year and we would love to see you!

Highlights from this year include a Smartphone photography workshop with beneficiaries from Lifecraft who explored the Garden through the lens of the camera. Members of Sew Positive joined us for a zine making workshop. Taking inspiration from the garden they made their own 'zine' - a personalised mini newsletter. We have also enjoyed another season with the community gardeners who have taken excellent care of the Schools Garden. More member groups have also joined us for guided walks and learned something about the history and found areas of the Garden they didn't know existed!

As always, the Communities Team is here to help you make the most of your visit—whether you would like to discuss a guided walk, a free workshop or just to say hello, we'd love to hear from you!



Karin Eklund

Creative writing workshop for community members

Launching this spring, **Seasonal Garden Poetics** is a new series of creative writing workshops in the Garden that invites you to explore the changing seasons through poetry, prose, and careful observation.

Led by award-winning writer Caroline Druitt, each session begins with a quiet walk in the garden, gathering colours, textures, scents and sensory details, before moving indoors for guided readings, discussion and creative exercises. This supportive and welcoming workshop is open to all levels.

Join us on **Saturday 14 March**.

Subject to availability, minimum number of participants required. People are welcome to join for spring only or return for future sessions across summer, autumn and winter. Spaces are limited and we wish to ensure we welcome individual participants from across our member groups.

For more information please email communities@botanic.cam.ac.uk

Communities contribute to the Garden's future

Discover how local communities contributed to the future vision of the Garden, to help visitors feel they belong.



Over the summer 15 members from 5 diverse local organisations, explored ways to improve community spaces and engagement in the Garden to help make the Garden as inclusive and accessible as possible.

Funded by a Collections Connections Communities (CCC) grant, we hope this Community Research project is the first of many.

Find out what suggestions were made. Visit the outdoor exhibition found in the picnic bench area next to the Schools' Garden or view our [online exhibition](#).