

# ARCH COMMUNITY GROUP

"Flowers, Bees, Butterflies, Trees"

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Once again we have been holding volunteer events at both The Wynd and Standalone Farm. Whilst it has been very hot at times and the soil extremely dry and difficult to work, the volunteers have cleared the remnants of the years crops to make space for new sowings, which they have done - proving that there is always something to do in a garden! Why not pop along and have a look at the work being done.



As previously mentioned, ARCH Community Group are working with Letchworth Heritage to run a number of garden courses. Whilst this year's have all but finished, there has been some great feedback and so we now have a list of next year's dates and topics. There are 11 classes in total covering everything from hedges to woodwork - as follows:

- 26 January - Grafting
- 2 February - Hedge Laying
- 9 February - Introduction to Gardening
- 23 February - Wood in the Garden
- 9 March - Science of Soil
- 13 April - Propagation
- 27 April - Spring Planter
- 8 June - Pest and Diseases
- 14 September - Seed Collecting
- 12 October - Autumn Pruning
- 9 November - Introduction to Garden Design



For further information or to book, please see the ARCH Community Group Facebook Page, @ARCHCommunityGroup or visit the Letchworth Heritage website:

<https://www.lethworth.com/news/new-season-of-free-gardening-masterclasses-launched>

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## GARDENS TO VISIT/FLOWER SHOWS

### West Lodge Park

Cockfosters Road, Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire EN4 0PY

Open for National Garden Scheme, the 35 acre Beale Arboretum consists of over 800 varieties of trees and shrubs. There is a network of paths through the trees, together with beehives and 2 ponds.

Date: 21st October 2018  
Time: 1.00pm - 4.00pm  
Tel: 020 8216 3900



At this time of year, as we move through autumn any local park or woods will be looking good. There is nothing like the colours of the leaves - red, golds and crimsons - that many trees and shrubs show. We very often take for granted the walking of the dog or walk to school.



## Helpful Numbers:

Royal Horticultural Society - Telephone - 0845 260 5000 <https://www.rhs.org.uk>



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Happy gardening

*Caroline and the* **ARCH** *Team*

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# UNDER THE ARCH

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Now the weather is changing into autumn mode, we find that the days are cooler and shorter. This change indicates to some plants that the hard work for the year is over and they can rest! So for many trees and shrubs their leaves will drop and the garden becomes bare once again. Whilst many see this as a quiet time of year, it is actually very busy for us and it is a great opportunity to see the bones of the garden. *What didn't work this year* - perhaps remove it or *What did work this year* - perhaps increase it. Please do chat to us and see how we can help.



Pots and baskets will also need refreshing now.

Any summer bedding can be refreshed with autumn and winter pansies or more permanent planting - grasses, evergreens, etc.

A good show of spring bulbs is so welcome in the colder months and now is the time to plant these. Swathes of daffodils, crocus and tulips can really brighten up your outdoor space when everything else is waking up. We can plant these for you, just speak to your gardener or contact the office.



What to do with all the leaves falling? A question we are often asked. I would always advise to collect them from your borders and lawns as they can hinder the growth underneath. However, rather than dispose of them, they can be stored in a leaf container and once rotted down, will make a fantastic mulch next year for the garden.

As the plants fall away, you can see what state of repair your fences and sheds are. Do they need a lick of paint or perhaps re-felting? Again, do let us know and we would be happy to advise and prepare an estimate if necessary.

Inside this Issue



*Caroline*

Now covering Ampthill/Flitwick areas of Bedfordshire.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

**Fancy a game of golf?** - Samuel Ryder, founder of golf's Ryder Cup, made his fortune selling packets of garden seeds.

**DON'T FORGET**, we can deliver products to you on our next visit. As an idea of prices, these are:

Multi purpose compost	£7.50 standard bag delivered
Bark	£7.50 standard bag delivered
Bulk bags are available	(Please ask for pricing)
Bedding Plants, Shrubs, Trees	(Various prices
Hanging baskets	from £18.00 delivered
(wicker baskets containing bedding)	



If there is anything else you need please let us know, either by speaking with your gardener, telephoning the office on 01462 686491 or send an email to [admin@arch.uk.com](mailto:admin@arch.uk.com). We look forward to hearing from you soon!



## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

### Solid Boundary

A customer contacted us as he wanted a solid boundary. The shrubs had got out of hand over the years and needed us to initially clear the area before putting in a fence.



**BEFORE**

**AFTER**



### OPPORTUNITIES WITH ARCH

With the workload ever increasing, there are always opportunities within ARCH. If you know anyone who wishes to join the team either from Letchworth or perhaps wants to have a gardening round nearer to home, then please ask them to contact me on 01462 686491.



## ARCH WORD SEARCH



## AUTUMN

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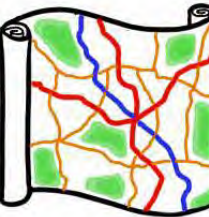
### Welcome to the “Under the ARCH” Team

Welcome to the “Under the ARCH” Team. We are engaging more on social media now, generally on a daily basis. So please follow us and even leave a review.

Instagram - [arch\\_gardening](#)  
Facebook - [@ARCHGardening](#)  
Twitter - [@ARCHCAROLINE](#)

### AREAS WE COVER:

**Baldock**  
**Hitchin inc: Wymondley and St Ippolyts**  
**Knebworth, Letchworth inc: Ickleford and Arlesey**  
**Stevenage inc: Graveley, Walkern and Weston**  
**Stotfold inc: Clifton, Henlow, Shefford and Stondon, Welwyn inc:**  
**Digswell**  
**Flitwick, Ampthill**



**HINTS & TIPS:** Collect leaves, Plant spring bulbs, Order bare root roses, Mulch beds, Cut back herbaceous plants, Refresh pots

