Cambridge University Botanic Garden

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Community Membership Scheme Newsletter

Welcome!

It has been wonderful to see how many of our Community Scheme members created such memorable experiences in the Garden for their beneficiaries during the summer. This was made possible following the Community Participatory Research Project which helped us start to retune our offering to make the Garden even more welcoming to local community groups.



Received your new membership card?

All member groups should have received the new membership card (pictured above). Please get in touch if you haven't received yours.

We would love to welcome you and your organisation's beneficiaries in the Garden this winter. Have you brought your group for a **free guided walk** recently? When BPHA visited with a group in September, they also enjoyed an overprinting activity in the Garden Room after their guided tour of the Garden.

To book a visit email Louise Campbell, Communities Coordinator: **communities@botanic.cam.ac.uk**



The Garden's first ever immersive exhibition

We were delighted to put on the Garden's first ever immersive exhibition in August, produced by our Community team, with all artistic creations provided by the Glasshouse Artists - a Community Group born out of last year's Community Participatory Research project. You can read more about the exhibition online.

Community workshops

The Community Membership Scheme offers special free workshops to beneficiaries from member groups. This summer we were delighted to welcome beneficiaries and group representatives to the following workshops:



Prints from Packaging - Recycle and Recreate!

Community participants discovered how to create unique prints using old juice cartons. Each image was created by scratching, cutting and peeling away the surface of discarded packaging materials. Once inked images were printed on a table-top press. Everyone enjoyed trying something new and took home a creative memento.



Summer Seasonal Poetics

Observation and response to the seasons inspired by the Botanic Garden is central to these 2026 creative writing workshops. In September participants enjoyed an autumnal walk in the Garden to provoke their senses before moving indoors for guided readings and creative exercises. The winter workshop will be held in November.